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Serving humanity: Women and Children First!



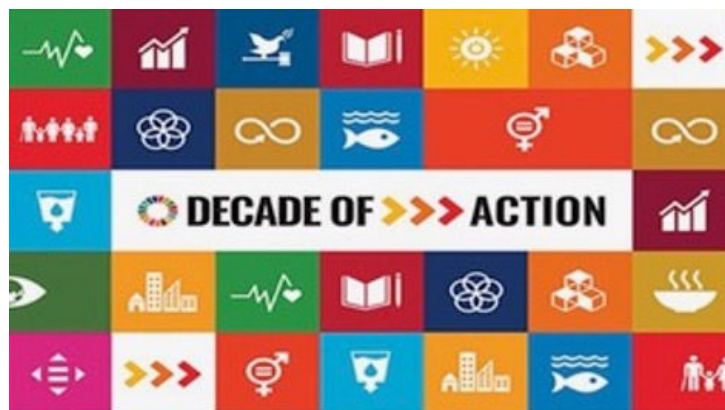
Newsletter 23 April 2021

Monthly Updaptes

Dear Partners and Friends,

We hope that you keep well and your loved ones are safe. We continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, a daily challenge for most of us.

We have entered the Decade of Action and believe that civil society action around the world will help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are therefore continuing to build and promote our three annual empowerment campaigns for change.



LATEST NEWS



Reminder

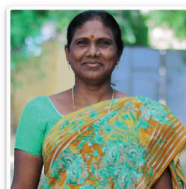
We have prolonged the deadline for you to send us your nominations of creative and compassionate rural women leaders in our communities for our annual award, the WWSF « **PRIZE for women's creativity in rural life** » (US\$ 1000 each). Nomination Form and Guidelines can be found here for you to download and return to WWSF before the end of May 2021.

Remember

Rural women are particularly hard hit by the pandemic and we wish to continue our annual empowerment awards to ensure that their courageous work and service to their communities become more visible and are recognized and supported. If you have any questions, please email us at wdpca@wwsf.ch, or call us at +41 22 738 66 19.



Meet 60 Heroes out of 462 Laureates awarded with the WWSF
Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life (1994-2020)



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*

In case you did not see it, visit our Photo Gallery, profiling 60 prizewinners from around the world <https://www.woman.ch/campaign-17-days/meet-60-heroes-out-of-462-laureates-awarded-with-the-wwsf-prize-for-womens-creativity-in-rural-life-1994-2020/>

15 October poster - International Day of Rural Women



We are early in sending you our 2021 poster for the commemoration of the International Day of Rural Women – 15 October. Use the poster and start early in announcing your activities on the Day, sharing your program of work, honoring community leaders and prizewinners, and display the posters in prominent places. Activities on the Day are being taken independently by civil society organizations and actors in their own right and according to their priorities and traditions. Any feedback from your events would be most welcome for us to share network partners and give visibility to your creativity and message of hope.

Another Reminder

You may recall that we promote our workshop on

How to Create a Circle of Compassion

A strategy for a world fit for children and youth



It takes compassion to end violence against children & youth

SDG Target 16.2 needs our contributions ! www.woman.ch - wdpca@wwsf.ch

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.2 :



« End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children »

Just to remind you of the work ahead of us to achieve the SDG promise by 2030 :

Facts & figures 2020 (source: UN SDG)

« Violence against children affects more than 1 billion children around the world and costs societies up to US\$ 7 trillion a year. »

- 50% of the world's children experience violence every year.
- Every 5 minutes, somewhere in the world, a child is killed by violence
- 1 in 10 children is sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 9 in 10 children live in countries where corporal punishment is not fully prohibited, leaving 732 million children without legal protection.
- 1 in 3 internet users worldwide is a child and 800 million of them use social media. Any child can become a victim of online violence.
- Child online sexual abuse reports to NCMEC* have grown from 1 million in 2014 to 45 million in 2018.
- 246 million children worldwide affected by school-related violence each year.
- 1 in 3 students has been bullied by their peers at school in the last month, and at least 1 in 10 children have experienced cyberbullying. *(NCME: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (USA »)

Our description on **how to create a Circle of compassion** and information will provide you with enough background to understand why it is urgent that all communities take responsibility for ending such violence.

We are currently updating our annual **19 Days of activism campaign Kit** available to civil society actors

to deliver the SDG targets.

H.H. the Dalai Lama says "compassion is necessary if we are to survive ». Use the program online and mobilize your family and friends and build compassionate communities – the time is NOW !



19 Days Activism
1-19 November
www.woman.ch

Annual 19 Days Campaign Kit available www.woman.ch

The children are waiting for our contributions. It takes compassion to end violence against children.

Women's World Summit Foundation - Call to Action!

Prevention of violence against children & youth

Children in armed conflict	Prevention of sexual abuse	Prevention of bullying	Prevention of neglect
Prevention of child labor	Prevention of corporal punishment	Prevention of the sale of children	Prevention of child prostitution
Prevention of CSAM	Prevention of child trafficking	Prevention of child sex tourism	Prevention of harmful traditions
Street children	Disabilities	Prevention of substance abuse	Prevention of malnutrition
Prevention of ICTs Dangers	Prevention of abduction	Juvenile Justice	19-20 Nov. World Day of the Girl

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



2021 – CSW65 – UN Commission on the Status of Women (virtual event)

The UN **Commission on the Status of Women** adopted agreed conclusions on “**Women's** full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all **women** and girls” on 26 March 2021.

Link to UN Women to find the agreed conclusions

https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/65/csw65_agreed_conclusions_advance_unedited_version_29_march_2021.pdf?la=en&vs=5504

Selected extracts from the CSW65 Agreed Conclusions :

Para. 3: « The Commission reaffirms that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome

documents of its reviews, and the outcomes of relevant major UN conferences and summits and the follow-up to the conferences and summits have laid a solid foundation for sustainable development and that the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action will make a crucial contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. »

Para 23: « The Commission strongly condemns all forms of violence against women and girls which is rooted in historical and structural inequalities and unequal power relations between men and women. It reiterates that violence against women and girls in all its forms and manifestations, in public and private spheres, including sexual and gender-based violence, including sexual harassment, domestic violence, gender-related killings, including femicide, and harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage, female genital mutilation, are pervasive, under-recognized and underreported, particularly at the community level. It also expresses deep concern that women and girls may be particularly vulnerable to violence because of multidimensional poverty, limited or lack of access to justice, effective legal remedies, and services, including protection, rehabilitation, reintegration, and access to health care services. It re-emphasizes that violence against women and girls is a major impediment to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and that it violates and impairs or nullifies their full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms ».



WWSF message of thanks to Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

for her creative work and leadership to take on the battle of existing imbalances of power between women and men in all spheres of life. We wish her loads of success in her future assignments and for her to continue to challenge the status quo and break down glass ceilings.

NGO Committee on the status of women, Geneva

WWSF participated in preparing the program for the NGO-CSW-GENEVA Consultation Day on 14 March 2021, entitled

« Women's rights and advocates in international Geneva: the heart of human rights and service to humanity ».

Link: <https://vimeo.com/537686580>




NGO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, GENEVA

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN
INTERNATIONAL GENEVA: THE
HEART OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
SERVICE TO HUMANITY**

GLOBAL CONSULTATION DAY HELD IN PARALLEL TO CSW

**Sunday 14 March, 2021,
5:30-7:30pm Central European Time**

To attend the NGO CSW Geneva Global Consultation Day, registration to the NGO CSW65 Forum is required.

WWSF participated in several events during the UN Commission on the Status of Women annual conference, which for the first time included a "Consultation Day in International Geneva."

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,



Elly Pradervand, WWSF President and CEO in collaboration with our campaign team

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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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