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GADIP Invitation to Hybrid Conference, "Gender and Climate Change: Understanding the Interconnection", 19 Jan 2024

09.00 - 09.30	Gathering and welcome
09.30 - 10.15	Green transition: An (unpaid) responsibility for women, and (well-paid) jobs for men? by Jimmy Sand
10.15 - 10.30	Coffee
10.30 - 11.15	Extractivism: Historical dispossession of the bodies, lives of women and territories by Saral Martin Ruiz, Mundubat
11.15 - 12.00	Activist perspectives: Envisioning a climate movement beyond the gender binary by Olivia Linanders
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 13.45	Intersectionality and Climate Policy: Making ways forward to a socially inclusive and sustainable welfare state, by Annica Kronsell
13.45 - 14.15	Coffee
14.15 - 15.00	Gender and Climate Justice advocacy and action in Mali by Gitte Pedersen and Birgitte Hjerrild, KULU - Women and Development
15.00 - 16.00	Final discussion and thank you!

As part of the European COPGendered collaboration led by WIDE+, the Swedish WIDE+ member [Gender and Development in Practice \(GADIP\)](#) is hosting an international conference 'Gender and Climate Change: Understanding the Interconnection' that is held on 19 January 2024, from 9 AM - 4 PM (CET). It is an hybrid event taking place in Gothenburg, Sweden and online.

Speakers and topics are:

- Jimmy Sand, Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research on: "**Green transition: an (unpaid) responsibility for women, and (well- paid) jobs for men**";
- Annica Kronsell, Professor at the University of Gothenburg on: "**Intersectionality and Climate Policy: making ways forward to a socially inclusive and sustainable welfare state**";
- Olivia Linander, Activist and Educator on: "**Activist perspectives: Envisioning a climate movement beyond the gender binary**" ;
- Birgitte Hjerrild & Gitte Pedersen, KULU - Women and Development on: "**Gender and Climate Justice advocacy and action in Mali**";
- Sarai Martin Ruiz, Mundubat on: "**Extractivism: Historical dispossession of the bodies, lives of women and territories**".

The conference is free of charge and open to the public. This initiative is co-funded by the European Union. To register for face to face participation, sign up via the following link <https://forms.gle/FjangS863H7EVbX47>. or for online participation via Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/.../reg.../WN_jMEo2KUXQUiMoCf2suUN5A.

WIDE+ participated in the European Migration Forum held 4 and 5 December 2023, in Brussels, Belgium



Khaoula Hammami represented WIDE+ in the 8th European Migration Forum that took place on 4 and 5 December 2023 in Brussels, Belgium. The Forum is an annual event in which the EU invites civil society to reflect on a thema relating to migration. Hammami has been part of the CB4VOL youth volunteer group in which she co-ordinating their campaign held in October last year: "Migrant Womxn deserve language at no cost".

Hammami concluded that: "*Participating in the migration forum proved to be a compelling yet concerning experience*". It was intriguing to witness the convergence of

various organizations dedicated to migration issues, facilitating valuable opportunities for networking, idea exchange, and discussions with EU representatives regarding the challenges faced by migrants within the EU.

Nevertheless, she observed that the forum's narrative in the sessions lacked a concept of inclusivity. According to Hammami: *"the discourse tended to be dehumanizing towards migrants, portraying them primarily as assets and laborers who contribute to the economic benefit of the EU, rather than acknowledging their fundamental right to migrate as individuals with inherent dignity. It was disconcerting that the forum omitted a comprehensive discussion on migrant women, thus overlooking a crucial aspect of the broader migration narrative."*

New report by Gabriela Germany: Online Mental Health Training 19 and 26 September 2023

In September, Gabriela Germany organised a **two-day online mental health training workshop for migrant women, especially BIPOCs** (Black, Indigenous, and people of color).

The feedback of the training showed that there is a need for mental health provision that is tailored to the needs of migrant women and/or BIPOC women and targets them.

Mental health
TRAINING - WORKSHOP
for women with migration background (BIPOCs)

FREE

Dr. Andrea B. Martinez
Assistant Professor - UP Manila
Mental Health Practitioner - Mind UK

Kim Gerlach
Breathwork Teacher
at sunrise Berlin

ONLINE

Sept. 19, 2023 - 6:30-8:30 PM
Sept. 26, 2023 - 7:00-9:00 PM (CEST)

FREE REGISTRATION:
limited slots available
<http://bit.ly/mentalhealthbygabriela>

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The workshops consisted of lecture-discussions including theoretical input on mental illnesses in general, depression, suicide, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and self-care. Further, the participants were given tools and strategies to facilitate psychological first aid and to practice self-care techniques. Participants practiced breath work that was aimed to de-stress and relax at the beginning and at the end of the session.

The whole training was provided by

- Dr. Andrea Martinez, assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines as well a mental health practitioner at MIND UK, and
- Kim Gerlach, scent practitioner and breathworker.

The training is part of the WE-EMPOWER Project lead by WIDE+ that is (co-)funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ programme.

Read the [brief Report on the two-day Online Mental Health Training workshop](#)

WIDE+ participated in the 15th Feminist Encuentro of Latin America, held past November 2023 in El Salvador



Following the tradition established in 1981 in Bogota, the 15th Feminist Encuentro of Latin America (EFLAC) took place in El Salvador at the end of last November, with about 1700 participants. These feminist forums that take place every 3 years, gather grassroots groups from the whole continent to discuss all relevant themes affecting the movement(s) and it shapes new strategies. Edmé Domínguez R. represented WIDE+ in this 15th Forum and reports.

Edmé Domínguez went on behalf of the WIDE+ gender and trade working group in which she represents WIDE+ in two EU Domestic Advisory Groups (DAGs) with

countries in Latin America. DAGs are formal bodies in which business, trade unions and employer groups as well as civil society from the EU and the partner countries come together to provide advice to the governments on the implementation of decent work, environmental and any other human rights related standards that are included in the particular trade agreement. With participating in the Forum, WIDE+ aims to strengthen and enlarge our network of contacts in the region.

Read the report here: <https://wideplus.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Report-WIDE-on-15-EFLAC-in-El-Salvador-.pdf>

Members and Partners News

WIDE Austria Webinar on Feminist & Youth Perspectives on the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 - 16 January 2024, 5 PM - 6:30 PM CET



In this [WIDE Austria](#) online talk, **Mana Omar**, environmental expert and feminist climate activist from Kenya, **Jasmin Lang**, human rights and climate activist and Austrian youth delegate to the COP28, and **Martin Krenn**, climate finance expert at KOO (Coordination office of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for international cooperation), will share their experiences and draw attention to the actions needed.

Whose priorities and interests were considered at the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 that took place in December 2023 in Dubai, with the head of the United Arab Emirates' state oil company presiding the climate summit? How could feminist and youth climate activists make themselves heard?

The webinar will take place on **16 January 2024, 5:00 - 6:30 PM (CET)**.

To register for the event, click [here](#) or find more information [here](#).

GADN's latest publication: "Achieving gender equality and women's rights through public services and social protection"

This new briefing argues that publicly funded and managed public services and social protection are central to achieving gender equality and women's rights. Drawing on research conducted by Global South organisations in Brazil, India and Zambia, alongside other examples, it underscores the cost-effectiveness, sustainability, and equity of publicly financed services.

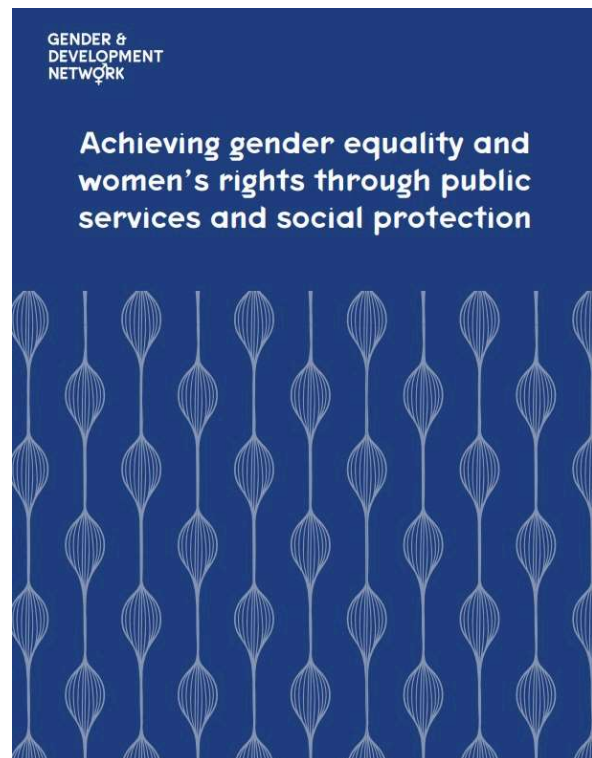
The briefing concludes with recommendations from Southern CSOs as to what Northern governments should do to increase the fiscal space available to governments in the Global South for funding quality gender-transformative public services and social protection.

The provision of quality care is a public good, and national governments have a duty to ensure its provision. Recurring global economic shocks have exposed how vital care provision is, prompting growing interest among governments and donors. Yet this comes against a backdrop of the increasing financing of public services, advanced by powerful institutions in the Global North.

<https://gadnetwork.org/gadn-resources/briefing-public-services-and-social-protection>

New research article by WIDE+ member on Anti-gender Populism in Mexico and Brazil in the Journal of Human Security

Latin America has seen significant advances in both women's rights and gender equality in the last three decades thanks both to external pressures (since the Beijing conference in 1995) and the strength of the women's movements in the continent. However, these advances are being threatened by populist regimes and strong conservative and reactionary groups within civil society, especially among Catholic and Protestant churches. This kind of anti-'gender ideology' reactions is part of a backlash that slides in a scale from constant and structural discrimination to open reversals of



gender equality previous gains.

This chapter aims to illustrate how left and right-wing populism in the case of Mexico and Brazil, limit or setback gender equality gains in several areas, particularly regarding political parity and the fight against gender-based violence (GBV).

It is written by WIDE+ member Edme Dominguez Reyes, together with Cirila Quintero Ramirez & Cristina Scheibe Wolff. **To read the full paper on Anti-gender Populism in Latin America, click [here](#).**

Hivos is taking applications for the feminist consortium "Walking the Talk" - until 14 January 2024



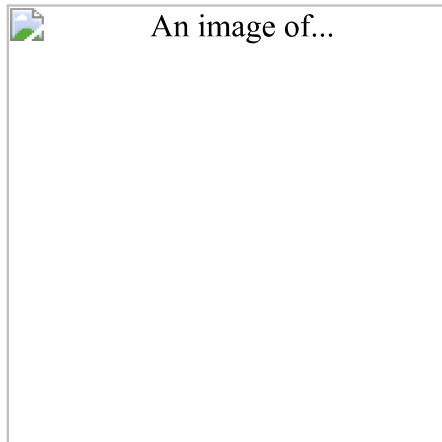
[Walking the Talk](#) is a feminist consortium working to boost the adoption and implementation of feminist foreign policies in Germany, France, the UK, the Netherlands, and the EU. To achieve a feminist contribution to these policies, the programme advocates for an increase in Official Development Assistance dedicated to gender equality and women's rights, especially funding for progressive, intersectional feminist organisations in the Global South.

The consortium is currently recruiting six feminists for its accountability mechanism which will center the voices of Majority World feminists, story-tellers, data-geeks, researchers, activists, complemented by one or two European voices.

Applications can be submitted until Sunday, 14 January 2024. To find more information or to apply on the website, click [here](#). Questions can be directed to Marinke van Riet mvanriet@hivos.org.

General News

New Mama Cash Policy Brief on Funding for Feminist Movements



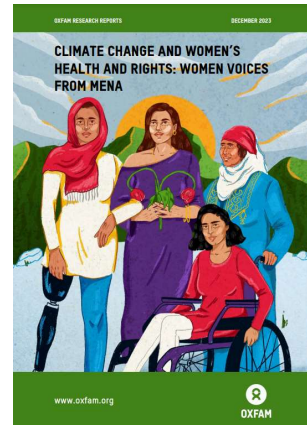
Even though feminist movements are driving climate solutions, bringing critical perspectives and building initiatives to advance climate justice at all levels, organisations led by women, girls, trans and intersex people remain dramatically underfunded.

This brief sets out the **case for funding feminist movements and organisations through climate finance** and highlights women's funds as a key partner and mechanism to realise this strategy.

To download the Mama Cash Policy Brief, click [here](#).

New UNDP and UN Women Booklet on Gender Finance

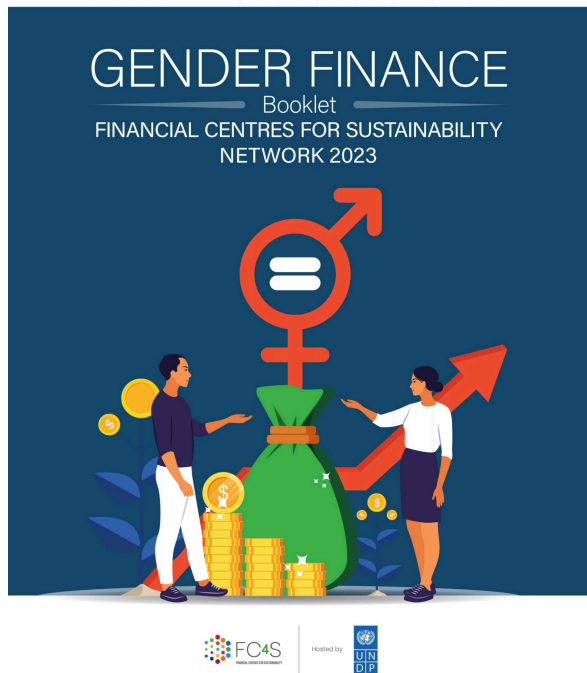
Oxfam Policy Paper: "Climate change and women's health and rights: women voices from MENA"



This paper highlights the important **relationship between climate change and gender justice, specifically in terms of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)**.

The paper examines the impacts of climate change on SRHR in the MENA Region (Middle East and Asia) and formulates recommendations to counter these effects.

To read the full paper, click [here](#).



The [UN Development Programme's Financial Centres for Sustainability \(FC4S\) Network](#) has developed this comprehensive gender finance booklet, in collaboration with UN Women, to advance gender equality within financial services.

This publication serves as a comprehensive guide. It leads financial centres through the principles outlined in the Charter for Gender Finance, providing detailed actions, practical tools, and case studies.

To read the UNDP & UN Women 2023 Booklet, click [here](#).

Filia Online Talk with Ukrainian Women's Fund - 18 January 2024, 6:00 PM CET

[Filia](#) will dedicate their Digital New Year's Reception 2024 to turning the spotlight on Ukraine.



They have therefore invited their colleagues from the [Ukrainian Women's Fund](#) for an online talk. During the event they will discuss questions such as: How is the feminist movement reacting to the ongoing war? What does the daily work of the colleagues from the Ukrainian Women's Fund look like? And who finances the support for women, girls and LGBTIQ+ in these times?

The online talk will take place on **18 January 2024, 6:00 PM (CET)** and there will be no registration needed. To join the talk on Zoom, click [here](#).

'StopEURODAC' statement that is signed by 110 CSOs calls to end the expansion of the database

110 civil society organisations are calling EU policymakers to **reject the ongoing reform of EURODAC**, the EU database for the registration of asylum-seekers. The statement warns that the database endangers people's human rights by treating people

as crime suspects that are actually in search of protection.

EURODAC collects and stores migrants' data and the expansion would include facial images, children's data and the access to data for law enforcement. This expansion of the database enforces the EU's discriminatory and hostile asylum and migration policies: increasing deportations, detention and a broader climate of racialised criminalisation.

To read the full statement, click [here](#).



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