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Do you have any suggestions of what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org

New Gender and Trade Coalition's Statement on UNCTAD 15th Mandate, with the support of WIDE+

This week, the Gender and Trade Coalition's (GTC) statement on UNCTAD XV was launched. The statement asserts that UNCTAD must resist attempts by the global North to reduce and hijack its mandate, to instead promote gender justice through a broad macroeconomic development lens that connects policies around debt, tax, human rights, climate justice, and trade.

The statement is supported by WIDE+ gender and trade working group and has been made possible through the working group's contributions. WIDE+ is a member of the Steering Group of the GTC as Northern-based feminist network next to a range of feminist networks from the global South. The Civil Society statement outlines how civil society has been repeatedly blocked from contributing actively throughout the UNCTAD XV mandate negotiations, and what the critical issues are in the current statement.

MEMBERS' AND PARTNERS' NEWS

Impact of Labour Migration on "Left-Behind Children":
Silvia Dumitrache, the founder of ADRI Association, member of the WIDE+ migration and gender working group, is a champion of women migrant workers. Women migrant workers are considered essential yet they remain invisible; they support transnational economies and families. What is being done for them? There are battles to demand fundamental rights for women migrant workers that are being fought in Italy and in Europe. Silvia explains more on this specific migration issue, including the issue of "left-behind children" in this interview (in Italian). Read this appeal (in Romanian) at the European Court of Human Rights to protect migrant women and their families, an intervention supported by Silvia.

**Online workshop: "Corona Crisis & Gender Equality - or Geography of Hope", 20 October, 7:00-8:30pm CET**

This workshop provides an introduction to storytelling from peripheries of cities and territories around the world, to show that no crisis is gender neutral. It will provide discussions about the future we want. It highlights global political processes like the call for a Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights as the CIEL (Center for International Environmental Law).

WIDE+ board member, Martha Salazar, is a speaker for this workshop. It is online and conducted in English. For more info and to register, click here. Registrations open until 18th Oct, and is free and open to all genders.

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**GENERAL NEWS**

**Online Event Invitation, 30 Sept, 2:00pm CET: Gender and Development, From Diversity and Adversity to Joint Strategies**

Through this event, the Belgian Advisory Council wishes to deepen the reflections on what the concept of gender means and how it is reflected in the field of development...
cooperation. There will be translations provided in English, French, Spanish and Dutch on the day itself. Register [here](#).

**Report by Oxfam Canada: Imaginings of a Feminist Economic Transformation**

The report is based on a workshop led by Oxfam Canada, which was a global gathering of feminist activists, economists and development and policy practitioners who convened to creatively re-imagine new economic systems that centers the planet and people over profit. Another insightful report from Oxfam: [The Impact of COVID-19 on Women’s Rights Organizations](#).

*The image below is from the Oxfam report, "Imaginings of a Feminist Economic Transformation", p.3.*
Mental Health and Wellbeing of Migrant Women: Launch of Report, 7 Oct, 5:00pm CET

Ahead of World Mental Health Day on 10 October, the European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW) is inviting all to the public launch their new report, "Migrant Women’s Mental Health & Wellbeing report". The report consists of mainly primary data including the testimonies of migrant and refugee women themselves, and secondary desk research – looking at existing policy reports, and academic research conducted with migrant communities. Register for the event here.

"This is Loss and Damage - Who Pays?" Film Premiere with Panel Discussion, 23 Sept, 4:00pm CET

European Parliament’s Historic Milestone in the Fight to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls in Europe: Read European Women's Lobby Statement

Join The Conversation: Young Climate Feminists Building Radical Futures, Sept 24, 7:00pm CET

This roundtable event is organized by the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) on Friday, 24 Sept, 7 pm CET, during the AWID Feminist Festival and Climate Week 2021. Register for the event here.

Publication: 'BRICS and Civil Society: Gender Implications of this Chequered Relationship' by Shubha Chacko

Join Calls to Postpone COP26: Feminist Solidarity for a Healthy Planet

Over 600 women’s rights and feminist organizations and activists deliver a reality check to developed countries, including the UK COP Presidency call for a postponement of COP26 until such time when safe and inclusive participation of all is possible. Read and share the statement.