

## Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF



*Newsletter 8 March 2021*  
**International Women's Day**  
**WWSF turns 30!**

Dear Partners and Friends,



On this year's International Women's Day, we rise again to shout from the rooftops « **without gender equality there cannot be sustainable development!** » .

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the news from around the world is alarming with women facing increased poverty, domestic violence, and losing jobs.

We join the UN theme for 8 March « **Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Covid-19 world.** »

**Gender balance in political participation and decision-making** is an internationally agreed target set in the **Beijing Women's Declaration and Platform for Action**. Under the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, women have the same access as men to take part in and serve their governments.



**WWSF**  
*Creating the Power  
 for Change*

**8 March is also the day we commemorate our 30th anniversary (1991-2021) serving humanity with our annual empowerment campaigns and time for a new beginning**

In celebration, we created a [photo gallery](#) (automatic slideshow) to highlight 60 prizewinners, selected from a total of 462 awarded over the past 26 years, and to remind us that rural women leaders need to be included in political participation and decision-making, which is an agreed international target set in the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and in the Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030.



India 2020  
**Saraswati Uikey**  
*When a poor tribal woman becomes  
a powerful and respected role model*



USA 2016  
**Hermila (Mily) Treviño-Sauceda**  
*Creating awareness about  
farmworkers' rights*



Nepal 2015  
**Lauri Maya Thami**  
*Dismantling caste-based  
discrimination*



Indonesia 2000  
**Ngatini Tarmuji**  
*Fighting the illegal  
expropriation of land*

Visit our gallery and world map

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## Read our message to rural women of the world on International Women's Day 2021!

*Dear Sisters living in rural areas,*

*You represent a quarter of the world's population – use that power and participate in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda-2030. You know what is best for your communities and yet you still have to fight to claim your basic human rights. Even today, you do not have equal access as men to loans, education, land, healthcare, or skills training. This has to change.*

*The time has come where you need to speak out and participate in building a new world with you included and be heard.*

*- In solidarity, WWSF Partners*

On this auspicious day, we are reminded of the words of our friend, **Gertrude Mongella**, Chair of the 1995 Beijing World Women's Conference:



**“Women must lead the change. If women do not lead, we will continue to be beggars in the corridors of power.”**

**Gertrude I. Mongella**, President of the Pan-African Parliament (Chair of the 1995 Beijing Conference on Women).

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## Urgent Reminder!

Please note that the deadline to receive nominations of candidates for the 2021 Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life has been **extended to 31 May 2021**.



Find Out more

Below you find **infographics** of our three annual campaign Kits for you to use, share and implement in your communities to increase civil society action and ensure the success of the **Decade of Action for Generation Equality and the SDG Agenda 2030**. Our **2020 Activity Report** is available [online](#).

## WWSF - 30th Anniversary 1991-2021

### 8 March - International Women's Day

### Thirty years of creativity - serving humanity!

**WOMEN'S WORLD SUMMIT FOUNDATION (WWSF)**

A not-for-profit, international, humanitarian, non-governmental organization that serves with its 3 annual campaigns, world days, prize awards and training programs the advancement of women's and children's rights - *leaving no one behind.*



**A CALL TO ACTION**



**THREE ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS**

- 1) 17 Days of Activism for the Empowerment of Rural Women Leaders & their communities to rise & claim their human rights. *1-17 October*
- 2) 19 Days of Activism for Prevention of Violence and Abuse against Children & Youth *1-19 November*  
*plus a Guide on how to create community Circles of compassion*
- 3) 365 Days of Activism for the Elimination of violence against women & youth in Switzerland by 2030. Focus: Youth Engage workshops presenting 16 themes

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## Campaign: "17 Days of Activism for the Empowerment of Rural Women Leaders & their Communities 1-17 Oct."

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SUMMIT FOUNDATION  
(WWSF)**

**Aim:** Build a movement for the empowerment of rural women to demand from state leaders urgent action to implement the CEDAW Convention, the unfinished business of the Beijing Declaration, the Platform for Action, the 1325 Resolution, and the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030



**RURAL WOMEN RISE AND  
CLAIM YOUR RIGHTS!**



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**ANNUAL  
PROGRAMS**

1) Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life, launched in 1994 and awarded annually on 15 Oct. (462 prize winners to-date)

2) International Day of Rural Women-15 Oct., launched in 1995 at the Beijing World Women's Conference.

3) 17 Days of Activism for Rural Women Leaders and their Communities 1-17 Oct. A Call to Action! Read about the 17 themes online and share our ideas for action.

## WWSF - 30th Anniversary 1991-2021

### Campaign: "19 Days of Activism for Prevention of Violence & Abuse Against Children & Youth 1-19 Nov."

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The campaign is a multi-issue call to organize for action in all communities around the world and to change social behavior, educate and mobilise diverse organizations and civil society partners, including young people. To help create a culture for better prevention of violence and abuse, we must unite in collaborative action and compassion. To learn about the 19 days campaign themes, visit our website.



**IT TAKES COMPASSION TO  
END VIOLENCE AGAINST  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH**



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**ANNUAL  
PROGRAMS**

1) Word Day for Prevention of Violence Against Children and Youth - 19 November

2) 19 Days of Activism for Prevention of Violence Against Children and Youth 1-19 November

3) Prize for Innovative Activities for the prevention of violence against Children (60 awards to-date)

4) Circles of Compassion: Online Training program for communities to create their own circles of compassion and help reach the SDG target 16.2: "End abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence against and torture of children".

## violence envers les femmes et les jeunes d'ici 2030

FONDATION SOMMET  
MONDIAL DES FEMMES  
(FSMF - WWSF)

Il est temps de mettre fin  
à la violence basée sur le  
genre. Cette violence  
n'est pas inévitable.

Notre vision est celle  
d'une masculinité qui  
incarne les meilleures  
qualités de l'être humain,  
qui ne tolère pas la  
violence envers les  
femmes et les jeunes et  
qui travaille en  
partenariat avec elles  
pour la création d'une  
culture de bienveillance  
et dans le respect des  
droits humains.

En Suisse, une femme sur  
5 est victime de la violence  
physique ou sexuelle. Ce  
chiffre doit changer!



### OBJECTIF DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE - CIBLE #5.2 :

"ELIMINER DE LA VIE PUBLIQUE  
ET DE LA VIE PRIVÉE TOUTES  
LES FORMES DE VIOLENCE  
FAITES AUX FEMMES ET AUX  
FILLES, Y COMPRIS LA TRAITE ET  
L'EXPLOITATION SEXUELLE ET  
D'AUTRE TYPES  
D'EXPLOITATION".



### NOS ACTIVITES

1) Engagez-vous en  
ligne "à ne pas  
commettre, tolérer, ni  
rester silencieux face à  
la violence envers les  
femmes et les jeunes."  
Partager notre carte  
postales avec le même  
message autour de  
vous!

2) Utilisez notre Kit  
d'outils "365 jours  
d'activisme avec 16  
thèmes pour vos  
discussions et vos  
échanges au sein de  
votre famille, au travail  
et aux loisirs.

3) Participez aux stages  
de formation **Youth  
Engage** (18-30 ans) et  
devenez représentant.e  
/ambassadeur.drice  
au sein de la campagne  
suisse.

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## Upcoming Events



### 15-26 March 2021 – CSW65 – UN Commission on the Status of Women (virtual event)

Thousands of NGO representatives participate in the UN Commission on the Status of Women each year. It is the largest annual gathering of the international women's movement at the UN – a time for renewal of collective purpose and action. This year the CSW format has changed and will be conducted virtually due to the COVID pandemic. The CSW provides a unique opportunity for leaders in gender equality and empowerment to influence the UN agenda and to make sure the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) is integrated into the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.



**14 March 2021 – Geneva NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum Consultation Day:** The Geneva NGO Committee on the Status of Women is invited this year to organize an International Geneva Consultation Day event: « **Women's Rights Advocates in International Geneva: « The Heart of Human Rights and service to humanity** » ». Join us! <https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/>

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**Dear Partners and Friends,**

To make progress towards the many Sustainable Development Goals and Targets and the systematic mainstreaming of a human rights perspective is our ultimate aim. We thank you for your solidarity in reaching these goals.

In partnership,



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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.*

*Thank you for sharing our regular Newsletters and annual campaign kits with your network and friends to increase civil society bold action for change.*

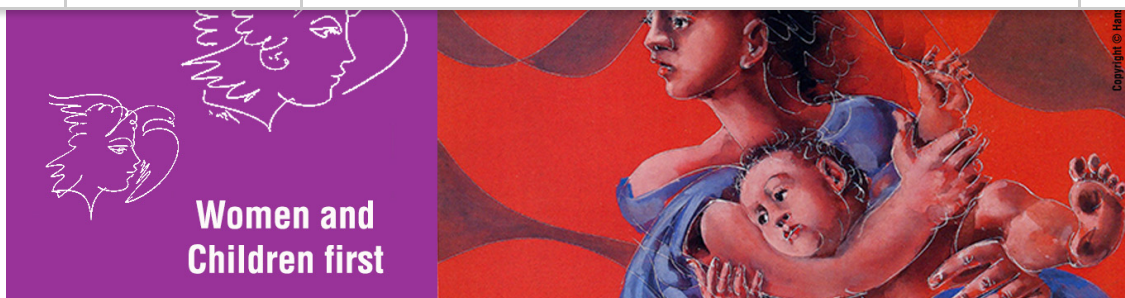
**"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."**

**- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**



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