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WIDE+ Letter to Members of the European Parliament: "Migrant Women Cannot Be Left Behind in EU Policymaking"

Illustration by Marga RH from the online dialogue "Resourcing Migrant Women's Activism in Europe" organized by WIDE+ in May 2022

Through the Migration and Gender Working Group of WIDE+, a letter has been sent to Members of the European Parliament from the FEMM and LIBE Committees, and the Human Rights Sub-Committee to highlight the lack of priority in EU policymaking when
it comes to the promoting the rights of migrant women.

This letter outlines the intersecting struggles of racism, xenophobia, and sexism that migrant women grapple with in Europe. It also raises the multiple challenges of migrant women associations in fundraising to continue the vital work they do in supporting their communities and advocating for their human rights. Finally, the letter demands for the inclusion of migrant women in policymaking processes. Through the letter, WIDE+ invites further engagement with the various MEPs on these committees to discuss this urgent issue of migrant women's human rights in Europe. Read the full letter here.

Related to this topic of promoting migrant women’s rights, see this follow-up article of the online dialogue, "Resourcing Migrant Women’s Activism". The article is accompanied by illustrations from Margarita Rebollo Hernández (Marga RH), a Latin American feminist activist and illustrator based in the UK.

**Now Available - Recording of "Gender Backlash 3: International Feminist Conference" by GADIP, supported by WIDE+**

One of the presentations in the Gender Backlash Conference by Cianán Russell, ILGA-Europe, on “Dismantling Anti-Trans Narratives: The Arguments, the Facts, and How to Bring Reality into the Debate”

The purpose of this conference, organized by GADIP in Sweden, is to illuminate how women systematically are being deprived of their human dignity and subsequently become lawless and vulnerable to abuse of various kinds. The seminar wants to
highlight that this is a global phenomenon with many faces where the fundamental issue is concerning women’s right to decide about their own lives, have influence in the society, and not be subject to physical or mental abuse.

There are 3 sessions available to watch:

- ILGA- Europe: A Trans-Inclusive Movement
- Mobilization for Abortion Rights in Argentina
- Mobilization for Abortion Rights in Ireland

MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS

Report by Prospera on "Responding to Feminist Movements during COVID-19"

This report documents the learnings and experiences of eight women’s funds in grant management and resource mobilisation with its myriad of grantee partners to address the impact of COVID-19. The eight women’s funds are from the Prospera International Network of Women’s Funds, Asia, and the Pacific regional chapter. The learnings and experiences captured in this report affirm the key role of women’s funds, which is to mobilise and distribute resources to feminist, and women’s rights movements.

Based on a learning circle methodology, this report explores how women’s funds moved quickly and collectively, adapting to a rapidly changing context to ensure support reached those who need it most. The eight women’s funds aim to demonstrate through this report that women’s funds are, and remain strategic partners during, and beyond the COVID-19 response because they facilitate vital resources to diverse groups and communities, particularly those often disadvantaged by mainstream assistance; and women’s funds work is close to the ground, supporting local and sustainable solutions.
Statement by Women in Migration Network (WIMN) on UN IMRF Progress Declaration 2022

As the first United Nations International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) concludes, the Women in Migration Network (WIMN) welcomed the reaffirmation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) in a Progress Declaration (PD) as an affirmation of a human rights-based approach to migration. In a statement issued in May 2022, WIMN praised the PD's recognition of systemic racism, the work of many states to end child detention, affirmation of migrants' role in policy-making, and commitment to cooperate to help families identify missing migrants. WIMN also expressed its dismay “that there is less ambition for or commitment to bold forward movement. International human rights, women's rights and labor rights are not up for negotiation. While the Global Compact commits to mainstream a gender perspective, women migrants and their contributions have almost been erased in the PD.” Read WIMN's full statement here.

GENERAL NEWS

Eurodad Conference 2022 - Reboot the system: Defining joint strategies for economic justice, 9-10 June, Brussels, hybrid event

Taking place in Brussels on 9-10 June at Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, 2022 Eurodad's Conference will bring together our members, allies, partners and like-minded academics in an inspirational and interactive setting. Through thought-provoking inputs, and careful facilitation, Eurodad is convening this space for the economic justice movement to analyse, strategise and organise. For more information on the event click here.
Most of the conference’s sessions will be live-streamed via Zoom and YouTube. Are you planning to join the event remotely? If yes, please register for each session below:

- 09 June, 11:30-12:30 | Development cooperation as a leverage for tackling vaccine inequality? A Belgian perspective on the issue
- 09 June, 15:00-16:00 | Rebooting the system: challenges and opportunities
- 10 June, 09:30-10:30 | A green recovery: Empty rhetoric or a just transition?
- 10 June, 14:00-15:00 | Ensuring the primacy of human rights in times of systemic crisis

Applications Open for Cora Weiss Fellowship For Young Women Peacebuilders

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) is pleased to announce its sixth annual Cora Weiss Fellowship for Young Women Peacebuilders. Launched in 2015, the Fellowship aims to support the development of young women peacebuilders and ensure that more young people share Cora’s vision for sustainable peace and gender equality as strong and integral parts of our global culture.

The Fellowship provides a young woman with the opportunities and platforms to elevate the concerns and priorities of women and girls in their country in global policy discussions at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. For information on how to apply go to this [link](https://www.vnpt.vn/).

Call for Input by UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights

Transformative Economies from a Feminist Perspective (in Spanish)

Open for Applications: Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards 2022
UN Special Rapporteur on human rights calls for input on the “Promotion and protection of human rights in the context of mitigation, adaptation, and financial actions to address climate change, with particular emphasis on loss and damage.”

The Special Rapporteur is seeking input from States, business enterprises, CSOs and intergovernmental organisations on what actions are necessary with respect to financial support, remedies and redress for particularly individuals and communities in vulnerable situations suffering loss and damage as a consequence of climate change. The deadline for submissions is June 23.

(Re)Framing Reproduction Series by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

By shedding light on reproductive justice, this series of discussions will enable us to look beyond the reproductive health and rights label and more deeply analyse the power relations, biopolitics, and discriminatory structures that have laid the groundwork for injustice, anti-feminist movements, and reproductive repression in today's world.

The event series will touch on population policy, contraception, abortion, birth, reproductive technologies, and reproductive justice, including queer Constituency (WGC) are pleased to announce that the call for applications for our annual Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards is now open!

The Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards are granted every year to grassroots initiatives and organisations tackling the climate crisis while promoting gender equality. These solutions are examples of climate resilient and transformative development models that bring multiple social and environmental benefits. They contribute to raising the ambition for the achievement of the 1.5 degree target by 2030. For more information go to this link.

The Black Feminist Fund Launches Grantmaking Programme

The purpose of the Black Feminist Fund is to significantly increase the resources available to Black feminist movements. When Black feminist groups have the resources they deserve, they are strengthened to transform societies. Moving resources over the long term to Black feminist movements unlocks the power and potential of this change.

Two funds are available - the Sustain Fund for core, long-term, flexible
reproductive justice, including queer, anti-racist, and decolonial perspectives. Click [here](#) for more information on the upcoming dialogues.

Funding; and the Solidarity fund for timely, one-off initiatives. To know more about their grantmaking, click [here](#).