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Dear Partners and Friends,

Alarmed by the Ukrainian invasion, we are saddened that the world community has not yet achieved a process for peaceful resolutions of conflicts and still resorts to war and aggression. A sad chapter in our evolution as actors for peace.

However, we have to continue our work for the advancement of women's and children's rights and help achieve the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. Our deep aspiration for a more just and peaceful world needs a system change, where women and youth co-design with men the future we are leaving to our children and grandchildren, and to no longer end up being victims of a few that impose wars and disaster.

Our leitmotif: *"Always looking forward, never looking back"...*

We have to look forward and resolve to tackle the unfinished business of the Beijing promise to the women around the world of which 30'000 of them attended the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.

WWSF participated in Beijing and rejoiced when all UN member states signed on to the Beijing Platform for Action which is annually assessed by the **UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)**.

This year, WWSF is participating in civil society activities during the **UN CSW66**, which is the annual global UN event organized again virtually this year on **14-25 March 2022**, with a focus on **"Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies, and programs"**.



Below you find our **INVITATION** to the WWSF Zoom Side Event program to join us on **20 March 2022**.

Empowering Women, Children/Youth - 75% of the world population - to unite & claim a seat at the Table & Self-Employed Women's Association "Tackling Climate Change"

Sunday, 20 March 2022 - 8 AM EST / 1 PM CET – 40 Min.

Program Speakers

- **Eily Pradervand**, Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) Founder/President, Geneva, Switzerland, introducing the 75% Empowerment Campaign: Women, Children & Youth (6 billion strong), unite as Actors 4 Good Intl. & claim a seat at the Table (10 Min.)

- **Rehana Riyawala**, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Vice-President, Gujarat, India (2 million strong), shares rural women's work with a focus on climate change (10 Min.), followed by a video.

Q & A (10 Min.)

Registration Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQybjvFhEbWeQ-ABzKadLeV5PSH_akWru3XzIzGmYwvUu5sw/viewform

Your email registration before 18 March will help us to organize a successful event by including you in the Zoom Call.

Concept Note

Participating in solidarity with the NGO CSW Virtual Forums in New York & Geneva, WWSF & SEWA seize this opportunity to contribute to **the official CSW66 theme: "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs"**.

- **WWSF** serves with its four annual empowerment campaigns the creation of a global movement "Actors 4 Good International" to boost the implementation of UN binding Conventions for the rights of women and children, the Beijing Platform 4 Action & CSW66, Resolution 1325, and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. We are expecting world leaders to change course so that our children will not inherit the unstable and fragile world we live in today. Women who give birth to all humanity deserve a seat at the decision-making table. <https://www.woman.ch/>
- **SEWA** serves close to 2 million rural women members in 9 states of India. To date, SEWA has been successful in organizing and empowering poor self-employed women into more than 3200 self-help groups, more than 110 co-operatives, and more than 15 associations/federations. SEWA workers do not remain workers but become owners and managers of their trades and organizations and overcome the challenge of poverty and climate change. Meet these heroines and be inspired by the videos showing their spirit of courage, resilience, non-violence, and sustaining livelihoods. <https://www.sewa.org/>

2022 NGO CSW66 Forum, side- and parallel events, will be entirely virtual, taking place from 14 March till 25 March 2022.

You may access the parallel side events calendar that will be made publicly available through [the CSW66 website closer to the session](#).



Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life
The deadline for Nominations is **30 April 2022**

Let's not forget our rural women leaders deserving visibility and recognition!



In our annual **Call for Nominations** for the WWSF **Prize for women's creativity in rural life**, we wish to remind you to follow the instructions and guidelines and use the provided **Nomination Form online** for an easy nomination and better selection process. Rural women the world over are an integral and vital force in the development processes that are the key to socio-economic progress.

75%: Actors 4 Good International(75% A4GI), claiming a seat at the Table
A new network is born for Good.

For those who are not yet familiar with this new Campaign, you will find our **Concept note and Registration Form** on our [website](#).

With your **2022 membership**, you will receive separate and privileged information about our collective planning sessions for an annual **Geneva 75% Forum** to learn about leadership and claiming a seat at the Table, turning the world around for Good. **Our mission** is to break the notion of exclusion and put an end to established discrimination and create an unstoppable movement for Good to change the world compassionately.

In partnership and solidarity,

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About us: WWSF, created in 1991 in International Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's rights and to give a voice to women, children, and youth (75% of the world's population) claiming a seat at the table. WWSF mobilizes via its annual Campaigns, Round tables, World days, and Prize awards, civil society actors to catalyze increased action for Good and help reach the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

*"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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