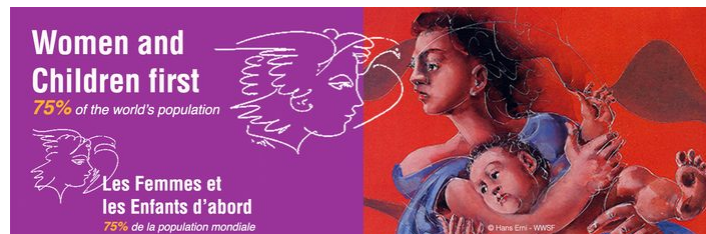




Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF

Serving Humanity: Women, Children and Youth First!



WWSF Newsletter - Edition January 2023

Dear WWSF Partners and Friends,



Our Message for 2023 “Hear the cry of humanity”!

First, we wish to thank you for participating as active members in solidarity with one or more of our four annual campaigns, sharing your transformational communication and courageous action plans by civil society change-makers to advance women and children's right to a life of dignity for all.

“Women Leadership needs to become the norm”, says UNSG Antonio Guterres



*WWSF is developing an agenda to help deliver a new era. **6 billion (out of the world population of 8 billion since November 2022), women, children and youth,** need to rise and claim their seat at all decision-making tables in every country to change course, turning the world around with actions for Good, and replace our global war culture with national Ministries for the sustainable development goals and peace-building to become the norm.*

Our business must be learning how to live together respecting human rights, working together in peaceful conditions, revising the UN Charter and deciding on a new name for the UN adding “UN for Peace”, without a UN Security Council of 5 permanent Member States producing and selling 85% of all the arms around the world.

Preparations for regular Leadership Training Forums in International Geneva are on the agenda. Civil

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COMMISSION on the
STATUS OF WOMEN



67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) 6-17.03.2023
United Nations HQ, New York, NY

A brief introduction to our second year parallel Zoom event during the 2023 NGO - CSW67 FORUM in New York, which is a civil society gathering that runs parallel to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). It provides civil society the opportunity to engage with the CSW processes and sessions without any qualifications (such as ECOSOC accreditation).

The CSW67 Priority Theme is "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"

The CSW67 Review theme is "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls"

"Mark your calendars! The Virtual Portal for the NGO CSW67 is now live & will take place 5-17 March 2023

Check the website periodically for more information about the NGO CSW67 Forum, the UN CSW67 session and register to attend our WWSF Parallel Zoom event.



WWSF will invite 3 to 4 partners and experts from our member's network list to speak at our parallel Zoom event on the **CSW67 theme** and include our **75% Leadership Training opportunities for women and youth** to tell the world **that 6 billion of us can no longer be ignored**, claiming a seat at all major decision-making tables before it is too late.

You can send us your CV and credentials via email to the secretariat@wwsf.ch if you are interested in participating as a speaker in our WWSF - CSW67 NGO Parallel Zoom event. More information will follow.

Given the dangerous status of our world today, we are proposing that women, children and youth, representing 75% of the world population - 6 billion strong - are included in co-designing with men a new era where all have a stake in the conversation and decision-making. **75%** is about creating a world that works for all and demonstrate with our actions for Good the need to create a culture for peace-building activities in very society for our children and grandchildren to grow up as actors for peace and not as actors of wars.



Prevention of violence & abuse against children & youth, 1-19 November 2022 (with 19 themes and daily social media alerts) was again well received, creatively promoted by our members in new ways, where young people reminded world leaders of their promises and holding them accountable for the constant increase of child abuse and violence around the world.

We need to collectively move into a higher gear with our advocacy about the new challenges afflicting humanity on too many fronts at the same time. When will we learn that “Not by might, nor by power, but by our spirit will we transform our violent world into a place hearing the cry of humanity and respond compassionately.



Our annual **“17 Day campaign Kit of activism for the empowerment of rural women leaders and their communities 1-17 October 2022”** (with 17 themes and daily social media alerts), is still affected by the effects of the 2-year Covid pandemic. We hope that in 2023 rural women leaders will continue to use again our Call to action, and demand that the promised Action Plans enthusiastically applauded by all UN member States in 1995 at the **Beijing Women’s Conference** almost 30 years ago, will be met.

“If rural women do not co-lead with men the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030, they will continue to remain beggars in the corridors of power forever.”



Our 2022 **“Prize for women’s creativity in rural life”** was awarded to 4 prizewinners from Sierra Leone, Colombia, Pakistan and Nigeria, all profiled on our **website www.woman.ch**.

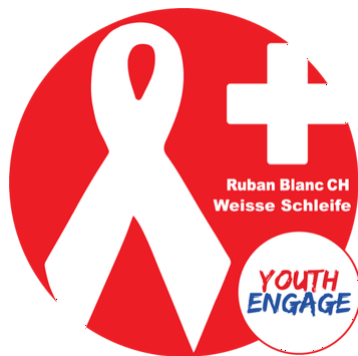
The pandemic reduced the number of nominations received from rural community leaders, and we hope to receive again in 2023 many candidates from which we select our annual ten prizewinners. Since inception in 1994, WWSF could award 476 Laureates from over 130 countries with 1000 US dollars each.

We need to hear the cry of rural women who feed their families and communities while coping with a ruthless climate, health- and financial crisis.

[Link to the 2023 Nomination Form](#). **Deadline 30 April 2023**. Prizewinners will be announced on 1 October 2023 via a press release & via direct contact with the laureates and the nominators.

Meet the four 2022 Prizewinners receiving the WWSF - Prize for women’s creativity in rural life”.

2022 WWSF - Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life : 4 Laureates in 2022

ASSOCIATION WOMEN LEADERS of
the Littoral - CameroonRENNER Victoria
Sierra LeonePETER Christina
PakistanOTU ROBERT Rita
Nigeria

Our 2022 **"Swiss national White Ribbon Campaign for the Elimination of violence against women and youth by 2030"** was reborn after two years of interrupted interaction with the public due to Covid. We could organize again our annual **Geneva-Round Table Talk** in 2022 on the topic of **"Domestic violence - how will we end it by 2030?"**

Six invited expert speakers addressed topics including: "Men's participation in eliminating this ever-increasing problem in our society; A video interview with a battered woman who had to leave her home with the children to escape the violent behavior of her partner; The need for increased training in non-violent communication skills; An introduction to the **"Istanbul Convention: Action against violence against women and domestic violence in the Council of Europe"**; and last, but not least, from the Vice President of the Geneva Youth Parliament about their work with youth.

We also published in three Swiss train stations large White Ribbon posters advertising our key message **"I pledge not to commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women and youth"**, and invited the Swiss society to share their moral promise online and/or with our postcard.

In 2023, we will again introduce training sessions to empower youth representatives who take the campaign to various cantons, schools, universities and business leaders to speed up changing our societies into non-violent relationships, respecting human rights. Our 2 White Ribbon websites are in French & German representing the main Swiss national languages. www.ruban-blanc.ch

Dear Friends and Partners, WWSF serves with its **4 annual empowerment campaigns** the creation of a global movement "75% Actors 4 Good International" to boost the implementation of UN binding Conventions for the rights of women and children; the Beijing Platform 4 Action; & the annual recommendations of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; the Resolution 1325; and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

In partnership and solidarity, Elly Pradervand, Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) President / CEO / UN representative, in collaboration with our campaign team and in gratitude for our members and sponsors. www.woman.ch - wdpca@wwsf.ch - Tel: +41 (0) 22 738 66 19.

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 actions for Good to 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."**

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