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Dear Colleagues, Partners and Friends,

- Reminder: Extended deadline 31 May 2024 - Submission of candidates for the annual Prize for Women's creativity in rural life
- Prize Nomination Form and Guidelines in English & French
- Updates: NGO-CSW68 Forum NY - 2024 Parallel civil society event
- Updates: WWSF 75% Campaign: "Learning to lead from the heart to serve humanity - Leadership Training Forums for women and youth"





Urgent Reminder:

The Nomination deadline to propose your candidate(s) for the 2024 annual **Prize for women's creativity in rural life** has been extended to **31 May 2024**

[Below you find the link to the Nomination Form and the Guidelines how to present your candidate\(s\).](#)

Nomination Form ENGLISH

Formulaire en FRANCAIS

We wish to continue the Prize program as life for women in rural communities in too many countries is still a major challenge when it comes to advancing their basic human right to land entitlements, clean drinking water, adequate nutrition, housing and basic education, access to credit and equality and leadership skills.

WWSF has awarded its annual Prize Awards since 1994 and has to-date honored 486 laureates with US\$ 1000 per prizewinner (1994-2023) in over 140 countries. All Prizewinners are published on our website www.woman.ch



- We share with you below the link to our list of 486 rural women prizewinners awarded since 1994.

WWSF - PRIZE for Women's Creativity in Rural Life FSMF

PRIX pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural

List of the 486 PRIZEWINNERS awarded so far 1994 - 2023 (US\$ 1'000 per laureate)

Get inspired - Support the Prize Program



- **WWSF PRIZE PROGRAM Partnership Proposition**

to relevant rural NGO groups, associations and established rural development leaders to create a local and/or national WWSF Prize Partnership programs to help increase visibility of rural women's contributions to feeding their communities and families.

WWSF invites you to consider, if you have a network for Sustainable Development and/or for the empowerment of rural women's right to development and peace, to begin to create your own local or national **"Prize for women's creativity in rural life in partnership with the WWSF annual awards program"** to increase visibility of their creativity and compassion, speak out about the multiple challenges rural women face in too many countries still today and to give hope for a better future in rural life.

WWSF convened such a partnership proposal in 2023 with the India-based **Jai Jagat movement that selected five rural women in Tamilnadu, India with a local prize award.** WWSF would like to develop this idea further with local and national rural women groups around the world.

If you are interested, kindly send us an email to share with us your ideas and interest in our Partnership Proposal.

Contact us at wwsf@wwsf.ch - Prize program desk BOX



- **Update on the NGO-CSW68 Forum NY - 2024 Parallel civil society event**

- This annual Forum is an annual civil society gathering that runs parallel to the official UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68 - NY) **focusing on the 2024 priority and review themes, as follows:**



- **Priority theme:** *Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective*
- **Review theme:** *Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.*

[Link to the UN CSW68 Event 2024 Agreed Conclusions](#)

Concerning the WWSF registered Parallel NGO portal, we experienced IT problems with the parallel NGO Zoom event process which was supposed to give us the opportunity to present our selected Speakers on our Portal which we could not connect to our registration.

It is for this reason that we wish to share with you below the pre-registered messages from our Speakers, sharing their recommendations and ideas to help advance the creation of a world free of poverty and hunger.

The WWSF NGO Parallel Event theme was

"Empowering women, children & youth to assist world leaders to reach the SDG Goal # 1 - End Poverty!"

- **Introduction First Speaker**



Ms. Omotayo Adebayo

Executive Director

Haven Initiative for Women and Children Development and Safety
Nigeria

Organisation : Haven Initiative is a Non-Governmental, Not-For-Profit, humanitarian and development organization.

[Link to LinkedIn](#)

[Link to her presentation](#)

BIO

Professional Experience

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“Omotayo Adebayo is a Harvard certified Child Safeguarding Specialist who is consistently advocating for the rights of women and children development. I have a vast knowledge and solutions to issues of Child Safeguarding, Social Protection, Child trafficking & Child labor as well as Gender based violence. I am trained in Developmental and Humanitarian Project Management, Creativity and Innovation, Transformation, Parallel Services and have strong organizational program design, strategic planning and conflict resolution skills.

“Omotayo Adebayo is a Child's rights Ambassador, a leader in Child Protection Network, and President of Network for the Defense of Child' rights with vast experience in facilitation of capacity building projects, project implementation, Inter-religious dialogue and consultative advocacy missions with focus on protection of the rights of women and children. Omotayo also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Language and Master of Science in Humanitarian and Refugee Studies from the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Ibadan. She is a member of the Global Advisory board of G100 Child Protection Wing, and the Executive Director/founder of Haven Initiative for Women and Children Development and Safety a registered organization that currently sponsors 50 indigent children in their educational advancement in Abebi Community, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. Her organization also works to protect every member of the society.”

- **Second Speaker**



Mr. Rakesh Gaur

Founder/President

Organization: Udisha India

Udisha is a society for education, child and women rights protection, employment and sustainable development. We have been granted Special Consultative Status by UN Economic and Social Council and are a coalition partner of Women's World Summit Foundation.

[Link to LinkedIn](#)

[Link to his presentation](#)

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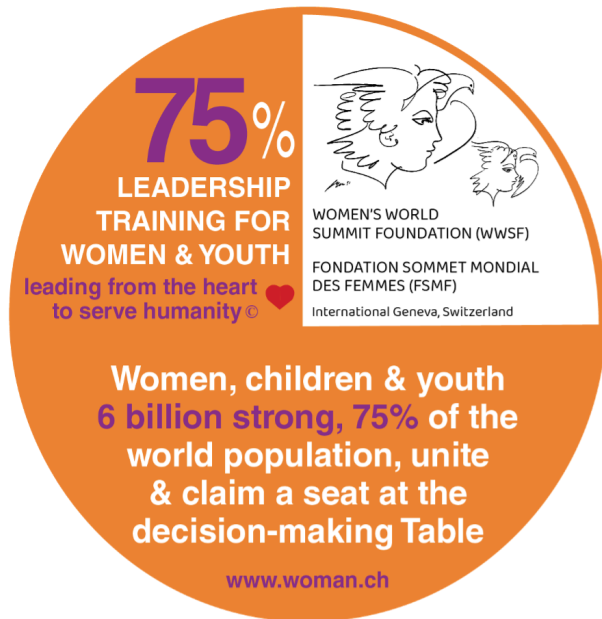
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“Mr. Rakesh Gaur has served the Government of India as Civil Services Officer.

He has wide and varied experience of around 40 years in Personnel and Civil Administration Financial/Taxation/ Duties/ Revenue/ Welfare & Women and Child Development activities in the Govt. of Delhi, India.

He also has experience of work related to financial assistance to the underprivileged /downtrodden sections of the society.

“He is founder President of Udisha/ NGO, which is in special consultative status with the Economic & Social Commission of the United Nations. Udisha is a Coalition Partner for the “19 Days of Activism Campaign for Prevention of Violence and Abuse against children and youth



Updates: WWSF 75% Campaign:
“Learning to lead from the heart to serve humanity”:

**Leadership Training Forums
for Women, Children & Youth
must become the norm.**

“WWSF believes, that when women, children & youth (75% of the world population) unite to co-create together with elected world leaders a more just and peaceful world, it will be a force such as the world has never known.”



We are currently researching the qualities and lifestyle changes humanity will need to develop and **integrate how “leading from the heart to serve Humanity”** can end our destructive war cultures and never-ending extreme poverty conditions around the world, and develop humanity's power of caring and sharing so that our dream for a world that works for all can be become a reality - one day.

We invite you to join us in our research project “WWSF Leadership Training for Women and Youth: Leading from the heart to serve Humanity” and send us your ideas and existing programs if you have exemples.

In today's world we need to propose changes that focus on our spiritual development with our understanding that we are ONE HUMANITY in

service of one another creating a new era for the general common Good for All.

We will inform you in due time of our planned Zoom Event presenting our research program and co-design the future Training sessions with you.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. Together we can achieve what we cannot do alone.

[Link to 75% Campaign Registration and Concept Note in English and French](#)

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 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 the general common Good and help reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals - 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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