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## Members Update 2023 | Issue 3

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**WIDE+ has undersigned letter, "Iran: Support for the "Women, Life, Freedom" uprising - No to Executions!"**



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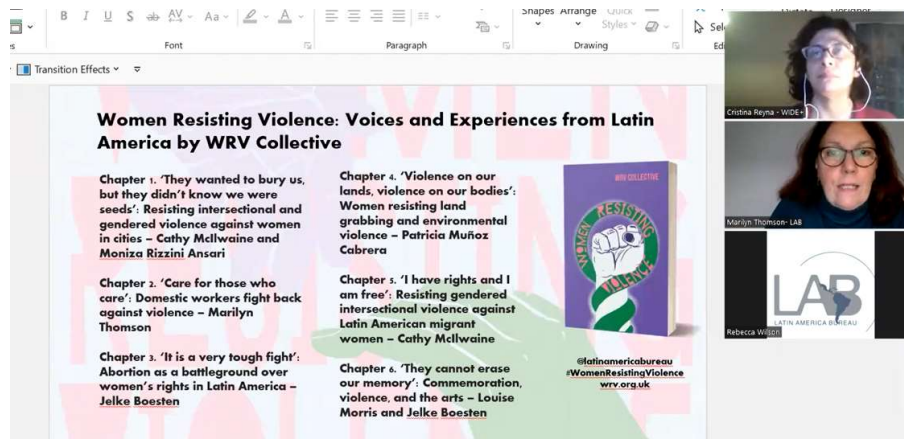
WIDE+ has undersigned a letter as an act of declaration of solidarity with the uprising in Iran. The letter, initiated by international solidarity association, [Europe Solidaire Sans Frontières](#), is titled, "Iran: Support for the "Woman, Life, Freedom" Uprising - No to Executions!" and it outlines several demands, including those below:

- We demand an immediate end to death sentences, executions, and the abolition of capital punishment.
- We demand the immediate release of all imprisoned political and trade union prisoners, teachers, students, doctors, artists, activists and demonstrators, etc.
- We demand the establishment of an international committee made up of jurists, trade unionists, journalists and NGOs to carry out an independent investigation into places of

detention in Iran.

To read the full letter, click on this [link](#).

## Now available: Recording of WIDE+ webinar: “Gender-Based Violence and Resistance of Migrant Women in Europe/ Mujeres migrantes en Europa resistiendo la violencia de género” (in Eng and Esp)



On 26 January, in collaboration with [Latin America Bureau \(LAB\)](#), WIDE+ hosted an online discussion about gender-based violence (GBV) against migrant women in Europe, reflecting on the ways migrant women resist this violence and the European legal and policy frameworks around GBV. The speakers included Marilyn Thomson from LAB (UK), Silvina Monteros Obelar from [Red Latinas](#) (Spain), Jennifer Kamau from [International Women Space](#) (Germany), and Elizabeth Jiménez-Yáñez from [Latin American Women's Rights Service](#) (UK).

Marilyn Thomson reflected on the different topics of the newly launched book by LAB, "[Women Resisting Violence: Voices and Experiences from Latin America](#)", where the key message of the book is that women in Latin America and in the UK are standing up to violence, despite extremely difficult circumstances. In the UK, for instance, as outlined by Elizabeth Jiménez-Yáñez, the government prioritizes migration control above anything else, so migrant women who are victims/survivors of violence are intimidated and threatened into not reporting.

In the case of Spain, Silvina Obelar Monteros shared that migrant women are over-represented in statistics of GBV including femicides. Many migrant women have multiple problems which place them in vulnerability. The lack of a full residence permit also prevents migrant women from access to services, including shelters. In Germany, Jennifer Kamau explained that women seeking asylum are put in extremely isolated

places, in facilities from WWII, and in areas where migrants and refugees, especially women, are vulnerable to racist attacks.

To watch the recording in English, click [here](#), and for the Spanish recording, click [here](#).

## **WIDE+ sent a position statement to rapporteurs of the "EU Directive on violence against women and domestic violence"**

Last week, the WIDE+ secretariat sent a letter to the European Parliament, namely to the rapporteurs and co-rapporteurs of the [EU Directive on Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence](#). This directive was proposed by the European Commission in 2022 and will be finalised sometime this year.

Our position statement highlights the importance of adopting a stronger intersectional approach when tackling gender-based violence. WIDE+ has a very active migration and gender working group comprising self-organised migrant women from across Europe. In this working group, we advocate for migrant women's rights based on our collective lived experiences, expertise, and evidence-based research. In this position statement, we also want to stress the importance of language when addressing the increased incidence of violence and barriers faced by migrant women. Read the letter [here](#).

## **New training curriculum by WIDE+ on online campaigning, for the project CB4VOL**

## Training Curriculum for Online Campaigning

Prepared by WIDE+ for CB4VOL



This is a training curriculum that introduces online campaigning to women's rights organisations, civil society organisations and other NGOs working with youth volunteers to advocate for issues like gender equality, social inclusion, economic justice, and other related topics. It outlines a series of topics related to online campaigning.

Online campaigning is the strategic use of digital technology to advance advocacy initiatives to create social or political change. It helps to make issues public, raises awareness, educates people, and encourages them to participate in pushing for change. It also highlights these issues by bringing them to the attention of stakeholders like governments, policymakers, civil society, and the media. To download the training curriculum, click [here](#).

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## MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS

### NGO Atina's representative, Marijana Savić, at the first Gender Equality Hub at the World Economic Forum



*Image taken from NGO Atina's website, photo by @sarah\_hendriks*

At the World Economic Forum in Davos 2023, within the first-ever #GenderEqualityHub, a great conversation took place at the panel “Eliminating Gender-Based Violence through Multi-stakeholder Action”. Francoise Moudouthe, CEO of [African Women's Development Fund](#), Marijana Savić, Executive Director of NGO Atina, Michelle Milford Morse, VP for [Girls and Women Strategy, UN Foundation](#), and Judit Arenas, Executive Director and Co-Lead for [Gender Center of Excellence, APCO Worldwide](#) had the opportunity to share their visions and ideas on this subject.

The [discussion](#) was opened by Sarah Hendriks, director of Policy Programme and Intergovernmental Division, [UN Women](#), and moderated by Aldijana Šišić, Chief of Multi Stakeholder Partnerships and Advisory Services, UN Women. The panel discussion can be viewed on Youtube [here](#).

## Blog post on WO=MEN's website, "Fatimah Kelleher on feminist foreign policy and trade"

***Add women and stir? What do we mean by this, and what role does a feminist foreign policy play in challenging this? What does it mean to me as a feminist, but more importantly as an African feminist, as a Black feminist, and as one who is specifically engaged on economic justice issues?***

On the 21st of November 2022, [Fatimah Kelleher](#) gave a keynote speech at WO=MEN's event on feminist foreign policy and trade. The valuable insights that were shared by her during this session are integrated in this [blog post \(in English\)](#).

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## GENERAL NEWS

## **Publication by Voice: Waiting for the sky to close: Unprecedented crisis facing women and girls fleeing Ukraine**



The global humanitarian community is failing to meet the needs of women and girls displaced by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and adequately support women- and girl-led organizations on the frontlines of the emergency response, according to a new, seven-part regional assessment from [VOICE](#), in partnership with [HIAS](#). Click [here](#) to see the report in various languages.

## **Report by Mediterranean Women's Fund: Achieving gender equality through feminist grantmaking - The Women's Funds Model**

## **Launch of GEDA insights - new newsletter on gender and environment data**

Environmental change has differentiated impacts on different genders. There is increasing evidence that women and girls disproportionately suffer from climate change and environmental disasters. Presently, there is a massive shortage of gender-disaggregated data at the gender-environment nexus.

## **Report by PICUM: Regularisation mechanisms and programmes: Why they matter and how to design them**

## **Upcoming online discussion: The Power of Personal Stories: How trans-inclusive narratives can change the discourse**



In this episode, Heinrich Böll Stiftung discusses with activists who are building bridges between feminists and transgender movements. It is not, after all, a competition to see who suffers more oppression – women or transwomen (or transgender people in general). Why do we need alliances between cisgender and transgender activists? Why is it important to see transfeminism as a part of feminism, and how do we portray it by telling personal stories?

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming webinar: Women in Dev Tapestry Series Event Feminist Funding, 2 February, 4pm CET**

This series of five events will bring together networks, movements, and coalitions working in the fields of health, climate, racial equality, feminist organising, and funding to create a

To surface these challenges as well as existing solutions, GEDA hosted a [high-level launch event](#) on the margins of the opening of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly and of New York Climate Week. To read Issue 1 and to subscribe, go to this [link](#).

visual map of the intersections between the work happening in these spaces, and the advancement of gender equality. In doing so audience members will deepen their knowledge of the issues, organisations, and initiatives that are operating in this sector.

Register for the webinar [here](#).



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