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## Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF



### March edition 2020 Newsletter

Dear Campaign Partners and Friends,

#### **MANIFESTO - 8 MARCH 2020**

Invitation to co-sign the Manifesto!

Because 2020 is a new beginning for a new decade, and there is still lots of work to be done. Thank you for

**8 MARCH 2020** *International Women's Day*



# WWSF MANIFESTO

## *Moving forward !*

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- **Because International Women's Day** (launched in 1857) is an annual occasion for women everywhere to UNITE & RISE to claim their right to peace, equality and sustainable development also for women. On this day, we also celebrate our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's World Summit Foundation-WWSF.
- **Because in 2020 we commemorate 8 important anniversaries in the human rights family:** the UN 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary / 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary CEDAW / 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child / 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Women's Conference / 20 years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda / 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of UN Women, 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030. Clearly the time has come to review and renew government commitments and make sure they are matched with strong accountability to obtain lasting results.
- **Because 2020 is the beginning of a new decade**, a decade in which we expect governments finally deliver the unfinished business they signed up for at the Beijing 4<sup>th</sup> World Women's Conference (1995), and to demonstrate accountability for the 12 critical areas that remain of concern today, as well as accept independent monitoring for their implementation of policies and activities with regard to ending violence against women, equal pay for equal work, women's participation in decision-making, climate action, as well as achieving gender equality. Priorities set by governments need to connect with the people on the ground and the women of the world are impatient for decisive change to move forward.
- **Because only three quarters of all countries** have laws on domestic violence to-date, "... yet 137 women across the world are killed by a member of their own family every day; unpaid care and domestic work are largely shouldered by women everywhere, often at the cost of their career growth and economic participation. While global poverty has declined, it remains highly feminized: women aged 25-34 are 25 % more likely than men the same age to live in extreme poverty ..." (UN Women, 2020).
- **Because Women's Rights are Human Rights**, we are Rising in order to empower the women of the world to lobby their governments to ensure that the fulfilment of their basic human rights becomes the hallmark of this decade. A decade in which all promises are kept and results widely celebrated. The world is indeed waiting for transformative action from our leaders to turn the world around for good. What is good for women is good for all. The Time is NOW!

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You are invited to co-sign the Manifesto with the full name of your Organizations and indicate if you have ECOSOC consultative status next to your organization's name.

We need your solidarity in bringing the Beijing promise made in 1995 to the forefront - Women rising for "women's rights are human rights" everywhere is good for all.

Sincerely yours,

WWSF campaigns for a world that works for all!

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To make progress towards the many Sustainable Development Goals and Targets by 2030 and the systematic mainstreaming of a human rights perspective is our ultimate aim. We thank you for your partnership.

In solidarity, Elly Pradervand, WWSF President and CEO, in collaboration with our campaign team and volunteers. [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) - [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch) -

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**About us:** The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), created in 1991 in Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's rights, mobilizes via its annual campaigns, round tables, world days and prize awards civil society actors to catalyze increased action for change so that we will reach the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. Use and share our annual campaign Kits to empower you and others into bold action for change.

*"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."*

*- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

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