Members Update, Issue 13

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

Dear WIDE+ members,
In this update, we share with you the agenda for the WIDE+ General Assembly (GA) that will take place on **18 November** between **6pm - 8pm CET**. The General Assembly is a meeting for all members to come together and vote.

**Join the Board and/or Caucus**

We would like to invite members to join our governance and strategizing bodies. They are worth joining and it doesn't require much time investment.

Joining the board requires a commitment of joining 6 online board meetings for 1,5 hours as far as possible. It also includes some in-between communication.

The Caucus meets online around 4-5 times a year, for 1,5 hours. We would welcome especially members of the working groups as this body is responsible for developing the strategic direction of the network.

Board members represent their own views; the board relies on the different experiences and diverse backgrounds of members to come to sound, ethical decisions. No longstanding knowledge about WIDE+ governance is needed.

For any further information about joining the board and/or caucus, please write to Gea Meijers, gea.meijers23@gmail.com.

**WIDE+ General Assembly: Thursday 18 November**

**When:** 6pm - 8pm CET  
**Location:** on Zoom per [registration](https://wideplus.org/?mailpoet_router&endpoint=view_in_browser&action=view&data=Wzc1LCJ4NTziYWEyMmRlOTgiLDAsmCw2NywxQ)
Whom: Members and Observers

Agenda
6:00 pm - Opening and introduction
6:05 pm - Listing of voting members for quorum, (list to include when members have registered with number of votes and another list of members to establish the quorum)
6:10 pm - Approval of minutes General Assembly 2020.
6:15 pm - Approval of WIDE+ annual narrative report 2020.
6:25 pm - Approval of WIDE+ annual financial report 2020 and audit committee reports.
6:40 pm - Elections into Board and Caucus
Overview Board member applications
WIDE-deputy-board-application-form-2021
WIDE-board-application-form-2021
Overview Caucus member applications
Overview caucus members composition in 2021
6:55 pm - Approval of new members
7:05 pm - Strategic discussion following a question or topic suggested by each of the four WIDE+ thematic working groups.
8:00 pm - End

Vote by representation
Each member may be represented by another member acting through a proxy. A member or representative of a member association may carry a maximum of two proxy votes in addition to his/her own vote(s). Proxy vote(s) can be passed onwards by writing an email before the General Assembly to info@wide-network.org

Some documents are still missing but will be added before 4 November. You can follow the updates over at our internal page: General_Assembly_2021_(wideplus.org), password: WIDE+2021.
A Call for Peace: WIDE+ Supports Open Letter to Ethiopian Prime Minister

WIDE+ supports this open letter, drafted by Multinational Women Peacemakers Network (MWPN), a consortium of Black, Migrant, and Dutch women groups, addressed to Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali. The Ethiopian military has been in an offensive with the Tigray People’s Liberation Front since November 2020. and the conflict has displaced thousands, exacerbated famine, and killed many unarmed civilians. Children, women, and the elderly continue to be particularly affected, including being subjected to gender-based violence and other human rights violations.

Peace and a stop to the war can only be achieved when guns are put aside and replaced with tables for dialogue. Women should play a key role in fostering this dialogue. Peace-building involves the contribution of every citizen’s resources and sustainable ideas.

MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS

*New* Podcast Episode from IWS, "Navigating the German Asylum System While Queer and Trans"

Marlize Andre (left) and Jennifer Kamau (right), IWS co-founder in IWS’ podcast studio

Marlize Andre is part of the International Women Space (IWS) team and she explains the ins and outs of navigating the asylum process while being queer and trans. IWS is an active member of the WIDE+ migration and gender working group. Marlize gives a detailed glimpse into the entire journey from the initial airport procedures to life in a lager (refugee facility). The two discuss the ways that Germany’s image as a "queer
haven" is in stark contrast to the brutal realities facing those seeking asylum as a queer person. Listen to the podcast episode [here](#).

**The Role of Women in Social Investment - Video Recording of Event organized by Calala Women's Funds (in Spanish)**

Watch [this recording](#) of an event organized by WIDE+ member, [Calala Women's Funds](#) which discussed innovative feminist philanthropy tools for fundraising. Speakers of the event include María Palomares Arenas, Calala's Executive Director, Rosa Madera, CEO of Empatty Foundation, Silvia Bueso, author, and Rosa Gallego, Director of Community Foundations. Download [this document](#) (in Spanish) for the main takeaways of the panel discussion.

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**GENERAL NEWS**

**Invitation: "From Barrier to Opportunities: Improving Access to European Funding for Women’s Fund", 12 October, 10 am - 12 pm CET**

The [PROSPERA Network of Women's Funds Europe](#) is organizing a virtual roundtable on improving access to European funding for Women's Funds. This year will be crucial in setting the future funding direction, delivery and defining the European Institutions' approach to the EU Gender Equality Strategy and the Gender Action Plan III. This event will hear from a range of experts from the European Institutions, regions and civil society partners, and European networks. To register for this event click on [this link](#).

**Survey: Impact of COVID-19 on Civil Society Participation in High-Level UN Meetings/Events - To Complete by 11 October**

COVID-19 and the public health measures put in place to protect the public have had significant impact on civil society organizations' opportunities for in-person participation at high-level meetings and events. If you had been affected and would to share your experiences and feedback, please complete the survey [here](#).
A Feminist Green New Deal Coalition Report, "Building Narratives for a Caring Green Economy"

This new report explains why transformative, feminist principles that center gender equality and human rights are needed to tackle the current climate crisis. Read the report [here](#).

A Toolkit for Policymakers: Climate-Induced Migration and Modern Slavery

Climate and development policymakers and planners urgently need to recognise that millions of people displaced by climate change are being, and will be, exposed to slavery in the coming decades. Read the report [here](#).

European Abortion Policies Atlas by EPF - IPPF

This first in-depth analysis of abortion policies across Europe finds that legislation on abortion care throughout the region is a diverse legislative and administrative patchwork. Some key findings:

- 31 countries don’t include abortion in the national health system’s financial coverage;
- 19 countries, including several known for progressive stances, force women to endure medically unnecessary requirements before accessing abortion care;
- 26 countries allow health workers to deny care on the basis of their personal beliefs or convenience, thus potentially placing women in serious danger.

Call for Abstracts for the Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum 2022 • Abstracts Ain ENG & ESP

Amman Principles of National Mechanisms for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls