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WELCOME

Welcome to the 12th International AWID Forum!
We look forward to four very stimulating days of thinking, exchange, and strategizing around our collective task of "Transforming Economic Power to Advance Women's Rights and Justice."

This Forum is coming at a time when we face some of the most pressing challenges to women's rights as well as human rights and environmental sustainability. Systemic crises, financial meltdowns, environmental disasters, increased inequality and poverty, and intensified repression and violence are having a tremendous negative impact on people's livelihoods and rights around the world. Economic power is at the crux of many of these trends and it intersects with all women's rights and justice issues.

The convergence of close to 2,000 women's rights and justice advocates from across the globe is a tremendous opportunity to take our thinking and strategizing to a new level. Our ambitious goals for this 2012 AWID Forum are to:

- Facilitate learning on the role and impact of economic power in diverse women's rights agendas, experiences and issues.
- Support bridge-building across diversities among women's groups and movements and with other social movements.
- Advance proposals on feminist visions and practices to resist, challenge and transform dominant forms of economic power.
- Identify opportunities for participants to engage in concrete joint action beyond the Forum.

The program for the coming days reflects a collaborative effort, guided by the over 30 members of the Forum International Planning Committee. In addition to the daily plenaries and breakout sessions organized by a broad array of groups, which are the hallmark of AWID Forums, this time we also offer six hour In-Depth sessions for those who want to go deeper into issues, and Feminist Economic Toolbox sessions to build understanding of key dimensions of economic power. You can also choose from activities in our new Forum Hubs. Take a moment for yourself at the Wellness Area, share news with your social networks at the Feminist ICT Hub, explore effective learning processes at the Economic Education Area or deepen your analysis of funding trends and skills in the Resource Mobilization Hub.

I want to appreciate the contributions and generosity of the members of the International Planning Committee who helped shape this Forum. I want to thank the many organizations and partners that have taken on different roles at the Forum, as well as the donors that have come forward in support of the belief that spaces such as this are key for informing our organizing and strategizing.

Finally, I want to thank you for joining us in Istanbul. It is your contributions and active engagement that will make the Forum a success. In return, I hope you will leave inspired with new energy, ideas, alliances that will help you continue your struggles to transform economic power to advance women's rights and justice worldwide.

In solidarity,

Lydia Alpízar Durán
Executive Director, AWID

ABOUT AWID

Our mission: what we do

AWID's mission is to strengthen the voice, impact and influence of women's rights advocates, organizations and movements internationally to effectively advance the rights of women.

Our vision: why we do it

AWID believes that women's rights are not only necessary in and of themselves, but that they are central to ending the challenges the world faces today. Eradicating poverty, building peace, effectively tackling the HIV and AIDS pandemics, to name just a few – no lasting solutions to these issues are possible without a strategy that puts women's rights at the centre. AWID works to build a world where women's rights have been achieved and where all people enjoy their human rights.

Our values: the principles that guide our work

- Our work is built upon feminist values toward the full equality of women and human rights of all people. This includes work towards the eradication of all discriminations based on gender, sexuality, religion, age, ability, ethnicity, language, nationality, class or other factors.
- We are committed to work as part of a movement to build our collective voice, power and influence.
- We are committed to diversity and inclusion by bringing marginalized voices and perspectives to the table in the pursuit of human rights for all.
- In all our interactions we strive for transparency, responsible use of financial resources, fairness, accountability and integrity.
- We will work independently from any political party, government or religious institution.
- We will strive for excellence, while being creative, bold and courageous.

Our outcomes: what we hope to achieve

In working with diverse partners and allies and our broader constituency AWID seeks to achieve the following seven outcomes by the end of our Strategic Plan

1. Stronger, better-resourced and more effective women's organizations and movements advancing women's rights and gender equality worldwide.
2. Renewal and expansion of the agendas of women's movements internationally through infusion of ambitious, creative and future oriented ideas and issues, and stronger interconnections, alliances and partnerships among diverse expressions of women's organizing across regions and sectors.
3. Stronger alliances between women's rights movements and other social movements to advance agendas in pursuit of human rights for all.
4. Shifts in donor and development policy and practices for a greater financial and political commitment to gender equality and women's rights, including women's organizations.
5. Greater inclusion of women's rights activists and organizations in key development policy spaces internationally (both in terms of presence and effective voice in influencing these spaces to advance gender equality).
6. More visible, vocal and engaged young women in women's organizations and movements with young women's work clearly supported and highlighted, including across all AWID initiatives.
7. A more politically engaged and expanded AWID membership that includes increased representation from underrepresented regions or sectors.

In order to achieve our mission and outcomes, AWID works through multi-year initiatives.

Our Membership

AWID strongly believes in building collective power to advance women's rights and gender equality worldwide and our members are dedicated to working with us towards this goal.

A dynamic network of women and men from around the world, AWID members are activists, researchers, academics, students, educators, business people, policymakers, development practitioners, funders, and more.

AWID has more than 3,000 members of which more than 500 are institutional members. Our members come from more than 130 countries of the world with the majority based in the Global South. A third of our members are young women under the age of 30.

MAKING THE AWID FORUM A SAFE SPACE

What we expect from Forum participants and AWID's comittment

What kind of space is the AWID Forum? The AWID Forum is an open space, which means AWID does not control who registers to participate in the Forum, but we do control, with our International Planning Committee for the Forum, which groups organize sessions. With close to 2,000 participants converging in Istanbul, we are convening a tremendously diverse event with delegates representing over 120 countries and very diverse communities.

Our aspirations

Although the Forum is an open space, we are committed to doing our utmost to ensure that it is as safe a space as possible. This means ensuring that only registered Forum participants are able to access the Forum venue. It also means being explicit with Forum participants about the kind of space we expect the Forum to be. We have to all take responsibility to make the forum a safe and exciting space that is respectful of diversity. The following values reflect the way in which AWID aspires to work, and what we ask from participants in the Forum.

- **DIVERSITY:** Forum participants come from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, abilities, and experiences. We believe in sharing the space and working together in a way that promotes inclusion, respect, and learning from each others diverse realities.
- **HUMAN RIGHTS:** We work towards the full respect, protection, and promotion of the rights enshrined in CEDAW and other international human rights laws and against fundamentalisms of all sorts that threaten these rights. Human rights must be seen as indivisible, interdependent, inalienable, and universal.
- **AUTONOMY:** We champion a person's right to choose her relationships, her goals, her dreams, and what she wants to do with her mind, body, and spirit.
- **COOPERATION:** We work towards a world and an economic system based on social, environmental, and economic justice; and interdependence, solidarity, and respect rather than competition, market domination, commodification, and exploitation of people and nature.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** In all of our work, we will strive for transparency, responsible use of resources, fairness in our relations, accountability, integrity, and excellence.

What we ask from you as Forum participants

We ask you to enjoy the space, make the best of it, and take advantage of the amazing diversity of participants at the Forum. But we know that differences in opinion can arise from different personalities, goals, values, and circumstances. Differences and disagreements can be useful in pushing us to consider new perspectives, learn, and engage with other ways of thinking. However, this does not include language or actions that reflect disrespect, harassment, or discrimination based on gender, sexuality, religion, age, ability, health condition, ethnicity, language, nationality, class, occupation, or other factors.

AWID asks all Forum participants to engage in a way that is in line with the values identified above and to refrain from:

- Engaging in threatening, discriminatory, abusive, harassing, defamatory, hateful, homophobic, lesbophobic, transphobic, xenophobic, or otherwise objectionable speech, and behaviour.
- Promoting or engaging in violent action: this includes threatening or attempting to incite violence toward another person, group, or entity.
- Engaging in *ad hominem* attacks (attacking a fellow participant rather than the content of the comment itself), stalking, or otherwise harassing others.
- Invading a fellow Forum participant's privacy, including publicizing without permission photos, videos, or quotations from Forum participants that might put the person at risk or in an undesirable situation.

AWID's commitment to facilitating a safe space

Session facilitators and speakers are encouraged to ask disruptive participants who are not respecting this spirit of engagement to leave their sessions. AWID reserves the right to ask a Forum participant to leave the forum space if engaging in any discriminatory or disruptive behaviour described above.

All Forum participants are encouraged to contribute to building a Forum space that is consistent with these values. You can contact any AWID staff person if you have questions or need support.

PLENARY SESSION 1
Economic Power: Why does it matter and how to understand it in the current global context?

Hmmm…"

You will come away from this plenary thinking about economic power in a whole new way, and in particular how it connects to your everyday work and activism. What is economic power? What are some of the key elements in dominant economic systems that we should be paying attention to? How has relevant analysis from feminists and women's rights activists evolved over time? This plenary will address these questions as well as the relevance and necessity of effective strategies to transform economic power given the current moment and global context. Speakers will open your thinking to more effectively understand and participate in critical economic debates that impact on and intersect with all women's rights issues and agendas.

MODERATOR **Lina Abou-Habib,** Collective for Research and Training on Development-Action (CRTD-A), Lebanon

SPEAKERS **Lydia Alpízar Durán**, AWID, Costa Rica/Mexico
Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, UN Women, Chile, (video message)
Bochra Bel Hadj Hmida, Supreme Court of Tunisia, Tunisia
Ipek Ilkkaracan Ajas, Istanbul Technical University, Women for Women's Human Rights – New Ways, Turkey
Maria Poblet, Causa Justa-Just Cause, USA/Argentina
Gita Sen, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), India

Lina Abou-Habib
AWID PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE COLLECTIVE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING-ACTION

Lina advises the Women Learning Partnership and is coordinating the development of curriculum on women's economic empowerment. She is also programme advisor for the Global Fund for Women and is on the editorial board of Oxfam's journal, *Gender and Development*.

Ipek Ilkkaracan Ajas
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Ipek is a member of IAFFE, URPE, GEM and a founding member of feminist initiatives such as Women for Women's Human Rights New Ways, Women's Labor and Employment Platform, and ITU Center for Women's Studies in Science, Engineering, and Technology.

Lydia Alpízar Durán
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AWID

Lydia is co-founder of ELIGE and the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Network for Reproductive and Sexual Rights. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Global Fund for Women and the Central American Women's Fund, and is a graduate of the Human Rights Advocacy Training Program (Columbia University).

Michelle Bachelet
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, UN WOMEN

Ms. Bachelet served as President of Chile from 2006 to 2010. She also held ministerial portfolios in the Chilean Government as Minister of Defence and Minister of Health. She has advocated for gender equality and women's empowerment throughout her career.

Bochra Bel Haj Hmida
ADVOCATE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TUNISIA

Bochra Bel is co-founder of the Tunisian branch of Amnesty International and member of the first executive office. She is also a member of the *Ligue tunisienne de défense des droits de l'homme* [Tunisian Human Rights Defense League] and co-founder and ex-president of *l'Association tunisienne des femmes démocrate* [Tunisian Association of Women Democrats].

Maria Poblet
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAUSA JUSTA-JUST CAUSE

Maria has worked for more than a decade in community organizing for racial and economic justice in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a coordinator of the social movement in the US, including the US Social Forum and the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance.

Gita Sen
PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, BANGALORE

Gita is also Adjunct Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a member of DAWN's Executive Committee. She works on the political economy of globalization, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and gender equity in health.

PLENARY SESSION 2
Key Context Trends and Some Proposals for Transformation

"Aha!"

Economic power cuts across all aspects of life, with important implications and possibilities for women's rights. This plenary will highlight some of the key trends and their implications for transforming economic power in different arenas such as work, the environment and possibilities for sustainable development, militarism, violence, and culture. Speakers will also offer insights and possibilities on some of the specific proposals or alternatives that different groups are pursuing. This plenary will provide you with an understanding where we are and imagining the possible. If we were to influence and transform economic power across these different dimensions, what might that look like?

MODERATOR **Yvonne Underhill-Sem**, Centre for Development Studies, University of Auckland, Cook Islands/New Zealand

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Rebeca Grynspan, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Costa Rica
Amina Mama, University of California-Davis, Nigeria
Boaventura de Sousa Santos, University of Coimbra, Portugal
Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Tebtebba Foundation, Philippines
Marilyn Waring, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand
Chee Yoke-Ling, Third World Network, China

Yvonne Underhill-Sem

Yvonne is a feminist geographer of Cook Island/New Zealand heritage teaching at the Centre for Development Studies, University of Auckland. She is immediate past regional coordinator for Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) in the Pacific, a Board Member of OXFAM NZ and Oceania Development Network.

Yakin Erturk, PHD

FORMER UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Yakin is currently a member of the Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture and is on the International Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, established by the UN Human Rights Council.

Rebeca Grynspan

UN UNDER-SECRETARY -GENERAL

Appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the position of UN Under-Secretary-General and UNDP Associate Administrator effective February 1, 2010. Before joining the United Nations, Ms. Grynspan was elected Vice-President of Costa Rica from 1994 to 1998.

Boaventura de Sousa Santos

PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY (SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS) AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA

Boaventura de Sousa is also a Distinguished Legal Scholar and Global Legal Scholar as well as Scientific Coordinator of the Permanent Observatory for Portuguese Justice and member of the Research Group Democracy Citizenship and Law.

Amina Mama

DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA- DAVIS

A widely published feminist intellectual and founding editor of *Feminist Africa.* Her current research is a collaborative project on gender, militarism, and women's activism in the West African subregion.

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEBTEBBA FOUNDATION

Victoria is an indigenous activist belonging to the Kankana-ey Igorot peoples of the Cordillera region in the Philippines. Victoria is committed to work for the recognition, protection, and promotion of Indigenous Peoples' rights and women's rights at the national and global level.

Marilyn Waring

PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY

Marilyn Waring is a New Zealand feminist activist and political economist. Elected to parliament at 23, she chaired the Public Accounts /Expenditure Committee. Marilyn's work, *Counting for Nothing/ If Women Counted* is a feminist economics classic. She is the former Director of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, and is now Professor of Public Policy.

Chee Yoke Ling

CO-DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES, THIRD WORLD NETWORK

Chee Yoke is a lawyer and currently the Co-Director of Programmes of the Malaysia-based Third World Network. She has been very active in national and global policy research and advocacy since the mid-1980s, focusing on sustainable development and global governance from Southern perspectives.

PLENARY SESSION 3
Experiences of Resistance and Collective Organizing to Transform Economic Power

"Yeah!"

The previous AWID Forum focused on the "Power of Movements". This plenary will return to that theme, and you will hear some of the experiences of diverse movements that are confronting and resisting dominant forms of economic power and who are organizing creatively to build their own power. You will come away from this session inspired and re-energized, with insights on how different groups are working to challenge relevant actors and institutions, demand accountability, and take advantage of the small cracks of possibility to survive, thrive, and transform our current world reality.

MODERATOR **Esther Mwuaru-Muiru**, GROOTS Kenya

SPEAKERS **Zoe Gudovic,** Reconstruction Women's Fund, Serbia
Manal Hassan, Arab Techies, Egypt
Esperanza Huanca Mendoza, Depatricarchalization Unit of the Vice Ministry of Decolonization, Bolivia
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INDIGENOUS WOMAN LEADER FROM THE "GRAN CHARKA" REGION IN BOLIVIA

Former original authority of the Federation of Ayllus of the Suyus Charka Qhara Qhara (FAOI-NP). Member of the National Constituent Assembly, Secretary of the "Vision of the Country" Commission of the Constituent Assembly. Head of the Depatriarchalization Unit of the Vice-Ministry for Decolonization of Bolivia's first Plurinational State.

Lissy Joseph, PHD and LLB
COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS MOVEMENT

A lecturer for 10 years at St Francis College she is now involved in the Campaign for Housing and Tenure Rights and the Trade Union of Domestic Workers at the National Level. She is from Kerala, India.

Esther Mwuara Muiru
FOUNDER AND COORDINATOR OF GROOTS KENYA

GROOTS Kenya is a network of more than 2,000 self-help groups in urban slums and rural areas across Kenya that focus on local governance, secure land tenure, and community responses to HIV and AIDS. Esther stood for Parliament as a Green Party Candidate in 2007.

Francisca Rodríguez
INTERNATIONAL WOMAN LEADER OF THE PEASANTS' MOVEMENT, FEMINIST, AND POLITICIAN

Francisca Rodríguez is the founder and international response person of the National Association for Rural and Indigenous Women in Chile (ANAMURI). In parallel, she is also the regional representative of the Articulation of Rural Women part of the Latin American Coordination of Rural Organizations (CLOC) and alternate member of the International Commission of La Vía Campesina.

Ekaete Judith Umoh, MSc Social Work
FOUNDER AND CEO OF FAMILY CENTERED INITIATIVE FOR CHALLENGED PERSONS

Ekaete Judith is a public speaker, disability rights advocate, and consultant with a focus on human rights of women with disabilities. She is the leader and coordinator of issues of women with disabilities in Nigeria.

Kaythi Win
A FOUNDER OF TOP, A NATIONAL SEX WORKERS HIV PROGRAMME IN MYANMAR

Kaythi is also a founding member of the National Sex Workers Network. Kaythi's work has led to a huge improvement in the lives of Burmese sex workers. She is also the chairperson of APNSW, the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers.

Zoe Gudovic
PR MANAGER, RECONSTRUCTION WOMEN'S FUND

Zoe is a queer feminist, theater educator, lecturer, and performer involved in work and research of non-formal and engaged theater forms. She is the co-founder of Act Women a lesbian theater group, and the activist group QueerBeograd. Zoe has also organized street performances with the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

Manal Hassan

Manal is a FOSS enthusiast. Her main interest is adapting and delivering technology to non-techies, and training them to make it their own. She co-founded the Egyptian GNU/Linux Users Group (EGLUG) in 2004 and the Arab Techies Collective in 2008 and has extensive experience in working on web technologies and new media with NGOs, human rights activists, and children.

PLENARY SESSION 4
The Task Ahead

"Let's go!"

What insights and learning can you take from the last four days of debate and exchange? What are key questions that we need to continue grappling with to inform our strategizing? What are some of the specific ideas or proposals that have emerged in terms of transforming economic power to advance women's rights and justice? This plenary will aim to tie together some of the pieces--synthesizing, where possible, Forum debates and discussions thus far and suggesting strategies that can take us forward across lines of difference to confront and transform structures of economic power to advance women's rights and justice.

MODERATOR **Cindy Clark,** AWID, USA

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Radhika Balakrishnan, Center for Women's Global Leadership, USA/India
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Mariama Williams, PHD
SENIOR PROGRAMME OFFICER, THE SOUTH CENTRE

Mariama is the author of *Gender Mainstreaming in the Multilateral Trading System and Trading Stories: Experiences with Gender and Trade* (co-edited with Marilyn Carr). She is a Board member of the Institute of Law and Economics, Jamaica, and a Trustee of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation.

Zelal Ayman
PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION PROGRAM, WOMEN FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS-NEW WAYS

Zelal is a member of the Women's Solidarity Foundation. She has close to 20 years of experience working with women's NGOs in Turkey, and several other countries on women's human rights and democratic participation.

Virginia Vargas
CENTRO DE LA MUJER PERUANA FLORA TRISTÁN, PERU

Gina works for Flora Tristán's program, 'Feminist Studies and Debates'. She is active part of Articulacion Feminista Marcosur, and is on the International Council of the World Social Forum. Over the last thirty years, she has written extensively about democracy, citizenship, the state, and globalization from a feminist political perspective.

IN-DEPTH SESSIONS

For the first time, AWID has worked with several partners to develop a series of In-Depth Sessions at the Forum. These sessions, which each run for six hours (four blocks of 1.5 hours each), have been designed to provide for deeper levels of discussion on complex issues. The extended time-frame will allow you to go more "in-depth" on key issues and come away with a stronger understanding of the session theme and concrete strategy ideas to take home. These sessions also aim to facilitate deeper cross-regional and cross-sectoral movement engagement as session organizers go beyond information sharing — inviting you to have more substantive debates and interaction. You are encouraged to stay throughout the four session blocks in order to get the most out of the session.

Access To and Control Over Resources: Organizing for women's economic empowerment

Consumer-driven capitalism, the elimination of social safety nets and the privatization of public goods and services has turned everything, from land and capital to healthcare, technology, clean air, and even political influence, into a commodity--accessible only to those willing and able to pay a price. The resulting inequities in access to and control over resources are the product of a democracy deficit, where the interests of a few are served on the backs of the many, most especially those marginalized by their ethnicity, race, class, gender, sexuality, nationality, and location. As entrenched as this neoliberal economic model may seem, alternatives do exist, pioneered by women working on the front lines of social justice struggles and based on more sustainable, democratic values of solidarity, mutuality, and human rights.

This session will explore the various factors that influence women's access to and control over resources, enabling participants to identify openings and inspiration to advance change. We will draw on case studies to illustrate how women are mobilizing their collective organizing power to cope with the medicalization of HIV and AIDS in Southern Africa; push back against land grabs in Guatemala; and build movements around alternatives to conventional microcredit schemes in Indonesia.

ORGANIZED BY: **JUST ASSOCIATES**

Changing World Geopolitics and Global Governance: Making sense of the trends, actors, and their implications for women's rights

Why and how is global governance relevant to women's rights and why is it so complex and difficult to talk about in the current world reality? With contributions from key leaders and thinkers in this field, participants will learn about relevant characteristics of the current global context, exploring for example the connections between how growth is defined and progress is measured, the influence of the current economic recession and interlocked crises (food, energy, environmental, humanitarian, etc.), increased militarization and other key phenomena within current global governance arrangements and shifts.

This session will look at some of the actors and institutions (new and old) defining what global governance looks like today. It will provide space for brainstorming our vision of future global governance to advance women's rights, justice, environmental sustainability, and human rights. Then we will discuss the implications for our own strategizing as women's rights activists. We will close with 'what's next' on the global agenda, for example: the structures being proposed as part of the Rio+20 agenda; the Cairo and Beijing + 20 process; the G20 process ahead; proposals for reshaping global financial architecture; the proposed new global partnership for effective development cooperation; and the likely post-MDG or Beyond 2015 development framework.

ORGANIZED BY: **AWID WITH MEMBERS OF THE FORUM INTERNATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND GLOBAL POLICY FORUM**

Ecological Health of our Planet: The climate change challenge

This session aims to critically examine the current frameworks of climate change adaptation and sustainability including Rio Plus 20 and the Green Economy; expose participants to new multi-stakeholder partnerships and funding mechanisms that promote a decentralized, pro-poor approach to climate risk management and adaptation; and outline strategic lines of action to scale up the leadership of women and advance women's economic and political status in communities.

Presented in an interactive format, this session will allow participants to hear from grassroots women leaders who, despite living in climate threatened rural and urban informal settlements, have pioneered innovative adaptation initiatives to protect the development assets of communities, and create win-win opportunities for communities and governments. Institutional stakeholders and partners will unpack the current climate change and sustainable development policies and discuss gender equity and women's empowerment priorities within these negotiations. Speakers will pinpoint institutional and government support that is necessary in order to create an enabling environment to close national-local disconnects, and create climate financing models that work for the poor. Participants will be encouraged to discuss and debate strategies and solutions to implement collaborative risk reduction and adaptation strategies that improve women's status and living conditions amidst climate threats.

ORGANIZED BY: **AWID, THE FORUM INTERNATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, GROOTS INTERNATIONAL, THE HUAIROU COMMISSION AND DAWN**

Militarism, Conflict, and Violence

This session builds on ongoing concerns and understandings of militarism, violence, and armed conflict, how these issues impact women's lives, and ways women have been organizing for a peaceful world.

It will engage participants in a series of conversations that examine the processes and gender-specific impacts of militarism, militarization, armed conflict and violence. It will address concerns and analyses from the local to the global, create space to learn about and discuss women's resilience and resistance, brainstorm creative ways to confront these challenges, and promote an end to conflict and gender-based violence.

The focus of the session will be on the economics of militarism and its gendered dimensions. It will also address the processes whereby the logic and values of militarism become normalized and embedded in communities and societies, including those living under occupation, and look at what constitutes genuine security from a feminist perspective. The intersections of militarism with gender, race, class, and sexuality-- including sexual violence and violence against women human rights defenders--are other examples of important issues to be explored. The session will provide a space to share strategies and experiences of resistance, healing, peace-building, and utilization of UN resolutions and alternative forms of transitional justice.

ORGANIZED BY: **AWID, CENTER FOR WOMEN'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP, DAWN, THE FORUM INTERNATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN PEACEBUILDERS, INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN AGAINST MILITARISM, STRENGTHENING WOMEN AGAINST CONFLICT AND MILITARISM, WOMEN'S INITIATIVES FOR GENDER JUSTICE.**

Re-envisioning Development, Exploring Alternative Constructions Across the Globe

In the context of converging crises, this session aims to contribute to the debate on challenging the mainstream economic model from a critical feminist perspective.

By convening a range of voices from different movements and sectors, the session will begin by unpacking development, departing from the understanding that development is a politically constructed process and therefore can be defined, envisioned, and (re)formulated in different ways. The mainstream development model will be discussed and its failures underscored.

While alternatives is a contested term, debates around diverse approaches to and within the mainstream model have been happening for decades. The session will focus on re-envisioning development, and sharing existing alternative constructions from across the globe. Frameworks and practices that challenge and aim to transform neoliberal development (and in some cases address the urgent needs of today)--such as el buen vivir, food sovereignty, diverse economies, de-growth, and the protection of the commons--will be explained and critically examined from a feminist perspective.

Finally, we will focus on the ways in which groups are presently pushing these alternatives forward. Given that global structures shape local possibilities, are there opportunities for scaling up? And, more broadly, how do we envision the role of feminist movements and groups in these debates?

ORGANIZED BY: **AWID WITH MEMBERS OF THE FORUM INTERNATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Women's Labor Rights, Gender Equality, and Economic Justice: A discussion of issues and actions

This session will examine the challenges to women´s labor rights in the context of the global economic crisis, their link to economic justice and gender equality over the long term; and what strategies women, labor unions, and worker's rights organizations are implementing to advance a women's rights agenda.

The six hour session will be divided into four segments. The first will consist of an interactive panel discussion to provide an overview of trends in women's labor globally and the link between labor rights and gender equality. In the second and third segments, participants will divide into sector focus groups (including domestic work, export manufacturing (garment and electronics), agriculture, and the public sector. In the last session, participants will reconvene to present priorities and strategies emerging from the sector-specific discussions and to discuss and debate possible new cross-regional and cross-sectoral strategies that should or could be pursued after the forum as well as mechanisms for doing that.

ORGANIZED BY: **AWID, CLEAN CLOTHES CAMPAIGN, THE FORUM INTERNATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION FEDERATION, MAQUILA SOLIDARITY NETWORK, SOLIDARITY CENTER, WOMEN IN INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT GLOBALIZING AND ORGANIZING (WIEGO) AND WOMEN WORKING WORLDWIDE.**

Women's Rights and Transitions to Democracy in the MENA Region

This session will examine in depth the challenges and opportunities that women's rights activists face in the context of revolutionary movements and democratization processes taking place in the MENA region. Participants will share analysis and experiences from across the region, outlining challenges such as the increased presence and power of religious fundamentalist actors in the region, discussing strategies that have yielded positive results and learnings from past transitions in other regions. Participants will also brainstorm and analyze potential implications of recent developments in the MENA region for global women's rights agendas and struggles. Finally, the session will explore how the analysis, experiences, and lessons learned can be applied to strengthen future strategizing, alliance-building, and collaboration; with a view to identifying concrete steps for action to build solidarity and joint mobilization in support of feminists and women's rights movements in the MENA region.

ORGANIZED BY: **EQUALITY WITHOUT RESERVATION COALITION, GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN, WOMEN'S LEARNING PARTNERSHIP, AND AWID.**

FEMINIST ECONOMICS TOOLBOX

The mainstream economic system and the economic policies derived from it have significant impacts on women's livelihoods and are a strong force in shaping their possibilities to fully exercise their rights and live a life with dignity. Any piece of the Forum program offers an opportunity for learning, but in particular an entire session block on the first day—our Feminist Economics Toolbox—is dedicated to information sharing, awareness-raising, and skills-building on themes linked to economics, economic policies, or other issues of key concern for feminists interested in transforming economic power. The Forum International Planning Committee developed a list of themes to cover in this session block—just a small sample of the possibilities—and we set out to identify an array of groups who could speak to them.

Each session is intended to do three things:
1. Outline the basic foundations of the theme: Why is this important?
2. Ground the relevance of each theme in the current context: What difference is this making now?
3. Provide information and analytical tools to better understand the implications for advancing women's rights.

Feminist Economics 101

This session is intended to provide a basic understanding of Feminist Economics' (FE) contribution both to economics and to feminism: What does FE means? How has FE developed over time? What are FE main issues? What are FE critiques to mainstream economics? What resources does FE provides to feminist activism?

SPEAKERS: **NILUFER CAGATAY, GEM-IWG (INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON GENDER, MACROECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS); ALMA ESPINO, GEM-LAC (GRUPO GÉNERO Y MACROECONOMÍA DE AMÉRICA LATINA) / IGTN (INTERNATIONAL GENDER AND TRADE NETWORK); LUCÍA PÉREZ FRAGOSO, GEM-LAC (GRUPO GÉNERO Y MACROECONOMÍA DE AMÉRICA LATINA); CORINA RODRÍGUEZ ENRÍQUEZ, GEM-LAC (GRUPO GÉNERO Y MACROECONOMÍA DE AMÉRICA LATINA) / IAFFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST ECONOMICS)**

Development: Some of us live it, some of us work in it, some of us strive for it, and some of us challenge it

What do we mean by development? This session will engage with critical feminist perspectives of the different constructions and conceptions of development. What these diverse, mainstream and complex understandings of development mean for women's rights will be explored and challenged.

SPEAKERS: **YVONNE UNDERHILL-SEM, UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND; YARDENA TANKEL, AUTONOMOUS FEMINISTS AOTEAROA; OFA GUTTENBEIL LIKILIKI (THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN CRISIS CENTRE TONGA)**

Demystifying Economics: Macroeconomic policy

What is macroeconomic policy? What are examples of how macroeconomic policies shape the realities of women's lives? Understanding the overall impact of macroeconomic policies on human rights can be an effective tool in feminist activism. Participants attending this tool-box session will explore the linkages between macroeconomic policies and human rights.

SPEAKERS: **RADHIKA BALAKRISHNAN (CWGL), JAMES HEINTZ, POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PERI), DIANE ELSON, UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) / Growth

What counts, what doesn't count, who's doing the counting, and what are the data used for? After an introduction to the basics using chapters from the Who's Counting? video, we will explore the current status of national income accounting, the best questions feminists can be asking, and the best strategies to adopt.

SPEAKERS: **MARILYN WARING, AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

How to Advocate for Gender Equity through Taxation?

Taxation is gendered and can reproduce or sometimes exacerbate gender inequalities. As demand for increased domestic resource mobilization grows, gender-based organizations need to expose the implicit and explicit gender biases of tax policies and advocate for their removal. The tax advocacy toolkit will equip participants to do just that.

SPEAKERS: **SANDRA KIDWINGIRA AND ERNEST OKYERE, TAX JUSTICE NETWORK-AFRICA**

Corporate Campaigning 101

Learn how campaign organizations working to advance worker rights in global supply chains balance campaigning and engagement with corporations to pressure for change. We will share practical lessons based on real cases in the garment industry over the last decade. Participants will learn basic dos and don'ts in corporate campaigning.

SPEAKERS: **INEKE ZELDENRUST AND NIKI DE KONING, CLEAN CLOTHES CAMPAIGN; ANA ENRIQUEZ AND LYNDA YANZ, MAQUILA SOLIDARITY NETWORK**

Rethinking Ideas of Work from a Feminist Perspective

This session will explore how feminists have sought to reconceptualize the idea of work. It will highlight the artificial nature of the distinction between paid and unpaid work. And it will discuss how the rise of global care chains has made visible some of the hidden dimensions of women's work.

SPEAKERS: **NAILA KABEER, SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, LONDON UNIVERSITY**

Climate Change Finance and Women's Empowerment

In this session we will explore the gender dimensions of international climate change finance, including essential nuts and bolts of gender climate change adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer and development. Participants will map out the instruments, institutions, and modalities of climate change financing as they exist and are emerging globally, regionally, and nationally.

SPEAKERS: **MARIAMA WILLIAMS, SOUTH CENTRE**

Demystifying the Financial Crisis

The financial crisis of 2008 is ongoing. World leaders are not solving it, but are rather using it to impose austerity measures upon entire populations. It is not hard to understand--but if you don't, you can't act against it. This is a citizen's and a women's issue.

SPEAKERS: **SUSAN GEORGE, TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE**

Deconstructing the International Financial Architecture and What it Means for Gender Justice

This session will examine key pillars of the international financial architecture, fiscal and monetary policy, financial markets, public debt, and the role of actors ranging from Wall Street, to central banks, and others. We will focus on the ideology and principles shaping the current system and how it could be re-structured.

SPEAKERS: **BHUMIKA MUCHHALA, THIRD WORLD NETWORK**

Understanding International Financial Institutions (IFIs)

The session will highlight: 1. An overview on the IFIs: what they are, their role, and how they influence and impact country policies, investments and women's rights and livelihoods. 2. How civil society can advocate for gender sensitive IFI investments that promote women's rights and justice.

SPEAKERS: **ELAINE ZUCKERMAN AND SARAH BIBLER (GENDER ACTION, USA); CHRISTIAN TANYI (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FOUNDATION – LUKMEF); ANA QUIRÓS VÍQUEZ (EL CENTRO DE INFORMACIÓN Y SERVICIOS DE ASERSORIA EN SALUD – CISAS, NICARAGUA)**

Surviving Money and the Financial System

An audio-visual presentation, talk and Q&A on how money and financial systems operate and impact on women of limited means; how the system serves economic purpose, but also deceives and impoverishes through abuse. It interactively provides what women need to know and do to counter the system and survive.

SPEAKERS: **NAJMA SADEQUE AND DENEB SUMBUL, SHIRKAT GAH**

Global Economy Education And Women's Empowerment Exercises: Broadening the analysis, broadening the base

In this round robin workshop, participants will experience and learn how to conduct strategic education that blends women's empowerment, labor organizing techniques, and global economy education and analysis that enables labor unions to connect with women workers, inspire them to become members,and helps build their agency and power.

SPEAKERS: **LISA MCGOWAN, SOLIDARITY CENTER, KALTHOUM BARKALLAH, TUNISIAN RAILWAY UNION, SUZAN MUSHARBASH.**

Food Sovereignty and Food Security

This session will present basic notions of concepts of food security and food sovereignty; where these concepts emerged and their contexts. As well, the session will highlight distinctions between the two and their relevance for advancing women's rights and economic justice.

SPEAKERS: **FRANCISCA RODRIGUEZ, ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE MUJERES RURALES E INDÍGENAS DE CHILE, ANAMURI AND CLOC-VIA CAMPESINA; BERIN ERTURK, CIFTCI-SEN, MEMBER LA VIA CAMPESINA EUROPEAN COORDINATION**

Commodification of Knowledge: How increasing access and availability of the internet has transformed the way knowledge is produced and shared

What does it mean for women's rights that most online platforms and services are owned by a few transnational corporations? How do international copyright agreements, data protection and privacy affect our advocacy? Who governs the Internet, content and data we produce and exchange, and how can feminists engage with and participate in this process?

SPEAKERS: **JAC KEE, ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS WOMEN'S NETWORKING SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Exploring the Gender Specific Impacts of New Forms of International Trade: How, Why and Where?

Bilateral free trade and investment agreements are bringing in much more than trade, and their gender impact is changing in nature and depth. This session will inform about and explore some of these issues across sectors such as agriculture, industry and services, with a focus on developing countries.

SPEAKERS: **RANJA SENGUPTA, THIRD WORLD NETWORK**

WELLNESS AREA
Self-Care | Security | Safety

The Wellness Area is a comfortable and safe environment to enjoy a moment of tranquility during the Forum. It aims to help Forum participants to recuperate, reinvigorate and calm their minds. Organized by AWID in partnership with Consorcio Oaxaca, Institute for Women's Empowerment, JUST Associates (JASS), Kvinna, Till Kvinna, and Linksbridge.

In addition to self-care and wellness practices, visitors to the area can engage in conversations about tools and approaches for safety and well-being. There will be scheduled activities for practice and reflection, as well as opportunities to sign up for one-on-one consultations and care.

Self-care and security is a right for all who work on defending and promoting women's rights. As activists, we need to exercise this right for ourselves, and not only for the people whose rights we work so hard to defend.The Wellness Area provides an excellent opportunity to share experiences and tools regarding the political importance of working for the well-being, security, and self-care of women's rights activists. We encourage everyone to exercise their rights so "**Take one for self-care"**, and give yourself permission to relax during one of the breakout sessions!

The Wellness Area is located on the upper level of the conference centre, the Haliç Auditorium Balcony Upper Level Foyer.

ACTIVITIES

Breakout Sessions

Look for the Wellness Area icon in the breakout session list for detailed descriptions of these sessions.

- Who Deserves a Good Security Strategy?
- Building Transformative and Alternative Visions and Practices to Sustain the Lives and Work of Women Human Labor Rights Activists
- Transforming the Revolution
- Women Human Rights Defenders: Stability, Security and Wellbeing

Group Practice Sessions

- Djembe/Dancing with African-American Women who Aint Afraid to Roar
- Yoga
- Guided meditation
- Introductory self-defense
- Others to be confirmed

Other Activities

- One-on-one consultations with practitioners regarding wellness and safety issues. There will be a sign-up board in the wellness area for sit-downs with practitioners who can provide guidance on particular situations.
- One-on-one activities to take care of ourselves during the Forum, including massage, aromatherapy, and reiki healing practices.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION HUB

Mobilizing Resources for Women's Rights and Gender Equality Organizing and Movement Building.

The program for the Resource Mobilization Hub was developed in close collaboration with peers in the funding community and women's rights movement. We appreciate the many contributions that have informed this new component of the Forum agenda.This Hub offers a dynamic space for discussions, dialogue, sharing, and learning related to mobilizing resources, funding trends, and fundraising for women's rights and gender equality for both donors and women's rights advocates.

Specific schedules for the Resource Mobilization Hub will be posted outside of the Hub space throughout the Forum.

The Resource Mobilization Hub is located on the ground level of the conference centre, Lale Room.

ACTIVITIES

EVENING PLENARY FUNDERS FORUM

Tapping Current Opportunities and Assessing Challenges to Mobilize Resources for Women's Rights and Feminists Organizing Around the World

Seven years ago, we asked the question "Where is the Money for Women's Rights?" in a context where many funders and activists agreed that donor interest in women and women's rights had peaked and then faded. Now nearly everywhere you look—from corporate foundations to mainstream media, international financial institutions to large international development organizations—we hear talk of investing in women and gender equality not just as smart economics, but also as "the right thing to do". This renewed interest is important progress and it also comes with some challenges; how to ensure the results of these investments are making a real impact to advance women's rights in the longer term? Our panel will explore how various donors are putting their commitments into practice, latest data on the funding situation of women's organizations and how diverse development actors can work together to ensure that the resources becoming available for women really contribute to longer-term structural change and we tap current opportunities to mobilize more resources to support women's rights and feminist organizing around the world.

Breakout Sessions

Look for the Resource Mobilization Hub icon in the breakout session list for detailed descriptions of these sessions.

- Funding Landscape: Setting the tone
- Trends Affecting Women's and Rights Funding: Global and regional perspectives
- Invest in Women-it pays!
- Big, Bold Giving for Women and Girls: Cultural and Financial Issues. The Women Moving Millions Campaign
- A Dialogue with Donors and Activists on Funding Women's Economic Rights, Not Women's Economic Rescue
- The Present and Future of Women's Funds: Activists have the floor
- Where Is the Money for Girls' Rights?
- Women's Relationship to Money: How does it affect our activist work?
- Round Table Discussion: The Task Ahead: Mutual learnings of the past four days and next steps to ensure sustainably funded women's rights movements

Skills Sharing

- Economic Solidarity: Raising funds and awareness for feminist activism through resource sharing
- Rights-Based Evaluation for Social Change Work: A skill and strategy building session led by feminists reclaiming evaluation

Other Activities:

- **Donor Office Hours:** participants can sign up to have one-to-one or small group conversations with particular donors. Sign-up sheets and information available in the Resource Mobilization Hub.
- **Letters to Donors Postbox:** representatives from women's movements can drop off anonymous letters they have always wished to send to their donors.
- **Letters to Grantees Postbox:** representatives from donor agencies can drop off anonymous letters they have always wished to send to their grantees.
- **Donor Sharing Space:** An opportunity for donors to share and learn from peers about funding women and girls and women's rights and gender equality issues.
- **Livingroom Conversations:** Dialogues amongst funders from different sectors as well as between donors and activists on a variety of topics led by donor peers on relevant forum themes.
- **Come and Engage!** Informal lunchtime discussions on resource mobilization topics.

ECONOMIC EDUCATION AREA

For women's rights activists to challenge economic and development policies and practices, they must have a strong understanding and analysis of their contexts, basic knowledge of economics and development terminology to be able to engage substantively in the spaces in which economic policies are debated and created, influence decision making and have opportunities to learn more about the experiences and work of others—including other movements.

The program for the Economic Education Area was developed drawing on inputs and insights from a broad range of individuals doing related work. We appreciate the many contributions that have informed this new component of the 2012 AWID Forum agenda.

The economic education space is an opportunity for you to exchange different forms of trainings and education for transformation on economics, gender and development, and to present and share tools, methodologies and reflections. It is intended to generate momentum around the need to revitalize, rethink and recreate new forms of collaboration across groups to provide the much needed training and education on economics and development to women's rights advocates from around the world. It is a space where we hope to encourage strategic thinking and dialogue among key actors engaged on these kind of activities about how to foster training and education when there is a wealth of experience on which to better equip activists to advance economic justice and women's rights.

The Economic Education Area is located on the ground level of the conference centre Galata Ballroom.

ACTIVITIES

Breakout Sessions

Look for the Economics Education Area icon in the breakout session list for detailed descriptions of these sessions.

- Challenging Economic Power: Women's Economic and Social Rights.
- MONIYANEMA: Development conceived and driven by indigenous women in situations of displacement and vulnerability in Bogota, Colombia
- ... 7 hours and 55 Minutes: Exploring money and work in sex work
- Call to the Importance of Capacity Building on Economics and Women´S Rights: Challenges, gaps and opportunities.
- Voices of Experience: Activists and academia share their experiences, stories of motivation, leadership, strategies, and more
- Feminist Economics' Contribution to the Development Debate in Latin America
- Creating a Culture of Peace for Economic Transformation: Skills to empower, knowledge to transcend
- Arts and Empowerment
- Capacity-Building for Economic Ventures Based on Empowerment with a Focus on Financial Services, Personal Development, Organizing, and Political Advocacy
- Economic Violence is Gender Based Violence
- Identifying Sites of Power: Using the Political to Transform the Economic: A Series of analytical tools for young women activists

Demystifying Economics Sessions

Sessions aimed at providing an informal space for any Forum participants interested in debriefing on the sessions they attended during the day, how they felt, and what they learnt or found interesting. On April 19 and 20 in the evenings.

The Reading Stop

We know you will be very busy. What with sessions, roundtables, caucuses and meeting new people, you may have precious little free time. We encourage you, however, to take a spare moment or two at the Reading Stop to read the latest materials, analysis and tools brought by different groups and individuals with expertise on gender and economics education that will be available on this space.

Films on Display corner

Different groups and individuals with expertise on gender and economics education will feature their work through short films, documentaries or videos. Throughout the AWID Forum, several of these pieces will be on display.

Resources Stand

Gender and economics education experts will bring their books, materials and tools to the Forum for display and organized according to regions and themes.

The Learning Journey Tree

You can post a comment or an event on a tree to create a visual journey of individuals' learning experiences and opportunities on economics and gender.

Feedback please!

You can leave your impressions, comments and suggestions on a board or in a fish bowl.

FEMINIST INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) HUB

The Feminist ICT Hub builds on the success of the Feminist Technology Exchange Hub at the 2008 AWID Forum. Organized by AWID in partnership with the Women's Networking Support Program-Association for Progressive Communications (APC WNSP) and a range of other feminist communicators and women's rights organizations, including Feminist International Radio Endeavour (FIRE), Tactical Technology Collective, Women Living Under Muslim Law, Women's Learning Partnership, World Pulse, Pathways of Women's Empowerment, Frontline Defenders, and Breakthrough TV.

The Feminist ICT Hub aims to: build the ICT capacity of women's rights advocates and organizations; raise awareness of the feminist politics and practices of technology; explore the links between communication rights and economic power; and provide feminist communicators with a space from which to cover the 2012 AWID Forum. This hub will offer selected breakout sessions, skills-sharing, and open mike. Other activities will include: a space to produce content on the Forum, resources and support on ICT's to advance women's rights and transform economic power, security and privacy clinics, the FIREplace from Feminist International Radio Endeavour, and video and digital story screenings.

The Feminist ICT Hub is located on the upper level of the conference centre, Kasimpasa 5 Room.

ACTIVITIES

Breakout Sessions

Look for the Feminist ICT Hub icon in the Breakout Sessions list for detailed descriptions of these sessions.

- Harnessing the Power-Politics of Information: The new edge for women's empowerment
- New Ways of Seeing: The Visual/ Artistic expression and valuing of feminist social justice work
- Visualising Women's Work: Using information design in advocacy for women's rights
- Visioning Cultures Free From Violence
- Mobilizing for Economic Empowerment with the Participatory Web
- No One Speaks for Me, I Speak for Myself: Navigating new technologies to transform gender equality
- Visualising Women's Empowerment: Using film as activism

Lunch Time Caucus

Using Mass Media for the Women's Movement

Access Resources and Support

Space to access and share examples of the successful use of ICTs to advance women's rights and transform economic power.

- Using ICTs and PulseWire to achieve empowerment and community leadership
- Examples of successful use of ICTs
- Securing your laptop
- One on one editing and animation intro
- Basic photo editing

Content Community

A space for feminist communicators to produce Forum content through writing, blogging, tweeting, producing podcasts, videos, and sharing pictures.

FIREplace

Feminist International Radio Endeavour (FIRE) and partners invite participants to join them at their FIREplace. Bring your voice, your ideas, and your experience.

Security and Privacy Clinics

- Why is privacy and security a feminist issue?
- Why is it important to be safe online as a sexuality or VAW activist?
- Email encryption
- https everywhere and safe browsing
- Mobile phones and security

Skills Sharing

- Video for Advocacy, Witness
- Strategic Communication Skills, Genre en Action
- Visualising Evidence for Advocacy Around Women's Rights, Tactical Technology Collective (TTC)
- Using Social Media in Advocacy Campaigns, Women's Learning Partnership

Video's and Digital Story Screenings

Watch a range of inspiring videos and digital stories on transforming economic power.

YOUNG FEMINIST CORNER (YFC)

The Young Feminist Corner (YFC) is a community space for young women and allies organized by the Young Feminist Activism (YFA) Program at AWID with support from an advisory board of 11 young women activists from different regions of the world. The YFC is a space designed for and by young women but welcomes participants of all ages and generations interested in exploring the impact of economic power on young women's lives and activism. In addition to discussion sessions, peer-to-peer trainings and blogging activities led by young women, the YFC aims to create a support community for newcomers and young women attending the AWID 2012 Forum to help navigate the space, network, develop a deeper understanding of the Forum theme and build lasting relationships and friendships.

Thank you to the young feminist advisory board for all their support, ideas and committment: Felistah Mbithe, Kenya; Rosie Westerveld, France; Rachel Arinii, Indonesia; Paulini Turagabeci, Fiji; Salma El-Naqqash, Egypt; Mirriah Vitale, USA; Tania Edith Pariona Tarqui, Peru; Ana Maldonado, Ecuador; Ezgi Koçak, Turkey; Ostalinda Maya, Mexico/Spain.

Look for the Young Feminist Wire icon in the Breakout Sessions where young women are speakers or organizers.

The YFA Corner is located on the ground level of the conference centre, Sadabad Building, Foyer of the Sadabad Auditorium.

ACTIVITIES

When you have a minute…

- **Morning Coffee Chats:** Grab your morning coffee/tea and join us at the YFC for a quick chat before you start your day.
- **Dream Board:** Pick a card, write your activist goal to transform economic power and post it on the YFC dream board.
- **Around the World in 60 seconds:** Place a pin on our world map showcasing international, regional, and national young feminist initiatives.
- **Collective Mural:** Bring your art skills and help create a collective mural portraying young women's contributions to transforming economic power.
- **Wire Buttons:** Pick up Wire Buttons at the YFC to give to someone that you talked with about using social media tools to transform economic power.

Lunch @ YFC

Day 1: Opinion Charts: Come by the YFC and share your thoughts on what economic power means to you by adding to flip charts hung around the YFC describing ideas discussed at the YFA Day.

Day 2: Young Women Building Collective Action: Gather at the YFC to build proposals on how to transform economic power.

Day 3: Economic Power Multi-Lens: A discussion with women of various ages, generations and movements on their experiences with and responses to economic power.

Day 4: What next? Join us in a discussion on concrete follow-up strategies including participation in the ICPD +20 process and other international spaces.

Join the Forum Content Community by:

Blogging/Tweeting: Stop by the Feminist ICT Hub and join us in writing blogs and tweeting about your reflections of a session you attended… if you need space to reflect, come by the YFC and share your ideas with others.

Interviews and Videos: Join the YFC participants in interviewing young women and making videos to upload to the Young Feminist Wire and Forum youTube channel.

AWID MEMBERSHIP AREA

In the membership area you can learn more about the benefits of becoming an AWID member, find a range of AWID's latest publications and meet with our friendly membership and constituency engagement staff ready to answer any questions you may have about membership.

AWID Membership Meeting: Join us in Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary!

At the 2012 Forum, AWID members will come together to celebrate AWID's 30th anniversary. Lydia Alpizar, AWID Executive Director, and Lina Abou-Habib, AWID Board President, will share highlights from our 30 year history of collectively working to strengthen women's movements to advance women's rights and gender equality worldwide. Members of our Board of Directors, who are elected by the AWID membership, will share highlights from the important work they undertake and information on how you could join them as a Board member by participating in the upcoming board elections!

Join us at the AWID membership meeting and explore how we can continue to work together to strengthen the voice, impact and influence of women's rights advocates, organizations and movements. All AWID Members attending the Forum are invited to participate!

The AWID Membership Area is located on the ground level of the conference centre, Gallery 2.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

There are 139 breakout sessions during the Forum. These are self-organized sessions of 1.5 hours each. Proposals for breakout sessions were submitted in response to the Call for Proposals. These were reviewed and then selected by the Forum International Planning Committee in a thorough process which took into account relevance to the Forum theme and methodology; and also a balanced overall Forum program to reflect the diversity of women's rights organizing, regions, and constituencies. The selection process was extremely challenging as we recieved 800 high quality proposals. Thank you to all who submitted proposals.

…7 Hours and 55 Minutes: Exploring money and work in sex work

"7 Hours 55 Minutes" is an educational tool designed by sex-workers for others to understand how we do what we do, not counting the five minutes we spend having sex, and to see where does sex-worker money go? Participants take on roles and pass through true life situations.

PRESENTERS: **SACHUMI MAYOE, JIRAWAN PHOBKHWAMSAT, ELIZABETH CAMERON, RACHAEL MCGUIN, SAOWAROT SUKKLOM**

ORGANIZERS: **EMPOWER FOUNDATION**

A Day in the Lives of Peruvian Rural Women

Short animated video: A Day in the Lives of Quechua and Aymara Women and Men aiming to make visible the participation of women and men in domestic, care, agricultural and market work, to then make development proposals from a feminist economics approach.

PRESENTERS: **ROSA DEL CARMEN VILCHEZ CÁCERES, NIDIA IVONNE SANCHEZ GUERRERO**

ORGANIZERS: **MOVIMIENTO MANUELA RAMOS**

A Dialogue on the Role of MDBs in Advancing Women´s Rights and Economic Empowerment

Women´s economic empowerment is receiving more attention than ever within many multilateral development banks (e.g. The World Bank's 2012 World Development Report focused on gender equality). We'll hear an array of perspectives from within and outside these institutions on their opportunities, challenges and realities for advancing women's rights.

PRESENTERS: **SHIREEN LATEEF, PIERELLA PACI, ANDY MORRISON, MIRNA CUNNINGHAM, MARIA RIBARGOSO RAQUIZA, RACHEL MOUSSIE**

A Dialogue with Donors and Activists on Funding Women's Economic Rights, Not Women's Economic Rescue

Current discourses identify women's economic engagement as a strategy to improve economic indicators, ignoring root causes of women's poverty and shifting donors' focus away from promoting women's rights. This session will explore strategies to challenge instrumentalist views and to promote a discourse focused on women's rights.

PRESENTERS: **ANASUYA SENGUPTA, SUSAN JESSOP, SANGEETA BUDHIRAJA**

ORGANIZERS: **GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN, ASTRAEA LESBIAN FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE, MAMA CASH**

A Dialogue with Kurdish Women

In addition to four Kurdish speakers, other Kurdish women participants are encouraged to join the audience for this session. How can we transform unfavorable political conditions through women's solidarity? On which issues we can come together and where are our differences about? We can find answers to these questions together.

PRESENTERS: **GÜLTAN KIŞANAK, NEVIN İL, CANAN TANRIKULU, HANDAN ÇAĞLAYAN**

Access to and Control of Resources

Patriarchal and cultural norms and practices deprive Indian rural women of access to resources and widened economic inequalities. Resources are crucial for women's livelihood and for asserting their rights. Land grab in India has further over-burdened their pressure. The session will highlight successful field tested strategies for advancing equal access to and distribution of resources.

PRESENTERS: **AGNES VIMALA, MAGIMAI APPAKUTTI, NATESAN FATHIMA**

ORGANIZERS: **TAMIL NADU DALIT WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, TAMIL NADU DALIT WOMEN'S FORUM**

Access to Water: Implications for gender equality and economic justice

Access to clean water is critical for life and livelihoods. Yet, millions of people lack access to clean water, often leaving women disproportionately affected. This session will explore causes of the water crisis, its impact on women, and discuss strategies to address these issues and achieve social and economic justice.

PRESENTERS: **EMEM OKON, SAYANTONI DATTA, DAO THI VIET NGA, SHALINI NATARAJ, TERRY ODENDAHL**

ORGANIZERS: **GLOBAL GREENGRANTS FUND, GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN**

Arts and Empowerment

Dr. Belen D. Calingacion is a professor of Speech Communication and Performance Studies in the University of the Philippines. Her scholarly interest is on the use of theatre and performance for rehabilitation and empowerment of at-risk youth and women. Her presentation focuses on her new creative-research involving incarcerated women.

PRESENTERS: **BELEN CALINGACION, ALMA QUINTO, MARILIE FERNANDEZ ILAGAN, MARIA VICTORIA ILAGAN**

ORGANIZERS: **DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN, KALIWAT THEATER COLLECTIVE, ARTISTS FOR CRISIS OF NCCA, PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL THEATER ASSOCIATION**

Austerity for the Poor and Bailouts for the Rich: Threats to equality, justice and human rights in the United States

This panel will examine the debt crisis and its impact on economic justice in the United States, situating the crisis within the context of permanent insecurity for particular communities. Austerity's impact on low-income women, communities of color and indigenous communities will be unpacked and feminist responses will be shared.

PRESENTERS: **EJIM DUKE, BHUMIKA MUCHHALA, RADHIKA BALAKRISHNAN**

Big Bold Giving for Women and Girls: Cultural and financia issues. The Women Moving Millions Campaign

Income inequality is rising in most countries of the global north, led by the United States. One effect has been a truly striking rise in philanthropy. Is there some good that can come of it in the short term? Join us for a fascinating discussion of the costs and benefits, through the example of the Women Moving Millions Campaign.

PRESENTERS: **LAURIE EMRIC, GAEL SYLVIA PULLEN, TRACY GARY**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN MOVING MILLIONS AND INSPIRED LEGACIES**

Bringing Gender to the Streets: Young women amidst the Arab uprisings

From holding women's marches in Tahrir to developing sexual harassment campaigns, this panel will address the role of young women organizing in advancing women's rights as part of the Arab uprisings' agenda and highlighting the importance of transforming gender power dynamics and relationships as key to achieving democracy.

PRESENTERS: **ENGY GHOZLAN, GHAIDAA AL ABSI, KHOULOUD MAHDHAOUI, SARA ABU GHAZAL**

MODERATOR: GHADEER MALEK

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Building a Stronger United Nations for Women: One year after UN women's creation

Join the GEAR Campaign in celebrating and exploring UN Women's first year in operation at Building a Stronger United Nations for Women. Panelists will provide brief presentations on the current status of civil society partnership with UN Women and will offer thoughts on potential directions forward.

PRESENTERS: **CHARLOTTE BUNCH, MABEL BIANCO, ALEXANDRA GARITA, BANDANA RANA, CHANTAL KAMBIWA**

ORGANIZERS: **GEAR CAMPAIGN, CWGL, WEDO, IWHC, BAHA'I INTERNATIONAL, WFM-IGP, IPPF-WHR**

Building Alliances to Claim Migrant Women's Human Rights

Join an interactive session to explore causes of migration and impacts on women; to strategize on impacting both macro-economic and migration policy; and to bridge gaps between global women's human rights activists and migrant women's and labor organizations to advance migrant women's human rights.

PRESENTERS: **CATHERINE TACTAQUIN, FILOMENITA HOEGSHOLM, EVE GEDDIE, LIZY JOSEPH, HANNY BEN ISRAEL**

ORGANIZERS: **NATIONAL NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS, K.U.L.U-WOMEN & DEVELOPMENT DENMARK AND WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT EUROPE, PLATFORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT, NATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS MOVEMENT, KAV LAOVED, WOMEN AND GLOBAL MIGRATION NETWORK**

Building Back Better: Empowering women in post-conflict economic recovery

This session will address the links between economic power, gender, and peace. It explores how changes in women's economic activities in conflict areas have an impact on broader power relations. We will also debate strategies to consolidate positive transformations in gender relations through economic recovery policies.

PRESENTERS: **CHITRA NAGARAJAN, NDEYE SOW, REINEIRA ARGUELLO**

ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL ALERT AND GENDER ACTION FOR PEACE AND SECURITY (GAPS UK)**

Building Feminist Movements for Economic Justice

Women's movements are being challenged to organize and build collective power in the face severe threats posed by the economic, financial, food, energy and environmental crises. This Movement Building 101 session will expose what movement building really means—come strategize with others about how to build strong feminist movements for economic justice.

PRESENTERS: **SRILATHA BATLIWALA, MARIA POBLET**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Building Transformative and Alternative Visions and Practices to Sustain the LIves and Work of Women Human Labour Rights Activists

A crucial smouldering issue for women workers, human labour rights activists is the sustainability of their work, lives, and resources for women's rights. The focus of this workshop is to share initiatives and practices of groups already experimenting with creative means to sustain themselves towards building new strategies.

PRESENTERS: **LUCIA VICTOR JAYASEELAN, LEAN CHAN, YUEN MAN SO, LIN CHEW, YOSE HOHNE-SPARBOTH**

ORGANIZERS: **INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

Call to the Importance of Capacity Building on Economics and Women´s Rights: Challenges, gaps, and opportunities

Economic policy is a critical area for feminist activists to push for transformation. This session will present a mapping of capacity-building opportunities on economics and women's rights. Groups engaged in skills-building comment on the results of the mapping, providing a springboard for strategic discussions on present gaps and ways forward to foster existing learning programmes.

PRESENTERS: **USU MALLYA, NORMA SANCHIS, KINGA LOHMANN, ELAINE ZUCKERMAN**

Can Monitoring and Evaluation be Feminist?

Women's organizations are leading complex social change processes that are political and feminist. Why can't the same be true of our monitoring and evaluation practices? Women's organizations are being pressed to show why donor resources are making a difference, attend this session and help build our collective learning around feminist assessment and M&E.

PRESENTERS: **SRILATHA BATLIWALA, CAITLIN STANTON, ANASUYA SENGUPTA, GEETANJALI MISRA**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Capacity-building for Economic Ventures Based on Empowerment with a Focus on Financial Services, Personal Development, Organizing, and Political Advocacy

We will have a discussion about building economic alternatives from an approach in which credit is conceived of as a entry-point to holistic empowerment. The business management training material Empowering Women Entrepreneurs will be presented at the session as a basis for the discussion.

PRESENTERS: **MALENA DE MONTIS, MARIELA ITZEL ARCE ANDARDE**

ORGANIZERS: **FONDO DE DESARROLLO PARA LA MUJER, MAR DE CAMBIOS, JASS**

Challenging Conventional Market Models by Creating Access to Abortion and Safe Birth with Misoprostol in Countries where Abortion is Illegal

Presentations of alternative models to support access to safe abortion and safe birth with misoprostol that also create an income without excluding women without financial means. There will be examples of a telemedical service women on web and grassroots organizations in Tanzania and Kenya.

PRESENTERS: **KINGA JELINSKA, FELISTAH NGUI, MARTHA IBRAHIM, REBECA GOMPERTS, SUSAN DAVIES**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN ON WAVES**

Challenging Economic Power: Women's economic and social rights

Women's socio-economic rights are critical for advancing women's economic empowerment and understanding how to engage and change economic power structures. Participants in this session will better understand how to use the human rights framework in this struggle.

PRESENTERS: **REBECCA BROWN, LEILANI FARHA, XIMENA ANDION IBANEZ**

ORGANIZERS: **ESCR-NET, CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS, CENTRE FOR EQUALITY RIGHTS IN ACCOMMODATION, GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS,**

Changing Climate, Changing Leadership through the Community Resilience Fund: A 12 country pilot

The panel will present the Community Resilience Fund, which advances an alternative approach to bringing grassroots women's priorities to disaster and climate resilience programs. This mechanism empowers grassroots women to undertake public roles that drive disaster and climate resilience, to build and protect the asset base of poor communities.

PRESENTERS: **JOYCE NANGOBI, GODAVARI DANGE, RELINDA SOSA, MARLING RODRIGUEZ CERROS**

ORGANIZERS: **GROOTS INTERNATIONAL, COMITE DE EMERGENCIA GARIFUNA-HONDURAS, CONAMOVIDI-PERU, SWAYAM SHIKSHAN PRAYOG-INDIA**

Cleaning up Global Supply Chains: Lessons from twenty years of combining local organizing, international solidarity, and corporate campaigning

Through an interactive talk-show session, representatives from four leading organizations in the international women's labour rights movement that are active in the garment and electronics sectors will share and debate their reflections on gains and setbacks of the last decade and more and priorities for the coming period.

PRESENTERS: **INEKE ZELDENRUST, JUNE ROSE HARTLEY, SANDRA RAMOS LÒPEZ, SZE WAN DEBBY CHAN, ANA ENRIQUEZ**

ORGANIZERS: **MAQUILA SOLIDARITY NETWORK, WOMEN WORKING WORLDWIDE, CLEAN CLOTHES CAMPAIGN, STUDENTS AGAINST CORPORATE MISBEHAVIOUR, MOVIMIENTO DE TRABAJADORAS Y DESEMPLEADAS, MARIA ELENA CUADRA**

Climate Justice and Reparations for Climate Debt:Feminist reflections and grassroots women's experiences and struggles

The session is open to all women's groups interested to take part or currently working on the Asian Climate Justice and Reparations for Climate Debt campaign. It aims to surface feminist perspectives on climate justice and the country and regional initiatives done to further strengthen the campaign.

PRESENTERS: **LYDINYDA NACPIL, WARDARINA THAIB, UMA CHOWDHURY, FLORA SANTOS, PUSPA DEWY, MANISHA SUBEDI POKHREL**

ORGANIZERS: **JUBILEE SOUTH ASIA PACIFIC MOVEMENT ON DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT, WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY-INDONESIA, JAGARAN NEPAL**

Collaborative Advocacy for Women's Economic Rights in Muslim Majority Countries

Discriminatory religious family laws sustain women's economic disenfranchisement by preserving gender inequities and inhibiting women's capabilities and opportunities. This panel will unearth the links between religious family law, economic injustice, and women's economic exclusion by exploring initiatives pertaining to land rights, inheritance laws, community organization, and advocacy.

PRESENTERS: **LAMYA HADI, SAWSAN ZAKZAK, AMINA LEMRINI**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN'S LEARNING PARTNERSHIP, COLLECTIVE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT ACTION**

Coming Out Fully Naked!

The literary and visual collection of homosexual and bisexual women's sexuality, body and harassment perceptions and stories will be shared with the participants.

PRESENTERS: **NEVIN ÖZTOP, EZGI KOÇAK, ALIME WOHLERS**

ORGANIZERS: **KAOS GEY LEZBIYEN KÜLTÜREL ARAŞTIRMALAR VE DAYANIŞMA DERNEĞI**

Commodification of Rights: Privacy and pleasure Inc.

Companies like Facebook are increasingly being invested with the power and responsibility to protect and defend a broad range of women's human rights. Our use and data helps consolidate their power, but what is at risk when rights are traded for profit? What can feminists do about it?

PRESENTERS: **JAC KEE, NIGHAT DAD, NADINE MOAWAD, VALENTINA PELLIZZER, JANINE MOOLMAN**

ORGANIZERS: **ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS WOMEN'S NETWORKING SUPPORT PROGRAMME, BYTES FOR ALL, OWPSEE, BEKHSOOS.COM QUEER ARAB WEEKLY**

Concept of Dignity: A transformative approach to human rights

The panel will explore how the concept of dignity provides a more holistic approach to human rights grounded in people's realities. It will advocate for a new approach where the state is a dignity inspired entity and where the provisioning sector disciplines the state which then disciplines the market.

PRESENTERS: **PRITI DAROOK, BARBARA PHILLIPS, VERNIE DIANO, SUHA QATAMESH**

ORGANIZERS: **PWESCR**

Confronting Corporate Control and Access over Land and Productive Resources: Securing our rights and strengthening our movements

Rural women's rights to access and control productive resources are hampered by aggressive corporate control and gender disparities. The session hopes to come up with the struggles, lessons and key strategies from women's movements who resisted corporate control and asserted their rights to their land, resources and livelihood.

PRESENTERS: **SAROJINI VIJAYA RENGAM, VIRGINIA DAMMAY, IRENE FERNANDEZ, NATESAN FATHIMA**

ORGANIZERS: **ARWC**

Connecting Contours: Sexuality, economic power and development

The session demonstrates that for women who do not conform to the standards of a compulsory hetero-normative life in South Asia, violations of sexual rights have an economic impact. Their economic rights get violated in relation to even widely accepted development issues in the region, such as housing, livelihood, and migration.

PRESENTERS: **DEBOLINA DUTTA, SUBEN DHAKAL, MANIQUE GUNARATNE, MAHEEN SULTAN**

ORGANIZERS: **CREA**

Connecting the Dots: Promoting the sustainability of women's labor rights initiatives

A dynamic, multi-media talk show in which the audience will be tasked with creating a map to connect stakeholders with successful initiatives presented by leaders of women's labor rights organizations in Mexico and Asia.

PRESENTERS: **LYNDA YANZ, JULIA QUIÑONEZ, LAKSHMI BHATIA, AH KA**

ORGANIZERS: **SEMILLAS**

Coordinaton of Strategies for UN Women

The creation of UN Women has been celebrated as a success of the joint strategies of the women's and feminist movements all over the world, setting the equality agenda as an integral component of democracy. What should the role of UN Women be in the current global context? What are the tensions and challenges?

PRESENTERS: **LILIAN ELMIRA CELIBERTI ROSAS, KATIA URIONA, ALEJANDRA SCAMPNI, LUCY GARRIDO**

ORGANIZERS: **ARTICULACIÓN FEMINISTA MARCOSUR**

Corporeal Connections: Dis/ability and the body as currency in sexuality, work, and care

Disability rights activists address the role of social attitudes to non-normative bodies in shaping access to sexuality, work, and care. Examples of disabled women's lives and art will enable analysis of the corporeal economics of interconnected spaces; challenge the prejudice of devalued embodiment; and address non-disabled privilege.

PRESENTERS: **SVJETLANA TIMOTIC, JANET PRICE, NILUKA GUNAWARDENA, ESTHER VONK**

ORGANIZERS: **IZ KRUGA VOJVODINA**

Creating a Culture of Peace for Economic Transformation: Skills to empower, knowledge to transcend

Want to mobilize your resources and learn new skills? Join us for a skills-building workshop on creating a paradigm shift based on the principles behind the Siglo XXIII movement, a process of social transformation through culture, cooperation, sustainability, equality--within a Culture of Peace.

PRESENTERS: **VIVIANA BERNAL, KRISTEN KANE-OSORTO, MARTA BENAVIDES, KATHERINE MCGHEE**

ORGANIZERS: **SIGLO XXIII, MUSEO AJA, AND FEMNIST TASK FORCE**

Developing Feminist Policies and Concrete Proposals on Violence Against Women

In this session, independent feminist women's groups in Turkey will develop collective strategies to make sure that public institutions responsible for fighting against domestic violence targeting women spend their resources on this struggle. There will also be the opportunity to share experiences with women from other countries.

PRESENTERS: **ÜLFET TAYLI, GÜLŞEN AL, REYHAN KAPLAN, NILÜFER YILMAZ**

ORGANIZERS: **CENTRAL COMPONENTS OF THE WOMEN'S SHELTERS AND COUNSELING/ SOLIDARITY CENTERS CONGRESS**

Disabled Women Access to Economic Resources and Justice

The panel will be in three parts In the first part three panalists will talk on three main topics: (a) women with disablity around the globe and challenges, (b) disable women between tradition and religion in Islamic countries, (c) Disabled Afghan women.

PRESENTERS: **JAMILA AFGHANI, FAZAL KAKAR, MAHFOOZA FOLAD**

ORGANIZERS: **NECDO, FSECO, JAF**

Don't Talk to Us About Sewing Machines – Talk to Us About Workers Rights

Sex work is work. Trafficking is as an issue of poverty that causes many women to willingly or unwillingly enter into agreements with traffickers because they seek to escape and explore better livelihoods. This session will reflect on the evidence base and the experiences of sex worker rights organisations in this area.

PRESENTERS: **MEENA SESHU, LAURA AGUSTIN, SACHUMI MAYEO**

ORGANIZERS: **THE PAULO LONGO RESEARCH INITIATIVE, THE ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK OF SEX WORKERS**

Economic Justice for Lesbian Women: Setting an agenda

Interrogating the intersections between sexual orientation, gender presentation, and poverty, and the resulting socio-economic barriers for lesbian women in Africa.

PRESENTERS: **PATRICIA CAVANAGH, FADZAI MUPARUTSA**

ORGANIZERS: **COALITION OF AFRICAN LESBIANS AND MEMBER ORGANISATIONS**

Economic Power and Development Alternatives: Proposals from peasant, indigenous and feminist movements in Latin America

We will present and discuss development alternatives to the neoliberal model. The paradigms of Well Being, Food Sovereignty and Agroecology that have emerged from the grassroots of the women's, peasant and indigenous movements in Latin America seek to guarantee the rights of access, control, and equitable distribution of natural resources, land, and water.

PRESENTERS: **FRANCISCA RODRIGUEZ HUERTA, ANA PAULA LOPES FERREIRA, PAMELA CARO MOLINA, RAQUEL ROMERO ZUMARAN**

ORGANIZERS: **CEDEM, ACTION AID BRASIL, COLECTIVO CABILDEO DE BOLIVIA**

Economic Solidarity: Raising funds and awareness for feminist activism through resource sharing

Let's get beyond the statistics on the underfunded women's movement and look at models of economic solidarity that pool women's knowledge and resources to generate unrestricted funds for our activism. This strategy-jam shares and debates about how women's organizations and funds define resources and ways to mobilize them.

PRESENTERS: **AMANDA GIGLER, ILUTA LACE, LINDA TO**

ORGANIZERS: **HER FUND AND CALALA WOMEN'S FUND**

Economic Violence is Gender Based Violence

Mainstream understandings of gender based violence typically focus on women's bodies, psychologies, and sexualities. This session explores the intersections between sexual, physical, and economic forms of gender based violence to call attention to less familiar forms of violence that impact the economic lives of women sex workers around the world.

PRESENTERS: **TOSH LEGORENG, ANA LUZ MAMANI SILVA, MARIANN BODZAR, SARAH WALKER**

ORGANIZERS: **MAMA CASH, SISONKE BOTSWANA, GUYANA SEX WORK COALITION, MUJERES DEL SUR, AMIHAN**

Exploring Feminist Analyses and Proposals Towards Economic Justice

Three years into the current crisis, the disproportionate impact on women continues. This session will examine key aspects of the present global context, including the specific political and economic realities women face. Feminist initiatives that challenge the mainstream development model will be discussed, as will potential sites for their advancement.

PRESENTERS: **LOIS WOESTMAN, KINDA MOHAMADIEH, ALMA ESPINO, WENDY HARCOURT**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Exploring the Contexts that Enable Violence Against Women Human Rights Defenders: Reflections from the WHRD International Coalition 2005-2011

WHRDs face violence both for what they do and for who they are. Much has changed since the initial coining of the term in 2005, increased recognition of WHRDs, understanding of contexts, and improving response mechanisms. This session will reflect on the evolving work to defend and protect WHRDs.

PRESENTERS: **SUNILA ABEYSEKERA, DANNA INGLETON, DILCIA ZAVALA ZUÑIGA, LEYLA YUNUS**

ORGANIZERS: **WHRD INTERNATIONAL COALITION AND AWID**

Feminism, Queer Activism and BDS: A global movement for political change and palestinian rights

This interactive workshop will discuss ways of starting and joining effective, context-sensitive Boycott Divestment and Sanctions campaigns, based on the 2005 Palestinian civil society BDS call. The workshop will also give a short summary of the BDS movement's successes, and closely examine some case studies of successful boycott

PRESENTERS: **LYNN DARWICH, HANEEN MAIKEY**

ORGANIZERS: **QUEERS AGAINST ISRAELI APARTHEID, PALESTINIAN QUEERS FOR BDS**

Feminist Economics Contribution to the Development Debate in Latin America

This session organized by GEM-LAC will discuss to what extent the current economic transformation in Latin America ranks as real change in development patterns, and what are the consequences for women´s lives and gender equality, and how feminist issues should be included in the debate and in concrete policies.

PRESENTERS: **CORINA RODRIGUEZ ENRIQUEZ, LUCÍA PÉREZ FRAGOSO**

ORGANIZERS: **GEMLAC - CONICET/CIEPP**

From Dependence toIndependence: How applying an economic development model with gender perspective can support survivors become empowered and free

In this workshop we plan to explore, both theoretically and practically, how implementing an economic development model with gender perspective focused on working class and poor women who are survivors of gender violence can support these women's ability to to become empowered to transform their economic and personal lives.

PRESENTERS: **TANAGRA MELGAREJO PULIDO, AMÁRILIS PAGÁN-JIMÉNEZ, RAQUEL DELGADO-VALENTIN**

ORGANIZERS: **PROYECTO MATRIA, INC.**

From Remittances to Strangling Debts: The paradox between the biggest remittance senders and their own debt-loaded situation

Women migrant workers face huge problems in their care for their children. Not only are children left behind, but also those born abroad. Through analysis of actual case studies and discernment of the stumbling blocks, the session aims to build strategies towards more economical and spiritual independence of this group.

PRESENTERS: **MAGDALENA SITORUS, LIENDA WATI, EVIE PERMATA SARI, JUNE BECKX**

ORGANIZERS: **SAPA INDONESIA**

From the Beijing Platform to Resolution 1325: Military expenditure and its consequences for women's security

Even though military means can not fix the global and human security threats of today the enormous spendings on war and conflict continue to break new records each year. At the same time women are denied their economic and social rights each day. How does militarism affect you?

PRESENTERS: **AILHYN BOLAÑOS, ANNIR MATUNDU, XIMENA CORREAL CABEZAS, JOY ONYESOH**

ORGANIZERS: **WILPF INTERNATIONAL: (COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DRC, NIGERIA, SWEDEN), PEACEWOMEN**

Funding Landscape: Setting the tone

To set the tone and informative foundation for the Resource Mobilization Hub, this first session will offer an overview of funding landscape drawing on the results of the Global Survey 2011 Where is The Money for Women's Rights? as well as offer broad analysis and political framing on funding trends.

PRESENTERS: **ANGELIKA. ARUTYUNOVA, EMILIENNE DE LION, ROSALIND EYBEN, PATTY O'NIEL**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Gender and Regional Economic Integration in Africa: A sustainable response to the global crisis and Africa's development challenges

The global financial and economic crisis has renewed the focus on regional integration as a key strategy for Africa's structural transformation, development, and poverty reduction. Gender equality and equity must necessarily be part of this key aspect of Africa's development discussion.

PRESENTERS: **DZODZI TSIKATA, JANE NALUNGA, PAULINE VANDE-PALLEN**

ORGANIZERS: **THIRD WORLD NETWORK AFRICA**

Gender Equality and Women's Rights in the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation: Strategies for implementation

The session will include a book launch and reflections on engendering the development effectiveness in Africa. FEMNET and partners will share the experiences; highlight the persistent challenges and explore strategies that feminists and women's rights organisations should use in advocating to implement

the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

PRESENTERS: **ROSELYN MUSA, MARREN BUKACHI, DINAH MUSINDARWEZO**

ORGANIZERS: **FEMNET, EASSI**

Gender-Responsive Governance of Land: Women's land rights struggles, challenges, and lessons

This session brings forth experiences from across the global south, on struggles of women to secure their rights to land and other natural assets; what has worked and what has not, and exploring positive lessons and best practices as well as their replicability.

PRESENTERS: **DZODZI TSIKATA, PATRICIA CHAVES, CATHERINE GATUNDU**

ORGANIZERS: **ACTIONAID INTERNATIONAL, EKTA PARISHAD, HUAIROU COMMISSION**

Gender, Economic and Ecological Justice in a Fierce New World: Perspectives of young women from the economic south

The panel will explore the current patterns of economic growth in Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America and its impacts on the environment and women's access to sustainable livelihoods. Panelists will also analyze some market based solutions to climate change and discuss why they should be challenged in national and global arenas.

PRESENTERS: **HIBIST KASSA, LICE COKANASIGA, NICOLE BIDEGAIN**

ORGANIZERS: **DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES WITH WOMEN FOR A NEW ERA, FIJI**

Gender, Religion and Politics, an Explosive Mix: The cases of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico

This table will examine the power of the Catholic Church in three Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil and Mexico), identifying cultural, political and economic issues. It will also debate the concept of secularism as a key strategy to confront the influence of the Catholic Church and advance sexual and reproductive rights in the region.

PRESENTERS: **JUAN MARCO VAGGIONE, JOSE FONTELAS ROSADO NUNES, MARIA TERESA BOSIO, MARIA CONSUELO MEIKA PINEROS**

ORGANIZERS: **CDD MEXICO, CDD BRASIL, CDD ARGENTINA**

Grassroots Organizing and Accountability Strategies for Valuing Women's Leadership in the Expanding Care Economy

Recasting public value for women's voluntary and caring roles, grassroots leaders press for state acknowledgment and validation for their contributions to the care economy from thousands of African home-based caregivers negotiating public support for their response to HIV and AIDS to Turkish and Czech networks securing government recognition and jobs in family support and education.

PRESENTERS: **SHORAI CHITONGO, RUT KOLÍNSKÁ, SENGUL AKCAR, BEAUTY MASANABO**

ORGANIZERS: **GROOTS INTERNATIONAL GROOTS KENYA, KEDV, CZECH MOTHERS CENTERS NETWORK**

Grassroots Rural Women Leaders Striving for Just Livelihoods in the Face of Global Environmental and Climate Challenges

Women from the Global South, as significant food producers, seed savers, and resource managers, are on the frontlines addressing environmental and climate crises. This session will make connections between women's rights and increasing environmental and climate crises and how women are leading change across communities to improve their food and economic security.

PRESENTERS: **RUCHA CHITNIS, KATHERINE ZAVALA, LUCIANA BAUTISTA PEDRO**

ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE, WOMEN'S EARTH ALLIANCE**

Grassroots Women and Local Government Partnerships to Drive the Demand for an Inclusive and Responsive State

This session features women-led strategies to increase participation, expand services and resources, and build accountability within local decision-making structures and processes. Women leaders who have created mechanisms within and outside government structures will lead the discussion and make recommendations on how to strengthen accountability and responsiveness of the state.

PRESENTERS: **MARÍA TERESA RODRÍGUEZ, JOCELYN VINCENTE ANGELES, PETRONILLA BUSIEKA, NASEEM SHAIKH SWAYAM**

ORGANIZERS: **MEMBERS OF THE HUAIROU COMMISSION, WOMEN AND PEACE, GROOTS INTERNATIONAL**

Harnessing the Power-Politics of Information: The new edge for women's empowerment

No capacity!, Not enough money! and Not realistic!. Small organisations especially face these challenges in transformative change work. Yet, solutions are possible. Where the State has dismally failed, developing community evaluative thinking to leverage small grants with strategic ICT use can literally put economic power into women's hands.

PRESENTERS: **ANGELA KUGA THAS, MOHAMMOD HOSSAIN, SYLVIE NIOMBO, BETTINA KOELLE**

ORGANIZERS: **APC WNSP**

Highlighting the InterSEXions: Sexuality, economy and LGBT rights

Come explore this highly under-documented intersection of realities. Examine the relationship between poverty and the denial of sexual rights, the ways in which sexuality is used to obscure public debate on economic policies or practices, and the best practices of groups working with economically disadvantaged LBT persons.

PRESENTERS: **LINDA BAUMANN, KIM VANCE, SUSIE JOLLY, KASHA NABAGESERA, ANNE MARIE KRISTINE LIM, JESSICA STERN**

ORGANIZERS: **ARC INTERNATIONAL, FREEDOM AND ROAM UGANDA, IGLHRC, QUEERS FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, GALANG, OUT-RIGHT NAMIBIA**

Home Based Work: Experience sharing

Home-based work is widespread and growing, and primarily done by women. Because women workers don't recognize themselves as workers, they don't get organized to pressure for necessary changes in this sphere. This session will share research and advocacy experiences on the visibility, organization, and public policies linked to home-based work.

PRESENTERS: **AYIEN KARAKULAK, GÜLCAN KAÇAN, NURCAN YALÇIN, SENIYE IŞIK**

ORGANIZERS: **EV EKSENLI ÇALIŞAN KADINLAR KOOPERATIFI**

How Fair is Fair Trade for Women?

Fair trade regimes aim to contribute to decent working conditions and environmental sustainability in global production chains. The adherence to social and environmental standards does not guarantee inclusion of standards for decent

work for women. Practitioners from East-Africa share strategies on how to address the gender bias within fair trade regimes.

PRESENTERS: **MAGGIE OPONDO, JOYCE GEMA, FLAVIA AMODING, MARY KAMBO**

ORGANIZERS: **HIVOS, WOMEN WORKING WORLDWIDE AND THEIR SOUTHERN PARTNERS**

How Much Does Abortion Cost?: Economic dimension of sexual and reproductive rights and health in Poland, Macedonia, Russia, and Slovakia

How does specific Central Eastern European economic context influence women's access to sexual and reproductive rights and health services, namely abortion. How does Eastern European economy influence women's access to abortion? Why is the tendency to restrict women's access to abortion in CEE growing and who benefits from it?

PRESENTERS: **KATARZYNA PABIJANEK, JULIA SPRONZ, ZUZANA NEMETHOVA, IUSTINA IONESCU**

ORGANIZERS: **ASTRA CENTRAL AND EUROPEAN WOMEN'S NETWORK FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND HEALTH, FEDERATION FOR WOMEN AND FAMILY PLANNING- ASTRA SECRETARIAT (POLAND), RUSSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (MACEDONIA), FREEDOM OF CHOICE (SLOVAKIA)**

Identifying Sites of Power: Using the political to transform the economic. A series of analytical tools for young women activists

As young feminist activists we see injustice and inequality, we feel the pain of our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our children and we want to help. However, far too often the politicians, the companies, the military, the wealthy, seem too powerful to resist and to overcome. In this session we promulgate a series of analytical tools designed to help young feminist activists identify sites of political power in their communities, in order to help design campaigns, build networks of power and resistance, and ultimately achieve social change.

PRESENTERS: **ANA GILLING**

ORGANIZERS: **WELLINGTON YOUNG FEMINISTS COLLECTIVE**

Impacts of the Environmental Policies of Green Capitalism on Territories, Peoples, and Livelihoods

The session will discuss environmental structural adjustment that favours the green economy, the systematic attack on the foundations of sustainability to promote the green economy, and ideas to challenge the increasing commodification and privatization of nature, to make recommendations for action by the women's movements.

PRESENTERS: **LUCIA SCHILD ORTIZ, SOUAD MAHMOUD, SALIMA SULTANA**

ORGANIZERS: **AMIGOS DE LA TIERRA INTERNACIONAL, MARCHA MUNDIAL DE LAS MUJERES**

Implementation of Gender Responsive Laws: Who decides allocation of resources?

This session will discuss how states allocate resources for the implementation of legislation, looking specifically at the allocation of resources for gender responsive legislation. Who decides how resources are to be allocated and what can activists do to ensure that there are sufficient resources are allocated.

PRESENTERS: **KAIRANGI SAMUELA, DAISY MOMOTARO, EDWINA KOTOISUVA, NEOMAI MARAVUAKULA**

ORGANIZERS: **FIJI WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT, PUNANGA TAUTURU INC**

Improbable Coalitions: Seeking New Dialogues on the politics of secularism, religion, and fundamentalisms

Struggles against fundamentalism, misogyny, and homophobia and transphobia on the one hand and Islamophobia, racism, and neocolonialism on the other have recently divided feminist and LGBT groups. How do these tensions impede work toward economic empowerment? How can we develop new thinking and broader coalitions that transcend the secularity-religion divide?

PRESENTERS: **RUPAL OZA, DINA MAHNAZ, PATRICIA CLOUGH, MOZN HASSAN**

ORGANIZERS: **SOUTH ASIA SOLIDARITY INITIATIVE, SANGAT, SEXUALITY POLICY WATCH, WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM-HUNTER COLLEGE, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF WOMEN AND SOCIETY**

Integrating HIV and Violence Against Women in National HIV Responses

Since 2011, Women Won't Wait promotes that the implementation of the UNAIDS Agenda for Women & Girls at country level addresses violence against women. Campaign leaders from countries report their experiences for integrating the VAW and HIV intersection into national AIDS responses, and how to solve problems and obstacles to achieve this.

PRESENTERS: **RUPAL OZA, DINA MAHNAZ, PATRICIA CLOUGH, MOZN HASSAN**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN WON'T WAIT, FUNDACIÓN PARA ESTUDIO E INVESTIGACIÓN DE LA MUJER**

Interfaith Perspectives on Religious Fundamentalisms and Women's Rights

Fundamentalist practices and interpretations of religious texts cut across various faith traditions around the globe, with women often prime targets for political, social, and economic discrimination. This session will present an interfaith dialogue addressing strategies for reform in light of fundamentalist influence on women's political and economic participation.

PRESENTERS: **MAHNAZ AFKHAMI, SINDI MEDAR-GOULD, JACQUELINE PITANGUY, LETTY POGREBIN**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN'S LEARNING PARTNERSHIP**

Invest in Women-it pays!

Investing in girls and women is not only the right thing to do, it also makes economic sense. Maternal mortality costs the world over 15 billion USD in lost productivity each year. This session will focus on linkages between the health and well being of girls and women and economic growth.

PRESENTERS: **JOANNA HOFFMAN, MABEL BIANCO**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN DELIVER**

Is Sexuality Education too Expensive?: Youth sexual and reproductive health and rights in Central and Eastern Europe

The session addresses the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in Central and Eastern Europe, especially in Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Poland. ASTRA Youth Network will describe the problems youth experience in access to reproductive health services and supplies, including sexuality education.

PRESENTERS: **MARTA SZOSTAK, ELIZABET DIMITROVA, TETIANA SLOBODIAN**

ORGANIZERS: **FEDERATION FOR WOMEN AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVING AS ASTRA YOUTH NETWORK SECRETARIAT**

"Krik? Krak!: dem cyant break we back": Narratives of challenge and change from the Caribbean

This session will expose some of the new threats and challenges facing Caribbean women – the fall-out of the global economic crisis, climate change, and threats to personal security with the spread of the drug culture and the accompanying crime and violence – from the perspective of young women, LGBT groups and domestic workers.

PRESENTERS: **MARSHA CADDLE, CARLA WALCOTT, LEBRECHTTA NANA OYE HESSE, KENITA PLACIDE, TONYA HAYNES, AMINA DOHERTY, MARIAMA WILLIAMS**

Laying the Foundation: Grassroots women's struggles for land as a tool for empowerment

Women's collective effort to secure tenure over land and resources is a powerful tool towards women's political, socia,l and economic empowerment. We will discuss how women from around the world have changed their lives socially, politically, and economically through collective organizing and advocacy actions.

PRESENTERS: **PATRICIA CHAVES, ROSEMARY PEREZ, MARLING HAYDEE RODRIGUEZ, ALHASSAN FATI, AYSE YONDER**

ORGANIZERS: **ESPACIO FEMINISTA, DAMPA, COMUNIDAD MARIA AUXILIADORA, HUAIROU COMMISSION, NORWEGIAN PEOPLE'S AID (SOUTH AFRICA), IDRC**

Leaders of Social Change or NGO for Services Feminists and Questions of Political and Economic Power in Africa

In this session, the connections between power, (economic and political), the state, and the women's movement will form the central basis of the discussion. It will also look at issues of democracy, women's political participation, and the advancement of an agenda that seeks to transform the social environment.

PRESENTERS: **AYESHA IMAM, MUTHONI WANYEKI, SARAH MUKASA, MARJORIE MBILINYI**

ORGANIZERS: **AFRICAN FEMINIST FORUM**

LGBTQI and Sex-Work as a Profession: A juxtaposition of legality, dignity, humanity and empowerment

Recognizing that sex-work industry provides means of livelihood to socially disadvantaged LGBTQI Community in South-Asia, it aims to analyse anti-processes which influence their economic and psychological wellbeing. It aims to seek and devise effective and comprehensive strategies for community empowerment through alternative practices: micro-finance, vocational training, and decriminalization of sex-work.

PRESENTERS: **MAHESWAR SATPATHY, LAXMI TAMANG**

ORGANIZERS: **NATIONAL CENTRE IN HIV SOCIAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN HIV AND AIDS (NEW DELHI), ORISSA**

Livelihood Challenges for Women in the Urban Informal Sector and Social Justice Initiatives as Response

Using examples from Papua New Guinea of challenges, vulnerabilities, and activist initiatives of and for women living urban subsistent lifestyles, the session will explore the ways in which we can protect access to resources and urban collective spaces of socialization and exchange in the face of increasing postcolonial and neoliberal trajectories.

PRESENTERS: **YARDENA TANKEL, SUSAN SETAE, SALLY MOKIS, ANITA LACEY**

ORGANIZERS: **PAPUA HAHINE SOCIAL ACTION FORUM (PAPUA NEW GUINEA), AUTONOMOUS FEMINISTS AOTEAROA (NEW ZEALAND)**

Local Resistance to Exclusionary Globalization: Environmental, afro-descendants and migrant movements in Colombia, Brazil, and Spain

The session will present several experiences of local women's organizations in Salvador de Bahia (Brazil), Cartagena (Colombia), Granada (Spain), San Andrés y Providencia (Colombia) which, due to a context of exclusionary globalization, need to adapt their various modes of resistance to new processes of solidarity-based economics and counter-hegemonic power.

PRESENTERS: **DIANA CAROLINA ESCOBAR BLANCO, YUSMIDIA SOLANO SUAREZ, LAURA DE LA ROSA SOLANO**

ORGANIZERS: **RED DE MUJERES DEL CARIBE, CORPORACIÒN MISS NANCY LAND, CORPORACIÒN DE MUJERES OROCOMAY, ASOCIACIÒN DE COLOMBIANAS INMIGRANTES ASOCIM**

Making the Case for Supporting Young Feminist Activism

Why fund young feminist activism? In recent years we have seen emerging paradigms and practices that aim to shift power and responsibility through more participatory approaches to grantmaking and capacity building. This session will explore interventions that engage young feminists in actively leading work to advance their rights and needs.

PRESENTERS: **AMINA DOHERTY, JESSICA HORN, ESTHER LEVER, KIM WOLF, SHAKIRA SIMMONS**

ORGANIZERS: **FRIDA**

Media Power: Economic policy, sexuality, and transformation

The focal point of the session is to strategize ways in which social and popular media can be utilized as vehicles for gender sensitive approaches to enhance awareness and develop entry points for policy makers and other stakeholders to create, implement, and sustain economic policies.

PRESENTERS: **TIA COOPER, TISHA NICKENIG, SANDRA REID**

Men as Providers: The unmaking of a legal fiction in muslim family laws

This panel presents findings from a Musawah research project on rethinking and challenging the concept of qiwamah (male authority) in Muslim family laws, which legitimises and institutionalises a patriarchal model of family. It will also explore strategies to transform power relations in marriages in ways that can empower women.

PRESENTERS: **ZIBA MIR-HOSSEINI, LYNN WELCHMAN, NANI ZULMINARNI, MEGHANA BAHAR**

ORGANIZERS: **MUSAWAH, GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR EQUALITY, JUSTICE IN THE MUSLIM FAMILY**

Militarisation, Conflict and Violence Against Women: Instruments of control and economic accumulation within the capitalist, patriarchal system

Conflict and militarisation are expressions of violence made natural within the patriarchal and capitalist systems, and the means used by these systems to maintain their dominance and control. In this panel, feminist activists will examine the inherent links between militarisation, VAW, patriarchy and capitalism, based on WMW analysis and action.

PRESENTERS: **JO ENRICA JEAN ROSALES, ADÈLE SAFI KAGARABI, CELIA ALLDRIDGE, YILDEZ TEMURTURKAN**

ORGANIZERS: **WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN**

Mobilizing for Economic Empowerment with the Participatory Web

Information and communication technologies have brought together remote areas of the world, expanding consciousness of discrepancies in women's and girls' social and economic status. This skills workshop focuses on how activists can leverage social networking technologies to mobilize for women's equal participation and access to the economic sphere.

PRESENTERS: **ASMA KHADER, NEZHA BELKACHLA, KARIMA CHEBBO, YEWANDE OKOYA**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN'S LEARNING PARTNERSHIP, SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL INSTITUTE (JORDAN), ASSOCIATION DEMOCRATIQUE DES FEMMES DU MAROC**

MONIYANEMA: Development conceived and driven by indigenous women in situations of displacement and vulnerability in Bogota, Colombia

MONIYANEMA signifies the tree of plenty, around which a group of indigenous women in Bogota who are confronting armed conflict, displacement and discrimination, have implemented a process of community organization through an economic and social enterprise they have developed and that they want to replicate in other parts of Colombia.

PRESENTERS: **M. BEGONA DORRONSORO VILLANUEVA, MARIA CLEMENCIA HERRERA NEMERAYEMA**

ORGANIZERS: **CORPORACIÓN CULTURAL Y ECOLÓGICA MUJER, TEJER Y SABERES MUTESA, KCD KULTURA, COMMUNICATION Y DESARROLLO**

Movement Building for Grassroots Women's Economic Empowerment: Cooperative organizing at scale in Turkey, South Asia, and Latin America

Grassroots panelists from Turkey, Brazil, Nicaragua, and India will describe the alternative economic organizing strategies (new forms of cooperatives and community enterprise networks) their groups have created to stengthen women's access and control over resources and transform power relations. They will discuss the types of support and alliances needed.

PRESENTERS: **AYSE TEMIZTAS, GÜLTAN BINGÖL, NEREIDE SEGALA, HAYDEE RODRIGUEZ, AY_E YÖNDER**

ORGANIZERS: **FOUNDATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S WORK, GROOTS INTERNATIONAL**

Moving the Social Protection Floor and Rethinking the Bachelet Report

The current paradigm shift to social protection is based on those in market work, whether formal or informal. This continues to leave women working unpaid out of the picture. Public debt, deepening poverty, increased unemployment and under-employment have increased risks and vulnerability in the unpaid work economy. Panellists address recent research and applied strategies that rethink social protection agendas.

PRESENTERS: **ESTHER EGHOBAMIEN, MEENA SHIVDAS, THEMBI GAMA, ELIZABETH REID**

ORGANIZERS: **COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT**

New Ways of Seeing: The visual/artistic expression and valuing of feminist social justice work

Feminist social justice work necessitates new ways of seeing. We are interested in the question what difference can this work make? The transformative aspects of arts-informed methodologies, for example, photography, digital storytelling, and poetic inquiry offer promising entry points into both seeing social change and having social change seen.

PRESENTERS: **JACQUELINE HART, AMY HILL, CLAUDIA MITCHELL**

ORGANIZERS: **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT; CENTER FOR DIGITAL STORYTELLING, MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

No Economic Justice without Gender Justice: Building inclusive movements for change

This interactive panel will bring together leaders of organisations at the centre of economic justice movements, to discuss the critical issue of how these movements understand gender equality and women's economic rights. It is organised in association with the BRIDGE Cutting Edge Programme on Gender and Social Movements.

PRESENTERS: **WENDY HARCOURT, ATILA ROQUE, YAO GRAHAM, SHALMALI GUTTAL**

ORGANIZERS: **BRIDGE AT THE INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES WITH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP.**

No One Speaks for Me, I Speak for Myself: Navigating new technologies to transform gender equality

With the belief that every woman deserves the freedom and forum to speak for herself and build a global network of support, this workshop will train participants to harness the power of Web 2.0 through World Pulse's online community platform, PulseWire to connect across borders and accelerate change.

PRESENTERS: **LEAH OKEYO ES**

ORGANIZERS: **WORLD PULSE**

Occupy: A space for a feminist politic?

Within the context of people's movements globally, this panel will examine feminism(s) within the Occupy movement. Feminist agendas and strategies will be shared, and their inclusion in Occupy's structure grappled with. Given political differences among feminists, an examination of the politics within feminist spaces will take place.

PRESENTERS: **MARIA POBLET, EMI KANE, JODIE EVANS**

One Step Forward Two Back?: Women's gains in access to land, labour and consumption – what does the evidence show?

We analyse what women have really gained with improved rights on land, labour markets, consumer goods while facing increasing economic injustice. Womens movements have won some individual rights we debate where next for us in the face of a new race for resources where collective rights are being lost.

PRESENTERS: **NANA AICHA, KIRTANA CHANDRASEKARAN, ANABELA LEMOS, MIRIAM NOBRE**

ORGANIZERS: **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL, WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN**

Ongoing Dilemmas: Religion, fundamentalisms and human rights

What complications has the use of religion presented to the normative system of human rights? How can we better ensure that the system and language of human rights is not appropriated and misused? What are some innovative measures that can be used to bring accountability to challenge and expose fundamentalisms?

PRESENTERS: **PAM SPEES, SUNILA ABEYSEKERA, PATRICIA CAVANAGH, ZAINAH ANWAR, MARIA JOSÉ ROSADO NUNES**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Portrayal of Sexual Liberation and Economics

Class difference in Egypt is used to justify sexual oppression. Between March-December 2011, women became an

integral part of the national liberation movement through social mobilization, instead of reinforcing a conservative women's agenda. Class and sexual discrimination play out in examples of virginity testing and the "'blue bra girl".

PRESENTERS: **NAWARA BELAL, SALMA EL-NAQQASH, TAREK ABD EL SALAM**

ORGANIZERS: **NAZRA FOR FEMINIST STUDIES**

Post-Busan: What are the priorities going forward for advancing women's rights in the context of development cooperation?

This session reflects on the road to Busan and the outcome of the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4). Particular focus is on the opportunities and challenges arising from HLF-4 and on discussing about priorities and ways forward, also considering the 2012 United Nations Development Cooperation Forum and other spaces and processes.

PRESENTERS: **MAYRA MORO-COCO, KATIA URIONA, SYLVIE JACQUELINE NDONGMO, URANTSOOJ GOMBOSUREN, ANNE SCHOENSTEIN**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID, APWLD, COORDINADORA DE LA MUJER, FEMNET**

Pursuing sexual freedom online: Findings from APC's Exploratory Research Online (ERoTics)

The mobilization of anxieties about sexuality has led to policies addressing online sexual content. Case studies from the Brazil, India, South Africa and the USA will be used to illustrate the ways hysteria has promoted sexually repressive policies, and strategies of resistance based on agency and community mobilization.

PRESENTERS: **JANDIRA CAVALCANTI, NICOLENE MCLEAN, INDIRA GANESH, MELISSA DITMORE, MANJIMA BHATTACHARJYA**

ORGANIZERS: **ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS, CLAM, SEXUALITY POLICY WATCH, JEANNE UNIVERSITY, SEX WORK AWARENESS (SOON TO BE RED UMBRELLA PROJECT)**

Raising issues of sexual rights in the transition economies: Invitation to dialog in a Central Asian Caravansaray

The session is organized by activists from Central Asia working with vulnerable groups (rural women, women with disabilities, LBT, sex-workers, women drug users) in a Caravansaray on the old Silk Road to discuss sexuality issues arising in transition economies.

PRESENTERS: **TATIANA TEMIROVA, ZHYLDYZ TOROBEKOVA, ZULFIYA BAISAKOVA, SAIDA INOYATOVA**

ORGANIZERS: **NGOS ALGA, ASTERIA, LABRIS (KYRGYZSTAN), UNION OF CRISIS CENTRES (KAZAKHSTAN), ISHTIROK (TAJIKISTAN)**

Rebellious Young Women Inherit their Mothers' and Grandmothers' Wisdom to Gain Autonomy

Through formal education and new technologies, young women obtain knowledge coming from a capitalist, market-oriented, and individual competitiveness political model. This kind of knowledge is far removed from the collective values and solidarity of the humanist culture practiced by their women ancestors.

PRESENTERS: **I MAFALDA EUGENIA GALDAMES CASTRO, MARÍA ANGÉLICA VALDERRAMA CAYUMAN, ROCIO IVONNE ALORDA ZELADA**

ORGANIZERS: **MARCHA MUNDIAL DE MUJERES (CHILE)**

Reclaiming Women's Economic Power in the Context of Militarism and Post-conflict Situations

What are the systemic challenges that war and militarism pose for the realization of women's economic power and how have women activists confronted them? GFW grantee partners from around the world share transformative visions and practices to reclaim women's agency in rebuilding peace and equitable economies.

PRESENTERS: **LIBKAN BAZAEVA, KARMEN RAMIREZ BOSCAN, NETSANET ODOI, LIZA HIDO**

ORGANIZERS: **ACTIVISTS FROM RUSSIA, COLOMBIA, GHANA AND IRAQ, FACILITATED BY THE GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN**

RESURJ by 2015: Investing in and rejuvenating the feminist voice for sexual and reproductive rights and health

Join the Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice Alliance to explore new ways of advancing the global sexual and reproductive rights and health agenda. Panelists will provide brief representations on the current situation of women's and young people's sexual and reproductive rights in their countries, why engaging at this time to counter fundamentalisms in global policy fora is important, and how we can reenergize the feminist voice for SRRH in the lead up to Cairo +20 and the MDGs.

PRESENTERS: **SOHA ABDELATY, ISHITA CHAUDHRY, ALEXANDRA GARITA, EUGENIA LOPEZ-URIBE**

ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH COALITION, RESURJ ALLIANCE**

Revolution, Reform, and Repression: Impact of the Arab Spring on women and women's movements in the MENA region

The Middle East and North Africa have experienced major political and social transformations in the past two years. This session aims to explore the impact of revolutions, reform efforts, and repressive policies on women and women's movements in several Muslim countries, including Egypt, Tunisia, Iran, Morocco, and Turkey.

PRESENTERS: **SUSSAN TAHMASEBI, PINAR _LKKARACAN, MOZN HASSAN, AHLEM BELHADJ**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS, ICAN FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, PEACE AND SECURITY**

Rights-Based Evaluation for Social Change Work: a skill and strategy building session led by feminists reclaiming evaluation

In this session experts in evaluation and organizational learning from all corners of the women's movement--activist, donor, and academic--come together to share ways of putting the Gender@ Work matrix to work for evaluation purposes--for an organization's self-evaluation and learning, for a donor's evaluation.

PRESENTERS: **BROOKE ACKERLY, ANASUYA SENGUPAT, ARUNA RAO, KELLEA MILLER**

ORGANIZERS: **GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN, APWLD, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**

Round Table Discussion: The Task Ahead. Mutual learnings of past four days and next steps to ensure sustainably funded women's rights movements

An open conversation with all participants, the session will underline important learnings from the Forum in relation to resource mobilization for women's rights and gender equality. By the end of the session a list of tasks and next steps ahead for the movement and the funders to the identified.

PRESENTERS: **AWID WITM STRATEGIC INITIATIVE, WITH CIRCLE OF TRUST MEMBERS "PLANTED" IN THE AUDIENCE**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Self Organising of Women Homebased Workers

Since the 1970s, there has been a growing international movement of home-based workers. Although they have now achieved more visibility and recognition, they still face obstacles in organising. In this session, home-based workers will discuss how they have organised and overcome difficulties.

PRESENTERS: **HESTI WIJAYA, GULSUM COSKUN, ROZALINA IVANOVA, ANNIE DELANEY, SUTARTI SUTARTI, HESTI WIJAYA**

ORGANIZERS: **HOMEWORKERS WORLDWIDE**

Sex and Money: Gender budgeting for justice and equality

Budgets are statements of values. Gender budgeting is an important tool to ensure that government spending reflects that government's commitments to women's human rights. Share, compare, and learn from gender budgeting work in Thailand, Canada, Poland, and the Philippines.

PRESENTERS: **KATE MCINTURFF, MARIVIC RAQUIZA, MALGORZATA TARASIEWICZ, RANEE HASSARUNGSEE, SOPIN JURAKIATTIKUL, KATHLEEN LAHEY, ASA GUNNARSSON**

ORGANIZERS: **CANADIAN FEMINIST ALLIANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION, SOCIAL WATCH**

Sex, Power, Money and Mobility: Exploring the links between economics, intimacy and mobilisation in women´s daily lives

Women from the Nicaraguan feminist NGO Puntos de Encuentro will encourage discussion around the utility of integrated approaches to promote individual and collective action around women´s economic, sexual and reproductive rights. They´ll share research-based methodologies, including clips from their social soap Contracorriente currently airing in Central America and the Caribbean.

PRESENTERS: **TERESITA HERNANDEZ CEBALLOS, SARAH BRADSHAW, AMY BANK**

ORGANIZERS: **FUNDACIÓN PUNTOS DE ENCUENTRO NICARAGUA), MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY**

Social and economic rights of marginalized women in CEE/CIS countries

The session, in the form of interactive debate, provides a forum to reflect about experiences that women have gathered in twenty years of transition from central planned to free market economy and twenty years of neoliberal policies in the CEE/CIS region. How has the transformation of economic power relations affected women's economic conditions, particulary marginalized women, control over resources and decisionmaking?

PRESENTERS: **MIRELA ARQIMANDRITI, SILKE STEINHILBER**

ORGANIZERS: **KARAT COALITION**

State Policies for a Solidarity-based Economy and Women's Rights: Alternatives to the economic system and patriarchy

The session will discuss policies for an alternative and solidarity-based economy in Latin America, to be built by the states together with social and women's movements. The goal is to highlight the best economic practices and policies based on associative accumulation models of consumption that favour the well-being of women and men.

PRESENTERS: **NORMA SANCHÍS, MERCEDES CARACCIOLO, JULIA EVELYN MARTÍNEZ BARRAZA, BETSEY CECILIA VALDIVIA LÓPEZ**

ORGANIZERS: **ASOCIACION LOLA MORA, ASOCIACIÓN AURORA VIVAR - PERÚ**

Strengthening the Collective Capacity of WHRDs to Respond to Violence on the Ground: Lessons from the Meso-American WHRD Initiative

The Meso-American initiative brings together Women Human Rights Defenders to share strategies, build support systems, and develop joint responses to urgent alerts. We will explore the construction of the Meso-American initiative and invite participants to reflect how this initiative, and similar efforts in other regions,can strengthen WHRD networks.

PRESENTERS: **ANALÍA PENCHASZADEH, MARUSIA LÓPEZ, MORENA HERRERA, ANA MARÍA HERNANDEZ, DAYSI FLORES, RENU RAJBHANDARI**

ORGANIZERS: **MESO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE OF WHRDS AND AWID**

Strengthening Women's Voices

YWLI will engage the audience in an interactive discussion following a sharing of the results of the research titled, Young Women's Livelihoods in Kenya. Discussions will be interactive and engage the audience in critically evaluating the results of the study and discuss further recommendations for effective economic growth and poverty alleviation.

PRESENTERS: **MYRA KARANI, ELFRIEDA KAMAU**

ORGANIZERS: **YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSITUTE**

Strengthening Women's Activism in Militarized Markets

A feminist perspective highlights the need to think and strategize beyond 'rape in wartime' to address the economic dynamics of gender in militarized contexts. The panel will focus on exploring the connections between militarism and women's livelihoods. What economic strategies do women pursue in militarized zones? What feminist strategies will promote economic justice for women?

PRESENTERS: **AMINA MAMA, MARGO OKAZAWA-REY, ROSE MENSAH-KUTIN, EMEM EMEM**

ORGANIZERS: **ABANTU FOR DEVELOPMENT, ACTION AID LIBERIA, MARWOPNET SIERRA LEONE.**

Tax Justice and Women: Examining gender inequalities in the tax system

The session is open to all women's groups interested to take part or currently working on tax justice issues. It aims to examine regressive tax structures in Asia that affect women. Sharing of country campaigns and initiatives done to address the issue will also be done.

PRESENTERS: **DAYAMANI BARLA, LYDINYDA NACPIL, MANJETTE LOPEZ, NJOKI NJEHU, ANA MAE DOLLETON**

ORGANIZERS: **JSAPMDD, SOLIDARITAS PEREMPUAN, JAGARAN NEPAL, FREEDOM FROM DEBT COALITION WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, AFRICA JUBILEE SOUTH**

Ten Years On: Gender responsive budgeting at a crossroad

How can gender responsive budgeting contribute to more efficient and effective public finance management? Feminist economists join GRB practitioners for a lively debate.

PRESENTERS: **DIANE ELSON, MARY RUSIMBI, ZOHRA KHAN, FATMA GUL UNAL**

ORGANIZERS: **UN WOMEN**

TGNP Experiences on Building a Transformative Feminist Movement led by the Campaign, Economic Justice: Making Resources Work for Marginalised Women

Making resources work for marginalised women is the central theme in TGNP's economic justice campaign, focusing on grassroots struggles for decent work and livelihoods in a context of growing plunder of resources including land by multinational corporations and popular demands for a new constitution that will ensure equitable access and control over resources.

PRESENTERS: **USU MALLYA, RUTH MEENA**

ORGANIZERS: **TANZANIA GENDER NETWORKING PROGRAMME**

The Arab Spring: Transforming economic and political power… but towards which destination?

Constitutional reform and full ratification and implementation of CEDAW are at the nexus of gender equity and women's economic empowerment. This session will discuss potential frameworks for inducing the integration of women's civil, social and economic rights during the negotiation of institutional reform in the post-Arab spring.

PRESENTERS: **AMAL ABDEL-HADI, RABEA NACIRI, LINA ABOU-HABIB**

ORGANIZERS: **EQUALITY WITHOUT RESERVATION**

The Development Agenda Beyond 2015 and the Role of UN Women

This session will discuss approaches and mechanisms for strengthening strategic partnerships between UN Women, women's organizations and women leaders in civil society, to: increase effective participation and position and integrate gender equality and women's empowerment in macroeconomic policy formulation and global agenda setting, including in the post 2015 development framework.

ORGANIZERS: **UN WOMEN**

The Earthly Faces of Gods and Patriarchs: Culture, religion and economic power

Culture and religion are presented as pure, uncontaminated by power, and beyond challenge by ordinary mortals. But in this session, activists from different contexts expose the links between culture, religion, and economic power, how they impact their lives, and how it is possible to confront them. Come, break the silence!

PRESENTERS: **RADHIKA CHANDIRAMANI, MARCELO FERREYRA, JULIA EHRT, PONNI ARASU**

ORGANIZERS: **TARSHI - TALKING ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH ISSUES**

The Economics of Domestic Violence

This panel will explore the economics of domestic violence; and review the impact of the overall economy on levels of violence against women in society, the impact of a crisis, including an economic crisis and explore ways to develop economic arguments to lobby government to improve invest in fighting violence

PRESENTERS: **CHRISTELLE CRONJE, L LOEKY DROESEN, L ANARA MOLDASHEVA, DIANA MILOSLAVICH TÚPAC**

ORGANIZERS: **MOSAIC (SOUTH AFRICA), KYRGYZ CRISIS CENTER (KYRGYZSTAN), RIGHTS FOR CHANGE (THE NETHERLANDS), AND FLORA TRISTAN (PERU)**

The European Crises

Women's rights and women's voices have been at the margin, at best, of decision making and resistance during the ongoing economic and fiscal crisis in Europe. In this session, we will assess the gender dimensions of the crisis, and discuss feminist visions and activities for a recovery.

PRESENTERS: **SILKE STEINHILBER, LOIS WOESTMAN**

ORGANIZERS: **WIDE NETWORK**

The Impact of Economic Power on the Integration of Women with Disabilities in the Job Market Gender Inequality

The session will raise employment and education issues faced by women with disabilities. All participants will analyse various cases and will propose strategies for transforming economic power, with the aim of advancing the rights of women with disabilities.

PRESENTERS: **JACQUELINE SANTOS**

ORGANIZERS: **FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE HANDICAPÉE (F.I.D.P.H)**

The Impact on Women's Rights of Economic Underdevelopment and Forced Migration in the Kurdish Region of Turkey

An introduction to the impact on women's economic, social and cultural rights of the different aspects of the 'Kurdish issue' in the Kurdish region of Turkey, including economic underdevelopment and forced migration as a result of the on-going armed-struggle.

PRESENTERS: **MUAZZEZ ONUK ÖZDER, AYTEN TEKES, CIGDEM KARAALIOGLU**

The Macroeconomy as a Space for Gender Equality: Utopia or reality in the french-speaking world?

Social policies? Taxation? Trade agreements? Employment policies? The fight against poverty? The analysis of the impact of policies on gender equality in the French-speaking countries is trailing behind. How to carry out an analysis, consult the responsible stakeholders, and mobilize militants? A debate, experiences and good practices.

PRESENTERS: **MARIE-LISE SEMBLAT, SOUAD TRIKI, MARIAMA WILLIAMS, MANSOUR OMEIRA**

ORGANIZERS: **GENRE EN ACTION (FRANCE/ INTERNATIONALE), ASTER INTERNATIONAL (FRANCE), AFTURD (TUNISIE), OIF**

The Nexus Between Culture and Discrimination Based on Gender and other Identities: Strategies of women's resistance

This session will present strategies of women human rights defenders at the forefront of challenging forces who invoked cultural and religious discourses and norms as justification for gender-based discrimination and what lessons and insights could be drawn from their experiences.

PRESENTERS: **EDNA AQUINO, FAUZIA VIQAR, CODOU BOP, ANDI ASMAWATY**

ORGANIZERS: **VIOLENCE IS NOT OUR CULTURE CAMPAIGN, SHIRKAT-GAH-PAKISTAN, GREFELS (SENEGAL), EQUAL AND DIFFERENCE (IRAN), SOLIDARITAS PEREMPUAN (INDONESIA)**

The Power of Pleasure

This panel will explore the power of pleasure and what a positive approach to women's sexuality has to offer to women's empowerment.

PRESENTERS: **PINAR İLKKARACAN, JAYA SHARMA, STELLA NYANZI**

ORGANIZERS: **NIRANTAR (DELHI, INDIA), UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX (BRIGHTON, UK), UNIVERSITY OF MAKERERE (UGANDA), WOMEN FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS (TURKEY) UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PATHWAYS AND THE IDS SEXUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The Present and Future of Women's Funds: Activists have the floor

A discussion between activists and women's funds representatives on the achievements, challenges and the way ahead for the women's funds as the fundraising arm of the feminist movement.

PRESENTERS: **EMILIENNE DE LEON, LINDA TO, HOPE CHIGUDU, JESSICA HORN, ALEJANDRA SARDA-CHANDIRAMANI**

ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S FUNDS, MAMA CASH**

The Struggle for Justice: Religion, development, and women's rights

This session aims to further a collaborative dialogue between development and women's rights organisations in the area of religion, rights and development. What is the impact of religious fundamentalisms

on key areas of development work and how are development organizations responding? What are the some challenges and possible ways forward?

PRESENTERS: **FATIMA BURNAD NATESON, SHAISTA GOHIR, EVERJOICE WIN, CASSANDRA BALCHIN**

ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

The Transformative Power of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and its Commodification for Women Living with HIV

The session explores how the institutional discrimination of women living with HIV through the state's role in health and justice, respond to global economic power and the privatisation of health, and provide greater control of global economic power over women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

PRESENTERS: **CORINNE MIELE, LILLIAN MWOREKO**

ORGANIZERS: **ICW EASTERN AFRICA, ICW SOUTHERN AFRICA**

The Women's Organizations Invest in the Social Economy and in Economic Justice: Examples from Guatemala and Senegal

The agenda of our organizations is the strengthening of women's economic power. The social and solidarity economy in Senegal and the struggle of Guatemalans for economic justice show the innovation capacity of women. However, are we investing in sustainable economic initiatives that can lead to change?

PRESENTERS: **DIANE BACHAND, BRISNA CAXAJ ÁLVAREZ, HÉLÈNE DIOUF, PEGGIE RAMAPHANE**

ORGANIZERS: **CECI, UNAMG, CNVAF DU SÉNÉGAL, WOMEN AGAINST RAPE-BOTSWANA, WUSC**

The YOWLI Monologues: Organized Resistance to Transform Economic Policies to Impact Women's Lives and the Environment

Young Women's Knowledge and Leadership Institute graduates, representing different African, eco-geological, and class settings, will present on the gender and environmental impacts of economic policy processes, and how organized resistance uses knowledge, alliance-building and active advocacy to transform economic reforms that prioritize people and the environment.

PRESENTERS: **UMUHOZA SAHIYA, MARIEME SARR, TANTELY RAVELOMANANA**

ORGANIZERS: **AFRICAN WOMEN'S MILLENNIUM INITIATIVE ((AWOMI), INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV (NAMIBIA), YOWLI (MADAGASCAR), NDEGUEMAR, ORGANIZATION OF YOWLI (RWANDA)**

Towards Greater Economic Autonomy

Many believe that women's economic autonomy mainly refers to women's capacity to support themselves and their dependents. Yet, some differentiate it from financial autonomy. The proposed session aims to facilitate a group discussion on different dimensions of economic autonomy, especially from a feminist economics perspective.

PRESENTERS: **NASTARAN MOOSSAVI, CELIA ALLDRIDGE, SETAREH MASOUMBEIKI, EMILIA CASTRO**

ORGANIZERS: **WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN, FOROOGH WOMEN'S DOCUMENTATION CENTER**

Towards the Sustainability of Peoples and Nature

From a holistic approach between the care economy, ecofeminis,m and socially-oriented economy we will discuss the importance of reclaiming women's understandings of labour, and rebuilding sustainable modes of production as well as an equitable distribution of the outputs from those economic activities that allow us to support life.

PRESENTERS: **PAULINA GONZÁLEZ SÁNCHEZ, JANNETH LOZANO BUSTOS, LOURDES DEL CARMEN ANGULO SALAZAR**

ORGANIZERS: **REPEM, ORGANIZACIONES SOCIAS DE REPEM AMÉRICA LATINA (URUGUAY Y COLOMBIA), CODACOP, GAP, IPRU**

Trans Access to Funding: A political approach

The goal of this session is to collectively formulate an analysis of the historical and current conditions of trans access to funding, as well as to design collectively transformative strategies.

PRESENTERS: **MAURO CABRAL, DINAN SLAMAH, AMETS SUESS, LOHANA BERKINS, KHARTINI SLAMAH**

ORGANIZERS: **GATE**

Transforming Economic Power through Women's Land Rights

This session addresses why women's access to and control over land and property is essential to their economic empowerment. Featuring the contributions of a range of global leaders in the area, and effective strategies for claiming these rights. A short film will be shown on women's land rights in Kenya.

PRESENTERS: **SABINE PALLAS, SEODI WHITE, SHYAMALA GOMEZ, MAYRA GOMEZ**

ORGANIZERS: **THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE UNSR ON THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING, WOMEN AND LAW IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (MALAWI), THE OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS**

Transforming Global Frameworks: Using a feminist lens to Influence the United Nations Special Procedures Mandate

Join CWGL for a panel that will provide strategies for building alternative visions and practices to improve women's rights coherence within the areas of the right to food, the right to water and sanitation, and the question of extreme poverty. Methods for setting gender aware policies that use macroeconomics and human rights will be discussed.

PRESENTERS: **RADHIKA BALAKRISHNAN, LUCINDA O'HANLON, CARLY NYST, PRITI DAROOKA, SAVI BISNATH**

ORGANIZERS: **CENTER FOR WOMEN'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

Transforming the Revolution

This series of sessions on activist well-being will introduce the political, economic and historical aspects of the activist self-care movement, including a discussion of the protective strategies activists have used around the world. Daily, practical skills-building workshops will follow, offering training in simple, effective self-care techniques.

PRESENTERS: **JELENA DJORDJEVIC, SANDRA LJUBINKOVIC, NINA JUSUF, YVONNE DEUTSCH**

ORGANIZERS: **INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.**

Transgressing Normative Sexualities, Transforming Normative Economies: Strategies of the LGBTQI movement in Ecuador

This panel will present three economic-sexual problems in Ecuador: the relationship between consumerism and trans body sovereignty; the relation between the neoliberal economy and trans sexual work; and the relationship between the capitalist economy and the medicalization of feminine homosexuality. Then, activist strategies to address these problems will be discussed.

PRESENTERS: **ELIZABETH VÁSQUEZ BLASCO, ANA LUCÍA ALMEIDA VÉLEZ, ANN WILKINSON**
ORGANIZERS: **PROYECTO TRANSGÉNERO, ARTIKULACIÓN ESPORÁDIKA**

Trends Affecting Women's and Rights Funding: Global and regional perspectives

Through a lively and dynamic discussion, panelists will be sharing research findings around similar research on Where is the Money for Women's Rights? in different contexts and regions and their practical experience around challenges for assuring funding for women's rights organizing and for securing unrestricted funds for women's rights work.

PRESENTERS: **TARA CHETTY, MAITRAYEE MUKHOPADHYAY, DEVI B. GIRIJA**

Understanding Network Society: Political economy conversations with the CITIGEN research community

Digital technologies are not just tools for exerting power, but also power structures themselves, and indeed, the very spaces of power struggles. What do we know about economic and social power in the emerging network society? How do we imagine our techno-social reality where gender justice matters?

PRESENTERS: **BINITHA THAMPI, KATE LAPPIN, MARGARITA SALAS, ANITA GURUMURTHY**
ORGANIZERS: **IT FOR CHANGE, CITIGEN RESEARCH NETWORK**

Unmasking Religious Fundamentalisms: Women's rights, freedoms, and resistance

What impact is the rise of religious fundamentalisms having on women's rights and freedoms? How are women's rights activists fighting back? This session will share insights gathered from hundreds of women's rights activists on the impacts and workings of religious fundamentalisms along with strategies and stories of challenge and resistance.

PRESENTERS: **SHAREEN GOKAL, SAIRA ZUBERI, LYNN DARWICH, JESSICA HORN**
ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

Unpacking the Care Crisis using a Human Rights and Macroeconomics Framework

This session will explore how the care crisis can be understood by applying a human rights perspective to macroeconomic policy. Starting off with an introduction to the framework the session then outlines how this kind of analysis can make the care crisis visible to policymakers and force them to act.

PRESENTERS: **RACHEL MOUSSIE, MONA SHERPA, RADHIKA BALAKRISHNAN**
ORGANIZERS: **ACTIONAID, CENTER FOR WOMEN'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

Updating the Socio-economic Roles of Muslim Women

Islam is often seen as a factor which hinders the empowerment of women; however, it isn't actually Islam itself that deprives women, but the masculine, patriarchal interpretations of Islam. A new modern 21st century interpretation is needed from the women's perspective. What do we need and want to change?

PRESENTERS: **NESRIN SEMIZ, HATICE GULER, FATMA BOSTAN UNSAL, BERRIN SONMEZ**
ORGANIZERS: **BASKENT KADIN PLATFORMU DERNEGI**

Visioning Cultures Free From Violence

An interactive exploration of feminist and youth-led responses to culturally-justified violence against women, using visual arts and media advocacy. Join us for a short film screening, digital-story telling workshop, and hands-on creative session. Bring your smartphones and cameras to create your own critical media against GBV!

PRESENTERS: **RIMA ATHAR RIMA ATHAR, ROCHELLE TERMAN, JENNIFER RADLOFF, ERIKA SMITH**
ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN LIVING UNDER MUSLIM LAWS, VIOLENCE IS NOT OUR CULTURE, ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

Visualising Women's Empowerment: Using film as activism

This session explores how to visualize women's rights through film to authentically represent women's everyday lived experiences, and build alternative visions of a future with greater gender justice. We hope the session will give an insight into the world of film making, and the potential difficulties and rewards it can offer.

PRESENTERS: **TESSA LEWIN, MEENA SESHU, KAT MANSOOR ANDREA CORNWALL**
ORGANIZERS: **PATHWAYS OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, VAMP, ANIMAL MONDAY, BIRDS EYE VIEW**

Visualising Women's Work: Using information design in advocacy for women's rights

An introduction for rights advocates, researchers, and designers on how information design can be used in evidence-based advocacy for women's rights around work and labour. This workshop will be participatory and interactive.

PRESENTERS: **INDIRA GANESH, FAITH BOSWORTH, MAREK TUSZYNSKI**
ORGANIZERS: **TACTICAL TECHNOLOGY COLLECTIVE**

Voices of Experience: Activists and academia share their experiences, stories of motivation, leadership, strategies, and more

Groups will share experiences with skills-building in economics and women's rights. This is a space for learning and exchanging across regions, building bridges between academia and activists, finding synergies between popular and formal education, and learning about projects for feminist economists, rural women, young activists and grassroots women specifically.

PRESENTERS: **MARGOT BARUCH, REBECCA BROWN**
ORGANIZERS: **AWID**

We are Not the Barbie Doll

This presentation will make links between each Barbie doll that came out to the market since 1959 with the internal and foreign policy of United States and the social context of each dolls. The purpose is to point out how even toys are influenced by the social and political context.

PRESENTERS: **NATHALIE ELAINE MEZZA-GARCIA**
ORGANIZERS: **ADEICOM**

What Women Really Want: When social protection becomes social destruction

The session will be a creative discussion on the state's social protection called Conditional Cash Transfer and its effects on women and children. Juxtaposed with photos, film, and poetry women will discuss on how this magic bullet for poverty reduction becomes deadly and destructive.

PRESENTERS: **MARY JOAN GUAN, MAAN TABLANG, SHOMA SEN, LUZVIMINDA ILAGAN, URANTSOOJ GOMBOSUREN**
ORGANIZERS: **CENTER FOR WOMEN'S RESOURCES, COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

What's Love Got to Do with It: Reimagining migration, family, and economic development through Remit4Change model

Explore how remittance practices impact diverse women and how they can be expanded through Remit4Change. How can R4C model positively or negatively impact migration? How is it different from other economic development strategies and philanthropy, and why? What role can diverse women play in shaping R4C in their communities?

PRESENTERS: **LISA CASTELLANOS, ANDREA ANOLIN**

ORGANIZERS: **TIGRA, UNLAD KABAYAN, WAGES**

Where is the Money for Girl's Rights?

Adolescent girls are organizing for economic and social justice, yet they receive very little funding. This panel brings together donors and girl-focused organizations to discuss the challenges and opportunities of funding girl led initiatives.

PRESENTERS: **CARLA LOPEZ, AYERO SARAH, SELAMAWIT TEREFE, SAEAI MALDONADO BAQUERO**

ORGANIZERS: **AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE, GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN, MAMA CASH**

Who Deserves a Good Security Strategy?

Women Human Rights Defenders rarely take time to discuss their own security, the focus is all too often on other's. It is even rarer that they discuss their own well-being. Come and listen and discuss a tool for integrated security. It is time we put ourselves in focus.

PRESENTERS: **EVA ZILLÉN, JANE BARRY, LINA HIDO**

ORGANIZERS: **THE KVINNA TILL KVINNA FOUNDATION**

Women and Employment Workshop

Women of Maghreb are victims of hiring discrimination, both in their countries and in the European host countries. The women's employment workshop proposes discussions on support projects to access employment.

PRESENTERS: **MADELEINE LAVASTRE - VERNET, MAYA AZEGGAGH**

ORGANIZERS: **ASSOCIATION MAYALENA POUR L'INSERTION ET L'ENTRAIDE (A.M.I.E), FEMMES EN COMMUNICATION ALGÉRIE**

Women and Precarious Work

How to fight against the over-representation of women in precarious and informal work by analysing the causes for the increase of precarious work and the impact of the world economic crisis

PRESENTERS: **SILVANA CAPPPUCCIO, IMMACULATE CHINGWERE, CLAIRE COURTEILLE**

ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION**

Women Human Rights Defenders: Stability, security, and wellbeing

Politicizing self-care is important. Women activists on the frontline are fighting for a spectrum of social justice issues while negotiating safety and security for women and their communities. This panel explores strategies activists in Mexico, Central America, and Southern Africa use to sustain themselves and their organizing in violent contexts.

PRESENTERS: **ANA MARÍA HERNÁNDEZ CARDENAS, SHEREEN ESSOF, MARUSIA LOPEZ**

ORGANIZERS: **JASS, CONSORCIO PARA EL DIÁLOGO PARLAMENTARIO, LA EQUIDAD OAXACA A.C.**

Women in Economic Crises: Impacts, Policy Responses and Alternatives

The complex relationship between women and economic crises will be discussed with special reference to Turkey. This session will focus on impacts of crises, labor market segmentation effects, erosion of labor rights, the public policy reponses to crisis, and alternative policies through a gender perspective.

PRESENTERS: **YELDA YÜCEL, MELDA OZTURK, OZGE IZDES, NURCAN OZKAPLAN**

ORGANIZERS: **THE INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN'S LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (KEIG)**

Women Organizing in the Informal Economy

The panelists will speak to their personal experience, and the successes and challenges of women leaders organizing in the informal economy at the local, national, regional, and global levels. The session will address how women informal workers can achieve voice, visibility, and validity as contributing members of society.

PRESENTERS: **MALLAMMA YALAWAR, NOHRA PADILLA, VILMA AREVALO, MYRTLE WITBOOI**

ORGANIZERS: **WIEGO, STREETNET INTERNATIONAL, HOMENET, GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF WASTE PICKERS, INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKER NETWORK, SEWA**

Women Transforming the Food System and Advancing their Rights: Sharing practical applications of principles and tools

This interactive session will focus on women's ability to collectively influence policies and advance women's rights in relation to agriculture, food security, and natural resources. It will draw on presenter's and participant's experiences of collective action, and strengthen participant's abilities to identify and utilize opportunities and strategies for women to transform the food system.

PRESENTERS: **SALLY BADEN, DIBYA GURUNG, LAUREN RAVON, MARIA MATEO**

ORGANIZERS: **WOCAN AND OXFAM**

Women Workers Transforming Unions, Transforming Economic Power: Experiences from the Middle East and North Africa

Across the MENA region, women workers are using labor rights as a framework for analysis and action to bring about broader economic, social and political rights. In this time of great political change, participants will learn about the successes and future challenges for women in the MENA revolutions.

PRESENTERS: **ABLA MASROUJEH, KALTHOUM BARKALLAH, NASSIRA GHOZLANE, HASHMEYA MUHSIN**

ORGANIZERS: **THE SOLIDARITY CENTER, SNAPAP, TUNISIAN RAILWAY UNION**

Women-led Asset Development: Lessons from Nepal, Mexico, and South Africa

Grassroots women and community-led organizations are creating alternative economic models and making the case that transformative economic power is only possible when grassroots groups are consulted and involved. Learn successful stories from organizations in Nepal, Mexico, and South Africa already implementing sustainable models for women to control their own resources.

PRESENTERS: **KATHERINE ZAVALA, LUCIANA BAUTISTA PEDRO, CYNTHIA SIYONA**

ORGANIZERS: **IDEX**

Women, Forests, and Plantations in the Framework of the Green Economy: A new form of environmental plunder

Women, Forests, and Plantations in the framework of the green economy. Another twist of economic power that threatens millions of peoples who depend on forests. As women, we are key actors in resistance

and promoting change against the destruction of nature.

PRESENTERS: **TERESA PEREZ, G. RAQUEL NÚÑEZ MUTTER, MARÍA ELIZABETH DÍAZ BORRA**

ORGANIZERS: **WORLD RAIN FOREST MOVEMENT**

Women's Organizing for Economic Rights and Democracy in Southeast Asia

At the heart of women's economic inequality and deepening poverty is a democracy deficit. Using their own realities and experiences, young diverse women activists share alternative approaches that use women's economic injustice as an entry point to improve the condition by changing the ownership of resources.

PRESENTERS: **SITI HARSUN, GIZELA DA CRUZ DE CARVALHO, CHAN KUNTHEA, DINA LUMBANTOBING**

ORGANIZERS: **FETO HO KBIIT SERVISU HAMUTUK (EAST T'IMOR), SERIKAT PEGUYUBAN PETANI QORYAH THOYIBAH (SPPQT), COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE WOMEN IN POLITICS (CAMBODIA), JASS (SOUTHEAST ASIA)**

Women's Relationship to Money: How does it affect our activist work?

Women activists are caught in a paradox. Money is an essential resource for their work and it is often perverting the women's organizations. Do we need more money in order to reach our goals? Can we keep our activist work alive if we dare ask for big amounts of money?

PRESENTERS: **CAROLINE BRAC DE LA PERRIERE, FAWZIA BABA-AISSA, NADIA AISSAOUI, MARTA GIRAL**

Women's Resistance against Forest and Land Grabbing for Climate Change Mitigation

The event aims to raise the awareness of participants of the impact of large-scale bio-energy, forest carbon offset markets, and other climate mitigation policies on women, and to elaborate strategies to address forest land grabbing and other negative impacts on women and their access to and control over natural resources.

PRESENTERS: **ANNE PETERMANN, JENNIFER KOINANTE, TATIANA ROA AVENDAÑO, SIMONE LOVERA**

ORGANIZERS: **GLOBAL FOREST COALITION, GLOBAL JUSTICE ECOLOGY PROJECT, BIOFUELWATCH, CENSAT AGUA VIVA, TIMBERWATCH COALITION, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF AFRICA COORDINATING COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLES OF THE TROPICAL FORESTS**

Women's Work in Communities: Using human rights to connect issues and forge strategies

Grassroots women leaders from MADRE's network—Rose Cunningham, Miskita Indigenous leader from Nicaragua; Fatima Ahmed, sustainable farmer and labor organizer from Sudan; Aisha Saifi, midwife from Palestine— demonstrate how an integrated understanding of racial and gender discrimination, climate change and military occupation informs their strategies for advancing local women's rights.

PRESENTERS: **YIFAT SUSSKIND, ROSE CUNNINGHAM KAIN, AISHA SAIFI, FATIMA AHMED**

ORGANIZERS: **MADRE**

Women's Alliances to Gain Visibility and Acknowledgement for Paid and Unpaid Domestic Work in Latin America and the Caribbean

We will analyze the causes of the invisibilization of paid and upaid domestic work, how the gender division of work infringes women's rights and fails to recognize its valuable economic contribution. Women's alliances strengthen the capacity to formulate proposals and establish a relationship of co-responsibility between the state, families, and the community

PRESENTERS: **MIRIAM JANETH MOYA HERRERA, SOFÍA SPRECHMANN**

ORGANIZERS: **MOVIMIENTO DE MUJERES POR LA VIDA Y ASAMBLEA DE MUJERES POPULARES Y DIVERSAS (ECUADOR), CENTRO AFROBOLIVIANO PARA EL DESARROLLO INTEGRAL Y COMUNITARIO (BOLIVIA), CENTRO PARA LA CAPACITACIÓN DE LAS TRABAJADORAS DEL HOGAR (PERÚ), MOVIMIENTO DE MUJERES TRABAJADORAS Y DESEMPLEADAS MARÍA ELENA CUADRA (NICARAGUA), ASOCIACIÓN DE MUJERES SALVADOREÑAS (EL SALVADOR), CARE**

Women's Economic Empowerment: The missing link in 1325 conversations

Women's groups engaged in economic empowerment initiatives in conflict and post-conflict settings discuss the transformative elements and advocacy opportunities women can take advantage of to shape the economic agenda in conflict-affected societies. They will address financing for Resolution 1325, women, peace and security; identify best practices, lessons; and a common policy agenda.

PRESENTERS: **MA VICTORIA BALLEZA, GLADYS GBAPPY-BRIMA, ANGELA GUERRERO**

ORGANIZERS: **GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN PEACEBUILDERS, CORDAID, WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE (SIERRA LEONE, WOMEN'S REFUGEE COMMISSION**

Work and Family Life Balance and Equality in the Labor Market in five OECD Countries: A comperative perspective

This session will explore the effectiveness of different political, legal, and institutional mechanisms to reconcile work and family life and advance gender equality in the labor market in the framework of experiences of OECD countries (South Korea, Mexico, Argentina, Turkey, Spain, Sweden).

MODERATOR: **İPEK İLKKARACAN AJAS,**
PRESENTERS: **MARIA CECILIA MATARAZZO, MARIA IGLESIAS, ANITA NYBERG, ITO PENG**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS – NEW WAYS ASSOCIATION – WWHR, İTÜ BILIM, MÜHENDISLIK VE TEKNOLOJIDE KADIN ARAŞTIRMALARI VE UYGULAMALARI MERKEZI (İTÜ-BMT-KAUM)**

Young Activists on Land Rights and Youth Leadership Development

Young activists talk of their work where they have challenged tradition and hierachies of authority in order to nurture young women into leadership, and counter discriminatory barriers to women's advancement including rights to land.

PRESENTERS: **OFA-KI-LEVUKA GUTTENBEIL, KARANINA SUMEO, KARLO KARLO MILA, ROSHNI SAMI**

ORGANIZERS: **YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, WOMEN AND CHILDREN CRISIS CENTRE, PASIFIKI SERVICES LIMITED**

Young Indigenous Women, Daughters of Mother Earth: Key actors in the preservation of ecological health

Climate change is a serious threat to humanity, where indigenous peoples, particularly indigenous women, are the worst affected. Indigenous youth are particularly concerned for this and are promoting alternative processes to preserve the health of Mother Earth.

PRESENTERS: **CHRISTINE GOLOCAN, CYNTHIA WECHABE, APOLINARIA SANTANA**

ORGANIZERS: **FORO INTERNACIONAL DE MUJERES INDÍGENAS**

Young Women Speaking the Economy: Inserting the voices of the next generation of women workers into the discussion

IMOW's online exhibition Young Women Speaking the Economy inserts young women's unique voices, solutions, and challenges into the global debate. This session will offer an overview of young women's global economic concerns and provide a case study for how creative projects can fuel activism and dialogue on contemporary economic issues.

PRESENTERS: **CLARE WINTERTON**

ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN**

SOLIDARITY ROUNDTABLES

The AWID Forum allocates space during lunch periods for solidarity roundtables. These include two different kinds of sessions. Firstly, sessions for specific experience-sharing and exchange that the Forum International Planning Committee was not able to accommodate as a regular breakout session but we are committed to allocate some space in the forum program. The second are sessions that relate to particular contexts or situations where women's human rights are under threat and session organizers seek to raise awareness or mobilize greater international solidarity. Participants are encouraged to collect their lunch and take it directly to the rooms where these sessions are being organized.

Afghan Women Leaders Building Afghanistan's Future: Current strategies to advance economic, legal, political and human rights

Four Afghan women leaders who risk their lives rebuilding Afghanistan by participating in politics, law and policy reform, securing women's human rights, and supporting women-run businesses discuss the progress made on all fronts against overwhelming odds.

PRESENTERS: **MANIZHA NADERI, SORAYA OMAR, FAWZIA KOOFI, MARIA BASHIR, ESTHER HYNEMANI**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN FOR AFGHAN WOMEN**

Building Solidarity with Women Human Rights Defenders in Central Asia: Facing violence and rights violations

An activist in Azerbaijan found her building demolished in retaliation for her actions denouncing illegal demolitions. Public gatherings are considered illegal in some countries in the region. Participants from Central Asia and the Caucus will share experiences of violence against WHRDs and violations to their rights, and brainstorm solidarity actions.

PRESENTERS: **LEYLA YUNUS, TO BE JOINED BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS FROM THE REGION**

ORGANIZERS: **INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY (AZERBAIJAN) AND WHRD INTERNATIONAL COALITION**

Challenges, Successes, and Proposed Alternatives in Recognizing and Protecting Women's Labor Rights in Pakistan

The social, economic and political issues that impact women workers rights and alternatives in improving the working conditions of women workers in Pakistan. We will look at the impact of globalization, women farm workers and land rights struggles, home-based workers and experiences with anti sexual harassment laws.

PRESENTERS: **AQSA KHAN, DR. RUBINA SAIGOL, BUSHRA KHALIQ KHALIQ, NAJMA SADEQUE, NAJMA SADEQUE**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION FOR RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT**

If Not in the Peace Agreement – Then When?

Despite commitments to involve women in peace processes women's participation range from marginal to non-existing. Why? What obstacles are still there? This session focus on the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, discuss with the women working for change and listen to a presentation on women's participation in four other conflict areas.

PRESENTERS: **CHRISTINA HAGNER, EVA ZILLÉN, PERVANA MAMEDOVA, GOHAR SHAHNAZARYAN, WHRD**

ORGANIZERS: **THE KVINNA TILL KVINNA FOUNDATION**

Leaders of Social Change or NGO for Services

Presenters will describe lessons learned since OWFI was established in 2003 to advocate for freedom and equality in Iraq. Funding realities and a hostile political environment caused OWFI to evolve into a service providing NGO until recent revolutions in the Middle East renewed opportunities to revive an egalitarian mass movement.

PRESENTERS: **YANAR MOHAMMED, JANNAT AL GHEZZI, HOUZAN MAHMOUD, DALAL HASSAN**

ORGANIZERS: **ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN'S FREEDOM IN IRAQ**

Militancy, Religious Extremism, Talibanization and its effects on Women's Livelihoods in Northern Pakistan

Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa (formerly called NWFP), Pakistan has been a hub of militancy and religious extremism. Women have been the most affected with Islamic militancy, which negated their presence in markets, offices, banks and streets directly affecting women livelihoods and their psycho social status. Need exists to separate state and religion.

PRESENTERS: **MISBAH SHAHZAD**

ORGANIZERS: **AWARE GIRLS**

"Once Upon a Time There Lived a Lesbian Couple"

This session will illustrate issues faced by women due to their sexual orientation. In shadow theater performance we show the connections between larger social issues and our experiences in Kyrgyzstan. We will brainstorm with the audience possible solutions and ways of reacting to these situations to overcome discrimination against lesbian and bisexual women.

PRESENTERS: **NAZGUL ABYLGAZIEVA, LILIIA TEN, EKATERINA ZELINSKAYA, ANNA KIREY**

ORGANIZERS: **LABRYS–CENTRAL ASIAN LGBT NETWORK**

Seeking Solidarity for South Sudan Women

For over 20 years South Sudan underwent devastating war. In July 2011 we finally got a new state. Despite the jubilation there is lots of reconstruction work to be done. We want to share stories from other women's movements. What lessons can we learn and share?

PRESENTERS: **LILIAN RIZIK**

ORGANIZERS: **SOUTH SUDAN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT NETWORK**

Sexual Exploitation and Violence Towards Women and Girls : A deepening crisis in Haiti's IDP camps

After Haiti's earthquake, sexual violence and exploitation of women continues, particularly in camps for internally displaced persons. The Solidarity Roundtable will examine this within a

context of inequality and poverty. Jocie Philistin, a Haitian leader, will share KOFAVIV's work addressing survivors' needs and the structures that perpetuate violence, explaining how international solidarity is possible.

PRESENTERS: **JOCIE PHILISTIN**
ORGANIZERS: **KOFAVIV**

Strategies for Women's Economic Empowerment: Challenges and perspectives

Session focuses on women's experience and strategies of strengthening economic status and role of women. Perspectives from women's NGOs, women's networks, rural women activists, donors and state will be highlighted. Goal is to discuss recommendations.

PRESENTERS: **OLGA DJANAEVA, YIPING CAI, SIZANI NGUBANE, BUBUMAIRAM SARIEVA, NURGUL DZHANAEV**
ORGANIZERS: **FORUM OF WOMEN'S NGOS OF KYRGYZSTAN, ALGA, RWM**
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Strengthening the Economic Power of Women: Gender and Neoliberal Policies, the Role of African Women

Gender and neo-liberal politics, the role of African women in the field of economics, the challenges of globalization. The impact of the privatization of social sectors on the rights of women and on the mobilization of women's rights movements on social relations against social injustice.

PRESENTERS: **MALIKA BENRADI**
ORGANIZERS: **AFARD, AAWORD**

The Role of Labour, Differentiated Identities, and Organizing Among Women in Bolivia's Mining Sector

Globalization defines the working conditions of Bolivian women miners. Our diverse roles in labour result in different levels of access to resources, creating distinct identities among us; differences that limit our power, as a collective, to transform this situation and the economy.

PRESENTERS: **CINTIA GABRIELA BARRIGA GONZALE, DORA CAMACHO HUARITA, MEI LÓPEZ-TRUEBA, NURIA FERNÁNDEZ CASTRO, JOSEFA VARGAS CHARCA**
ORGANIZERS: **RED NACIONAL MUJERES Y MINERÍA**

They Took My Choice Away: The use of video advocacy to end forced sterilization.

A poignant new short film will be shown about one woman's story of forced sterilization. Following the screening, a panel of human rights experts and civil society activists will be on hand to discuss the use of video advocacy to break the silence about this heinous abuse.

PRESENTERS: **LYDIA GUTERMA, PAUL SILVA, JENNIFER GATSI-MALLET, FAITH KASIVA**
ORGANIZERS: **OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS**

Transforming Women's Economic Power and Movements in Rural Development: Where are We Now?

Significant gains in transforming women's economic power are dampened by diminishing women's movements and gaps in policy implementation, resource allocation and commitment. This session takes stock and reflects on critical questions about the future of women's empowerment and development strategies in the Himalayas, including alternative visions such as Gross National Happiness.

PRESENTERS: **RITU VERMA, MANOHARA KADKHA, PHUNTSHOK THSERING, DIBYA GURUNG**
ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTEGREATED MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT**

Union of Church and State: Struggles and strategies of sexual and reproductive rights activists in the Philippines

Filipino feminists discuss the many faces of Roman Catholic fundamentalism in their country and how it it permeates the nation's legal and political system at the national and local level. They will show how they struggled against it, and celebrate with us their victories and milestones against religious fundamentalism.

PRESENTERS: **CLAIRE ANGELINE LUCZON, LEAVIDES CABARRUBIAS, CLARA RITA PADILLA, VIRGINIA VIRAY**
ORGANIZERS: **WOMENLEAD FOUNDATION, ENGENDERIGHTS, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN GENDER OFFICE**

Using economic power to promote change In conflict zones. Case of the Democratic Republic of Congo

How can women in the DRC organize to reinforce the application of United Nations resolution 1325. How to participate in reconstruction due to having strong women's economic rights movements. But most importantly to continue the prevention of violence against women.

PRESENTERS: **ANNIE MATUNDU MBAMBI, MODI NTAMBWE**
ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM RDC, RVDAGE/VL**

Violence against Indigenous Women in Canada

Legacies of colonization have severely impacted the socio-economic rights of Indigenous women. We will focus on work being done in Canada to examine the complex and interrelated causes of violence against Indigenous women, as well as creating strategic alliances and finding solutions based on cultural traditions and international instruments.

PRESENTERS: **LEA MACKENZIE, MARGARET MCKAY, WENDY JOHN, KATE MACINTURFF**
ORGANIZERS: **INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S FORUM NORTH AMERICA, THE BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIGENOUS WOMEN LEADERS MOVEMENT, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA**

Violence, Conflicts and Militarism in South Kivu, DRC, the case of Mwenga Territory

The insights, lessons learned or key debates concerning the way economic power operates regarding a chosen theme; strengths and weaknesses of current experiences aimed at creating perspectives and transformative and alternative practices with respect to women's movements

PRESENTERS: **BIBYSHE TAKUBUSOGA MUNDJO, PASCAL ISUMBISHO MWAPU, RÉGINE RIZIKI MWALUKE, JACQUELINE LUTALA BILILO**

Women in the Palestinian Peaceful Resistance: How Queer!

Israel, pinkwashing, and queer contribution to the resistance

This roundtable session will discuss the Palestinian queer movement as the coalescence of a number of related struggles and examine how the movement deals with the variant and sometimes competing considerations at play in their work, going on to look at the strategies adopted, in particular the Boycott Divestment Sanctions movement.

PRESENTERS: **GHADIR, HANEEN, AND HIND**
ORGANIZERS: **ASWAT- PALESTINIAN GAY WOMEN**

Women Resisting Militarized Development in Burma

The session would be a panel discussion with the title of "Women Resisting Militarized Development in Burma". The panel aims to increase more awareness about the situation of the women in Burma and consolidate the support from the

international community to bring change and restoration of democracy.

PRESENTERS: **NANG WON,TIN TIN NYO, NAW KN'YAW PAW**

ORGANIZERS: **WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF BURMA, SHAN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK**

Women Work: Strategic alliances to transform Sri Lanka's tea sector

Sri Lanka's tea sector is the predominant employer in the hill country. Women workers' lives and livelihoods are informed by colonial legacies and gendered division of labour. The Plantation Communities Project employs innovative strategies through alliance building amongst diverse stakeholders to improve the quality of life of tea plantation workers.

PRESENTERS: **JEGANATHAN RATHNA, M REGINA, VALARMATHY SUBRAMANIAM, THIYARANI RASIAH**

ORGANIZERS: **WUSC (CANADA), WUSC (SRI LANKA) IN COLLABORATION WITH TEA ESTATES AND CBOS.**

WoZA: Raising awareness and building solidarity with Women Human Rights Defenders in Zimbabwe facing violence and violations of their rights

The WHRD International Coalition and Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WoZA) will lead a roundtable about the sustained violence and harassment of women's rights activists in Zimbabwe, the context of human rights violations and impunity, and international efforts to support WoZA and other organizations and demand an end to their persecution.

PRESENTERS: **MEMBERS OF THE WHRD INTERNATIONAL COALITION WORKING GROUP ON URGENT RESPONSES, MEMBERS OF WOMEN OF ZIMBABWE ARISE, AND AWID'S WHRD STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**

ORGANIZERS: **WOZA AND WHRD INTERNATIONAL COALITION**

OTHER FORUM ACTIVITIES

Caucuses

Caucuses are self-organized by forum participants on a wide range of issues and interests, and are held during lunch time at the forum. Their purposes range from structured networking among a particular group; to smaller strategic discussions; to gather ideas or consult on particular initiatives; to developing joint statements or petitions. Please refer to the schedule for more information about each Caucus.

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Campaigns Corner

The campaigns corner provides an opportunity for organizations currently involved in campaigns to share information and literature about their campaign, collect signatures , build solidarity with their causes and encourage Forum participants to take part. Campaign exhibitors will be present at their table for the duration of the display.

The Francophone Village

In order to promote francophone participation and engagement during the Forum, Genre en Action is organizing a “Francophone Village.” The village is a space for Francophone participants to meet, network, exchange and debate on topics linked to specific contexts and issues. It will also be a meeting place where information will be made available in French about the Forum’s organization, sessions and plenaries. Every day there will be a lunch-time caucus, francophone media coverage and training sessions for audio-visual techniques. The Francophone Village will be a place for learning and discovery, connecting and celebration of francophone women’s rights activism. Visit the Village and help build a sense of belonging for the francophone participants during this unique international experience!

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