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Now Available: Recordings of recent WIDE+ webinars



This month, WIDE+ organised a series of webinars bringing different feminist voices around the themes of women, peacebuilding, and militarisation, against the backdrop of the context of the Russian war against Ukraine. Two of the webinars have been organised with [BFW \(BRICS Feminist Watch\)](#), in partnership with WIDE+, [AIDOS](#), [Focus on the Global South](#) and its members [Gen Dev](#), Inequality Movement, [Espaço Feminista](#), and [PWESCR](#).

Three of the recordings are now available. There will be a report forthcoming for the webinar: "The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Women Globally: Part 1 - Experiences from Europe":

- ["A Feminist Perspective on Financing Militarization"](#), with speakers, **Heidi Meinzolt**, member of the [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom](#);

Anne-Floor Dekker, Programme Manager for Gender, Peace & Security at [WO=MEN;](#) and **Annemarie Sancar**, [Network Coordinator at PeaceWomen Across the Globe](#). Full biographies of speakers are available [here](#).

- "[The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Women Globally, Part 2 - Women's Voices](#)", with speakers, **Shreen Abdul Saroor**, co-founder of Mannar Women's Development Federation (MWDF) and Women's Action Network; **Hala N. Barakat**, founding member and former president of Nature Conservation Egypt (NCE); **Dr Yu Xiaogang**, Chinese environmentalist; **Fabrina Furtado**, Professor at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro; **Dr Funeka Yazini April**, Human Science Research Council; and discussants, **Prof. (retd.) Anuradha Chenoy**, Adjunct Faculty in Jindal School of International Affairs; and **Mariama Williams**, director of the Institute of Law and Economics (ILE) in Jamaica. Full biographies of speakers and discussants can be read in the Youtube video description.
- "[Learned Lessons from Feminist-led Peace Processes](#)", with speakers, **Sonja Lokar**, freelance gender expert from Slovenia; **Inga Luther**, Managing Director of [OWEN - Mobile Academy for Gender Democracy and Promotion of Peace e.V.](#); and **Iliana María Colonia Llanos**, Peacemaker at [Ruta Pacífica de las Mujeres in Valle del Cauca and the Union of Citizens of Colombia](#), Cali section. Full biographies of speakers can be read in the Youtube video description. Sonja Lokar would like to also share this [text](#), "The Shift in International Actors' Approach to the Situation of Women in Conflict and Post Conflict Regions 1999-2008 - the Case of the Balkans", which she authored.

The EU DEAR Call for Proposals - WIDE+ is looking for a consortium to join as a partner

The European Union's Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR) supports projects that engage Europeans in worldwide issues of social, economic, and environmental development. The DEAR Programme works with civil society organisations and local authorities to promote global justice, human rights, sustainable development, and democratic participation. You can read more about the programme and call for proposals guide [here](#). The deadline for concept notes is 4 November 2022.

The DEAR programme for 2021 - 2024 will align with and contribute to the European Commission's priorities, in particular:

- i) the European Green Deal, by making EU citizens aware of the transitional challenges our societies are facing and the opportunities of green and just transition;
- ii) the new push for European democracy, by communicating to EU citizens the core

values of the EU (human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, human rights);

iii) the Gender Action Plan (GAP III); and

iv) the June 2020 Council Conclusions on youth in external action

The WIDE+ Secretariat is keen to find out if there are members or partners who are applying for this round of Call for Proposals or are part of a consortium. As part of the Secretariat's ongoing fundraising efforts, we are keen to explore project opportunities that would allow the network to engage more actively with development education in Europe. Since the minimum budget proposed is at least 3 million euros, WIDE+ can be a co-applicant, and not the lead. Kindly reach out to Gea Meijers to discuss further if you have ideas for collaboration: info@wide-network.org.

MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS

Job Opportunity: Policy Specialist, ActionAid UK

This role sits within the Research and Programme Policy unit, which is comprised of policy and technical advisers who develop policy thinking and programme-based research to influence [ActionAid UK](#)'s target decision-makers, agenda-setters, donors, and academic audiences.

ActionAid UK is seeking an experienced and highly motivated policy specialist to help drive forward ActionAid UK's work challenging the structural barriers to women's economic rights. This post will play a key role in researching and producing a number of deliverables under ActionAid's Valuing Women's Work programme in collaboration with colleagues and partners in Malawi, Ghana, South Africa and Kenya, amongst others.

More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#).

GENERAL NEWS

Blog post from FES: "Moving Mountains in the Alps - A G7 Paradigm Shift Towards Gender Equality in Elmau?"



Image taken from the original blog post on FES' website

From June 26 to June 28 this year, G7 leaders convened in Elmau to coordinate joint responses to the world's most pressing crises. International civil society monitored the summit with a critical gaze. This [blog_post](#) from FES examines the extent to which gender-transformative commitments and [Women7](#) recommendations are integrated into the G7 Leaders' Communiqué. FES finds that the G7 commits to politically ambitious and inclusive language on advancing gender equality. However, FES criticizes the lack of concrete initiatives and financial commitments to meaningful and timely action.

Grant Opportunity for Climate and Gender Justice Activists! Deadline: 30 Sept 2022



[Urgent Action Fund \(UAF\)](#) is launching a [second round of its Feminist Innovation Fund 2.0](#) to amplify the transformative work of women, trans, and gender diverse activists working at the **intersection of gender justice, environmental and climate justice (ECJ) & collective care**. The maximum grant amount is US\$20,000.

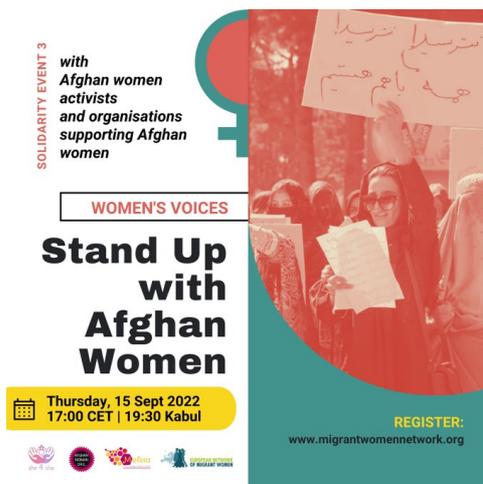
In line with UAF's deep commitment to centering the leadership of intersectional feminist activists and recognizing the disproportionate impact the current climate crisis has on women and gender-diverse people, this Feminist Innovation Fund 2.0 seeks to support grassroots movements led by women, trans, and gender-diverse people from underrepresented communities in implementing innovative, holistic, and collective care practices and tactics into their activism and organizing to support activists and organizers build ongoing resiliency in the increasingly challenging climate justice fights..

Protecting Abortion Access in Europe – A Call to Action

In June, over 130 organisations in 28 European countries issued a Call to Action urging European leaders to take concrete steps to advance #AbortionAccess in Europe. Read this [Call to Action](#) document by [Center for Reproductive Rights Europe](#).

Open Access: "A Special Issue on Rethinking Macroeconomic Modeling of Gender and Care"

Stand Up with Afghan Women: Solidarity Event by ENOMW, 15 Sept, 5pm CEST



August 2022 marks one year since the Taliban took over Afghanistan making hundred of thousands of women and girls flee the country. Many more still remain in Afghanistan. While the attention of the international community and policy-makers has shifted away from Afghanistan, the women inside the country have been subjected to more and more restrictions by the new de-facto government of the country.

A European Care Strategy for Caregivers and Care Receivers

Report by UN Women: Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2022



The latest available Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 data show that the world is **not on track** to achieving gender equality by 2030.

COVID-19 and the backlash against women's sexual and reproductive health and rights are further diminishing the outlook for gender equality. Violence against women remains high; global health, climate, and humanitarian crises have further increased risks of violence, especially for the most vulnerable women and girls; and women feel more unsafe than they did before the pandemic. Women's representation in positions of power and decision-making remains below parity. Only 48 percent of data required to track progress on SDG

The third solidarity event on Afghan women, organised by the European Network of Migrant Women together with its members, will host a number of Afghan female activists as well as organisations who have been working to support them inside and outside of Afghanistan. Register for the event [here](#).

data required to track progress on SDG 5 are currently available, rendering women and girls effectively invisible. Download the report [here](#).

[Press Release from the European Council: Brussels Declaration on Actions towards Empowering Women in Conflicts](#)



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