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On the occasion of the 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and in response to the invitation to the Executive Director of the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) to address the Commission at the opening of its fifty-ninth session, AWID called on feminists and women's rights advocates around the world to share three key messages about women's rights with UN and government leaders.

The call was widely disseminated online and was open for five days from 2–6 March 2015. 133 feminists and women's rights advocates responded with 276 comments. The comments informed the remarks made by the Executive Director of AWID in her address to the Commission on Monday 9 March 2015 and are shared in full below.

Women's Human Rights

Gender Justice for All implies: End impunity regarding violations of the human rights of women.

Ireen Dubel

Women's right to dress as they deem fit.

Shaheen Ashraf

There is a big gap in reality between gender awareness and women's empowerment. Even in gender aware groups, women are confused about their empowerment. Not only women, male participation is urgent to empower women of third world countries.

Md Ashraful Alam

Move beyond traditional, limited notions of gender binaries & stereotypes that are hurtful 4 any transformative feminist project!

Marieke Frohlich

A world where gender identity (or orientation, race, class, etc.) will be irrelevant wrt access to justice & rights!

Sarita Zuberi

It's about time we took on Development Justice model and took stronger action to save SIDS!!!

Betty Barkha

LGBT+ inclusive development

Kathleen Walsh

Not until every woman and girl on the planet has equal rights will we have a world we can all be proud of

Sue Black

A new consensus on women's human rights. Beijing POA is too old. Young women not relating. A #5thwcw. To galvanize young feminists. Reposition women's rights in this age of social media! Imagine the impact!

Everjoice Win

Access to clean water, food, human security for all

Janni Aragon, PhD

#FeministWant excellence for their communities as a whole, not just women

Danielle Taylor

#FeministWant & #CSW59: To encourage women to support more women in their everyday lives. To become the norm and ingrained in society.

Diana B. Sayed

#FeministWant: Ending paternalistic government policies that hurt Aboriginal communities.

Kara Beavis

Empower women to be most responsive to gender gaps at all levels and promote social justice

Djingarey Maiga

#FeministWant: to be able to wear hijab and bright red lipstick with no raised eyebrows.

#FeministWant: convert all #manspreaders on the #londonunderground to become more civilised.

Sania Sajid

#Feministwant the radical notion of women being treated as human beings to not be considered radical.

Ahmed Kadry

Freedom of choice, freedom of m'ment, freedom to love, freedom to work, freedom to celebrate being ourselves without fear #feministwant

Sian Maseko

#feministwant Being a woman should not be a burden but a cause for celebration.

Carrie Mudzengi

#Gender equality and women's #empowerment aren't simply a part of development but at the core of development.

Susan Markham

We need complete inclusion of all women & gender equality for everyone

Fran Luke

This queer feminist wants all kinds of LGBTQ discrimination eradicated. Respect our dignity, afford us our human rights

Libay Cantor

In Beijing we celebrated women's rights as human rights! Human rights are interconnected, interrelated and indivisible. You must add the word HUMAN before RIGHTS to give full credit and substance to Beijing + 20!! Women are full human beings... Please don't make human rights one of the pillars but the foundation – irrevocable and holistic. There is still time to make it the clarion call of the CSW!! Let us not meet again at Beijing + 30 speaking on violence against women.

Shulamith Koenig

Let's work for equality and respect for all, no matter their gender, the colour of their skin, their beliefs or the amount of money from their wallet. This is VERY important, no matter [how] hard it can be to evolve the way women are seen everywhere, including in religions in order to promote a true better world.

Luc Bazile

The UK built a special hell for African women:

Yarl's Wood www.womeninandbeyond.org/?p=18404

Black #women prisoners haunt International Women's Day

Address global and increasing abuse of #women asylum seekers

Address global and increasing abuse of #women through mass incarceration

Dan Moshenberg

Make gender equality a reality in my lifetime. It'll make the world a better place for EVERYONE. What will it take? Aim to make CSW100 the last CSW because all gender equality goals will have been reached.

Zawadi Nyong'o

Analyzing all types of violence against women, I came up to the conclusion that there are two that nurture the others: economic violence and ignorance. We need our governments and the UN to address these core violence against women. But for this to be successful they will have to give more support to systems approaches.

Mamadou Fallilou Sarr

#FeministWant women w #disabilities & #deaf women to be cross cutting theme at #CSW59

Dawn Raff

Is there really a thing as women's rights or does women's right have a lot to do with one's social and economic status? The higher one is at the top of the economic pecking order the less one is even aware of the need to have rights. Because the world makes sure that your rights are taken care of naturally. To these set of people, human rights is a reality. But the lower down the pecking order one is, the less rights one is able to access whether it is rights to clean water, good and quality reproductive health, physical safety in one's community from one's family, from one's government, or just the rights to the air one breathes. To these set of people, human rights remains a hope. What measures are been put to help poor rural women who will live not knowing what their rights are?

Odion Anavhe

Recognition of rights of #women with #disability #CRPD3.

Lejla Somun

Women and girls in the marginalised areas should be given priorities too, due to early marriage, school dropout #EndFGM

Rachel Kungu

#FeministWant Dignity for older persons

Colleen Stefanich

#FeministWant acknowledgement that our very society is built on subjectification. From religion and industry to politics and entertainment.

Bronwen Carson

#FeministWant Women's equality is a prerequisite for development #SDG's
When women thrive, all of society benefits & succeeding generations are given a better start in life.

Joy Tiku Enighe

The reinforcement, reaffirmation, and re-establishment of our God-given rights.

Nahla Elsubeihi

Revisen el status de Las esposas en los matrimonios mixtos y el recortr de Sus derechos.

Rossana Karunaratna

#FéministesVeulent que les #droitsdesfemmes ne soient pas un aspect des
#droitshumains mais que le genre soit intégré transversalement

Mégane Ghorbani

#FeministesVeulent Les droits complets aux femmes migrantes, et de couleurs, à vivre sans racisme et xénophobie.

Sophia Pierre Antone

Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

What gains for West African #women in 20yrs since Beijing? #MenofNigeria violent and not #genderfriendly in politics

Cassy Japtha

Govts should create binding accountability mechanisms for #Beijing20

Isis International

Ensure implementation transformative values #Beijing20 – incl gender analysis of conflict, demilitarization, disarmament

Women Peace Makers Program

#Beijing20 years later we still far behind! Save women and girls from war, rape and discrimination

Kahina Bouagache

Everything has been said already what is missing is enforcement of what is addressed by different activists, its time when the Government should widely open both eyes.

Richard Choya

I would like to say stop the rhetoric and act

Dr Zakia Belhachmi

20 years after 189 countries adopted a blueprint to achieve equality for women, no country has reached gender equality

Anam Rathor

Que no haya retrocesos en los avances en el empoderamiento de las mujeres, no ceder a presión de gobiernos consevadores

María Villellas

#FeministasQuieren menos gestos grandilocuentes y más igualdad real en las leyes.

Silvia Buendía

En mi opinión, y viéndolo con perspectiva, la Declaración de Beijing se quedó en general en papel mojado. Cuando la lucha por la igualdad de derechos entre mujeres y hombres se institucionaliza políticamente en las altas esferas edulcorando el discurso feminista para adaptarlo al sistema, acostumbra a pasar. Y para que realmente se hubieran promovido transformaciones potentes necesitaríamos un verdadero cambio de paradigma a nivel social, una ruptura respecto al sistema patriarcal y capitalista dominante y no reformas, parches y buenas intenciones.

Sonia Herrera Sánchez

El rezago en la participación políticas de las mujeres, el retraso en la jerarquización y asignación de presupuesto a los mecanismos de género. El tema de un profundo cambio cultural que remueva estereotipos es clave también. Me parece importante rescatar el aporte de Beijing de doble estrategia: transversalidad de género en las políticas públicas y empoderamiento de las mujeres. Considero que muchas veces se hace foco en una de las dos estrategias y la clave es que se desarrollen de manera combinada

Solana Quesada

Vingt ans après, bien que je salue l'initiative, je ne vois pas d'impact.

Amy Bakayogo

Les femmes qui ont fait le déplacement pour Beijing restent sur leur faim quant aux résultats de cette grandiose manifestation. D'importantes résolutions ont été prises en faveur des femmes mais malheureusement n'ont pas pu complètement voir le jour ou se réaliser totalement. Il faut diagnostiquer, fouiner pour partir sur de nouvelles données solides qui permettront la réalisation total de l'égalité des sexes pour le bien être du Monde entier

Aminetou mint Maouloud

Militarism, Violence and Conflict

We stand firm against all militarism and violence, including state-sponsored terrorism, drone attacks and endless wars

Rosalind Petchesky

Today is the time required to take effective actions to stop each violation of the rights of women and all women without discrimination on the basis of color, religion or race, and claim to activate the international legal bodies and decisions to punish war criminals and perpetrators of crimes and to protect women and children from capitalism and fundamentalism. The effects of war and conflicts destroys everything (that) is built and developed in the communities. Make the Beijing Platform a platform to stop the war and take practical steps in this direction, together we can succeed and are taking the first steps to stop the war and end the occupation in all its forms, especially the Israeli occupation.

Victoria Warasneh

The UN should assert more pressure on nations at war to solve their problems according to the UN rulings. Solve the problem of Kashmir and Palestine as war affects women and children the most.

Shaheen Ashraf

More focus on the rights of women under occupation, in Palestine

Muna Namura

I would say that what one of the things we need most now is peace and security, and that women and women's organisations can play a key part in making it happen. It is high time to give women a meaningful place at the table to discuss and decide how to bring about peace in the communities, between and within countries; how to build the kind of resilience that will allow communities to resist violence and destruction. Women and women's organisations need to be included in the conversation, have access to information, have access to power and agency, be allowed to connect and make alliances with others and generally be supported in their efforts to strengthen community resilience and a return to peace and safety. Peace is not going to happen with top-down force, but with a radical change at the grass-roots level, and women and women's groups can significantly contribute to this change.

Antonella Notari Vischer

Address the shaming and blaming of sexual violence victims

Proper care and rehabilitation for victims of sexual violence

A complete overhaul of the section that requires collaborative testimony of rape victims in the criminal code

We need more functional shelters and safe houses for victims of domestic and sexual violence

Lawyergirl

End female genital mutilation this generation

endfgm

Gov must support progs to end VAW

VAW costs impact GDP

Ending VAW should be priority.

JanetOrange

My #FeministWant: donor govts, esp US, support access to safe abortion for women raped in conflict

SerraSipel

#FeministWant a coordinated, global response to ongoing horrific VAW at the hands of ISIS & fundamentalist groups

Meerim Ilyas

Ensure implementation transformative values #Beijing20 – incl gender analysis of conflict, demilitarization, disarmament

Anushay Hossain

#FeministWant men to stand up WITH #women and reject men in the society that commit #vaw #rape #FGM #femaleinfanticide and more.

@mshaiq

Incorporating an intersectional framework for addressing gender based violence against women and trans persons.

Kellie McLeod

In my opinion the total eradication of any kind of violence against women must be priority as women must feel safe to act freely.

Carmen Marin Garcia

I want to see every international measure of gender equality include progress on #VAW

Kate McInturff

VAW and discrimination should never be 'justified' in the name of culture or religion

WLUML

#FeministWant rape and all forms of GBV to have stiff penalties like murder & fraud.

Tendai Garwe

#FeministWant protection for women human rights defenders

#FeministWant accountability on sexual violence against women

Mozn Hassan

Gender violence @UNWomenAust #FeministWant #CSW59

Sarah Seymour

It is said education for girls is the best tool for empowerment, but this is still [a] challenge as violence against women and girls is not ending. This need to be addressed so that women can fully enjoy their human rights and experience their full potential. The Governments need to do more in addressing issues of masculinity

Annastacia Olemba

Gender empowerment to monitor #domestic violence and child abuse should be key to our discussion for action

Rachel Kungu

My #FeministWant End to #VAWG and more VAWG services

Lejla Somun

My #FeministWant Tackling VAW (+accountability)

Kathleen Walsh

#endchildmarriage #StopFGM through education & awareness of the dire repercussions of these abhorrent practices.

Sania Sajid

A time when we no longer need to have 'Reclaim The Night' marches

Shazia Usman

#FeministWant #endchildmarriage

Colleen Stefanich

Address global and increasing abuse of #women domestic workers.

Dan Moshenberg

#FeministWant to live in a world safe for all #genders. A world that holds rapists, murderers accountable for their crimes against #humanity

mshaiq

Recognising threats & attacks faced by #WHRDs & commitment to gender sensitive protection mechanisms

Bethan Cansfield

Community-based culturally-sensitive education programs to end rape, violent practices such as FGM and to end domestic violence on women.

Jeevika Vivekananthan

Proteger y apoyar trabajo de org. feministas y defensoras de #DDHH para asegurar la paz y la democracia

Marusia López

Un aspecto que sin embargo es común a muchas es la violencia de género que cada día toma mayores proporciones y se expresa en forma de feminicidios. Por ello creo que se deben intensificar las campañas para prevenirla y erradicarla.

Yusmidia Solano Suárez

#FeministasQuiere Basta de #impunidad para #feminicidios

#FeministasQuiere Calles libres de #acosocallejero

#FeministasQuiere...Protección para mujeres #defensoras de #DerechosHumanos

Cotidiano Mujer

Para mi es clave decir que la justicia sin las mujeres no es verdadera justicia y q la impunidad, por ejemplo en violencia sexual es generalizada

Julissa MF

Los recursos: La region ha avanzado en legislacion no discriminatoria en general y en algunos casos especifica como en la atencion de la violence contra la mujer, pero no ha puesto los recursos necesarios.

Políticas integrales: Sobre todo en el caso de la violencia contra la mujer, embarazo adolescente, salud materna, cumplimiento de derechos, se requiere un abordaje sistémico y coordinado que no tenemos aun. Justicia es el peor caso: se requiere acción integral desde distintos sectores.

Gabriela Vega

Una realidad que lamentablemente sigue presentándose y aumenta, pese a iniciativas legislativas, institucionales y sociales es la violencia siendo el feminicidio la máxima expresión de este odio contra las mujeres. En Colombia por ejemplo, entre 2007 y 2012 cada tres días fue asesinada una mujer y lo más lamentable aún es que la mayor parte de los responsables son los varones que dicen amarlas, siendo justificados tras la figura del “crimen pasional”. Igualmente, están aquellas que ocurren en el contexto del conflicto armado y la violencia socio política en donde el cuerpo de la mujer sigue siendo el botín de guerra por parte de todos y cada uno de los actores armados legales e ilegales. violencia que también se expresa con la pauperización tanto laboral sosteniéndose el techo de cristal y todo lo que éste implica en la profesionalización y vida de las mujeres como de la atención en salud que recibe por parte del Estado, especialmente en lo que se refiere a su salud sexual y reproductiva/procreativa.

Sol Suleydy Gaitán

Que les Dirigeants de ce monde puissent se mobiliser pour dire non aux viols faits aux femmes à travers le monde d'une manière générale et au Congo Kinshasa particulièrement. Et que des mesures soient prises afin de punir leurs auteurs.

Salvador Cerinza

#FeministesVeulent Le droit de ne pas faire face à l'harcèlement sexuel au boulot et dans les rues.

#FeministesVeulent Stop aux viols, violences domestiques, violences sexuelles, trafficking, exploitations sexuelles, féminicides, disparitions

Sophia Pierre Antone

Stop à la violence. Stop aux mariages forcés. Stop aux mariages précoces

Helene Lovet

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

#Feministwant to have full control of our bodies. We don't want men to get even with each other using our bodies

Tendai Garwe

Despite the identification of equality as a pre-requisite to social justice twenty years ago in the Platform for Action, progress has been limited and uneven. Further, upholding human rights of women and girls were seen as inalienable, integral, indivisible and universal and yet, they continue to be limited and stifle potential. As a result, we as civil society have to take this opportunity to continue to demand gender equality and empowerment, together with the call to ensure sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. Sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls have been compromised and gone unmet despite the calls for action. Gender equality and women empowerment cannot be met unless SRHR are realised. In line with this, issues of poverty and inequality have to be addressed as they limit accessibility to resources, including sexual and reproductive health resources. This includes acknowledging that the diversity among women has to be taken into account.

Azra

Women deserve and want sexual and reproductive rights. Women want their moral agency respected.

Rev. Debra Haffner

A key area to look into is women's unfettered exercise of their sexual & reproductive rights

Olaoluwa Abagun

More focus on women's health being a women's right.

Patricia Jenkins

Move forward on sexual and reproductive rights, including full access to safe, legal abortion and contraception for all women and girls.

Rosalind Petchesky

Sexual and reproductive health rights should be a reality for women and attention must be paid to youths especially those in school—government must 'wake up' be more open minded to implement workable policies to curb teen pregnancies and unsafe abortions—this is vital in bridging the gender imbalance.

Phyllis Simasiku

#FeministWant sexual & reproductive health education without shame, pro choice, & includes LGBTQ+ bodies & desires

Sophia Pierre Antone

#FeministWant Respect, protection and promotion of #women's #SRHR

Paola Salwan Daher

Reproductive health rights for women!! Including FULL unhampered access to free abortion and contraception. Access to affordable quality child care

Kellie McLeod

Women have a right to be #EDCFree 157 bn euros on health care costs?

Helen Lynn

#FeministWant #Equality4All Ban Ki-moon: #WomensEmpowerment reproductive health missing key 2 sustainable Development

UniteWomenAL.org

Full reproductive health services, including ready access to safe abortions. Safeguard our right to choose.

Cordelia Lear

#FeministWant #Equality4All First #bodilysovereignty = #BC4all #SafeLegalAccessible #safeabortionnow

Rosalind McDermott

Gender equality = respecting right of women & girls to control all aspects of our sexuality & reproduction.

IWHC

I want women to have clean water, absolute autonomy about when/how to be pregnant or not & access to learning

Melissa Bird

#FeministWant political #leadership on women's sexual & reproductive #rights #prochoice

Kara Beavis

Birth control, family planning. @UNWomenAust #FeministWant #CSW59

Sarah Seymour

Commit to ending VAWG and give all women their sexual and reproductive rights

Gender & Development Network

#feministwant a time when #vagina is not offensive & #indians don't walk out of the #vaginamonologue

Roshika Deo

#FeministWant Women in Africa to be educated on family planning and contraceptives in order to better plan for themselves and their families

Nyang'or

Equal rights 4 women & access to safe legal abortion, services free of discrimination & girls in decision making bodies

Sarah Ashaya Soysa

Sexual rights are human rights. Without them women's rights can't be guaranteed. Women must have full bodily autonomy.

Guarantee women & girls reproductive health & rights through all stages of their lives. All over the world.

No woman should die while giving life. Make this a reality. All over the world.

Zawadi Nyong'o

We want an end to child marriages & an end to harmful cultural practices such as bride price.

Charity Hodzi

#FeministWant to retain language on human rights and SHRH in the political declaration for #CSW5

Melissa Ditmore

We must emphasize a human rights based approach to sexual and reproductive health in the new development agenda that ensures equal rights for every person, and we must develop meaningful, measurable, and transparent ways for women to hold states accountable to these human rights obligations and development commitments.

Center for Reproductive Rights

Sexual rights are human rights!

Nina Besser

A world where women have the right to decide what they want in life.

Anam Rathor

Women's bodies are the most significant sources of #power or #oppression; body autonomy is key in realizing our #rights

Melissa

Reproductive choice and access; an end to gender based violence, fear and intimidation

Meegan McHugh

Aborto legal, seguro y gratuito

Que los gobiernos instrumenten medidas para la aplicación y accesibilidad de los dd sexuales y reproductivos

María Eugenia Olmos

Queremos una vida libre de violencias contra nuestros cuerpos, nuestra economía, nuestra vida, nuestra actividad política

María Villellas

#FeministasQuieren q el #DerechoaDecidir y el acceso al conocimiento sea prioridad en #CSW59

DominemoslasTIC

Centroamérica reúne a la mayor parte de países que penalizan el aborto, hay resistencia a la educación sexual, a que las mujeres conozcan sobre su salud sexual y reproductiva y las Reservas puestas a Beijing muy difícilmente serán levantadas, gracias a gobernantes conservadores, grupos anti derechos y las iglesias, que se oponen al ejercicio de los Derechos Sexuales y Derechos Reproductivos, lo cual tiene como consecuencia necesidades insatisfechas en anticoncepción, embarazos no deseados, abortos inseguros, muertes maternas. Puede visibilizarnos como Centroamericanas? Han criminalizado nuestras demandas y luchas, impidiendo que accedamos a recursos para que las organizaciones feministas sigamos trabajando en la sensibilización, incidencia y cabildeo porque esos derechos sean una realidad y no poner en peligro día a día la salud y vida de las mujeres. Estaremos agradecidas por evidenciar nuestra situación

Evelyn Morales

Los derechos sexuales y reproductivos pertenecen al campo de la salud y no del Derecho Penal.

Rossana Karunaratna

Un tema que a mi me preocupa, es que el aborto todavía esté penalizado en muchos países siendo hoy la principal causa de mortalidad materna. El tema de los recursos es fundamental.

Valeria Tallarico

#FeministesVeulent L'accès facile et à très bas prix aux soins maternels – pré et postnatal.

#FeministesVeulent L'accès aux méthodes de préventions et aux soins pour le VIH SIDA et autres MST

Sophia Pierre Antone

Amplifier les campagnes pour la promotion de l'accès des femmes aux centres de santé afin que plus aucune femme ne perde la vie en donnant la vie.

Mata Coulibaly

Religious Fundamentalisms

Support women in their human rights and end the forcing of male constructed religious ideologies (masking as policy or tradition) upon women .

Mary Rose Kaczorowski

“There is an urgent need to recognize that religious patriarchy is the biggest obstacle to further progress on gender equality and human development. For instance, in a Christian context, religious patriarchy is perpetuated by the continued practice of allowing only men to serve in roles of religious headship, i.e., as priests or pastors. Same applies to all the other major religious traditions still contaminated by the patriarchal norm of male hegemony. God is not a patriarch. God is not exclusively male. For the glory of God and the good of humanity, it is time to let go of the idolatrous male.

More specifically, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, my understanding is that the ordination of women to the priesthood would be in perfect continuity with apostolic tradition:

Ordination of Women in the Sacramental Churches

This is not about what women (or men) want. This is about discerning what Christ wants for the Church in the 21st century, for the glory of God and the good of souls. Would Jesus, in today's world, choose 12 males to represent the patriarchs of the 12 tribes of Israel? This is the kind of question that we should ask to all religious institutions that persist in conflating patriarchal ideology with divine mysteries.

Luis Gutierrez

The growth in religious conservatism and fundamentalism, which places controls over gender and sexuality and curbs women's rights also has to be challenged and addressed. This also affects people living with HIV who are prohibited from accessing treatment and services, and access to contraception, which is restricted and criminalised.

Azra

When tackling fundamentalisms, listen to the voices of the women who are affected

Safety for #WHRDs in conflict and fundamentalist contexts

Mass mobilisation of women who resist both fundamentalisms and imperialisms. A “third way”.

WLUML

Bold. Fierce critique of fundamentalisms & impacts on WHR. Let’s name it!

Everjoice Win

Challenging relig extremism *with* women locally, to create alternatives instead of treating symptoms & adding fuel

Sarita Zuberi

We should not have to choose between Orientalism and Feminism!

Kavita N. Ramdas

No más fundamentalismos religiosos que obstaculicen nuestros derechos ESTADOS E IGLESIAS SEPARADOS

María Eugenia Olmos y Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Argentina

El avance de los fundamentalismos en depremiento de los derechos de las mujeres y su influencia en tomadores de decision y el ejercicio de la “cosa publica” cuyo accionar signifca el sacrificio de centenares de vidas de mujeres y niñas y la negacion de sus derechos humanos y de ciudadania.

Violeta Delgado

Financing for Women’s Rights Organizing

Financing for Gender Justice for All = Financing for Development, Gender Justice for All implies providing and safeguarding: political and democratic civic space, diplomatic protection and financial support

Ireen Dubel

Increased resources for/with/by Pacific Region

Increased equitable distribution of resources for/with/by Pacific Region

Increased resources for capacity and capability building for/with/by Pacific Region

Pacific Womens’ Indigenous Networks for Human Rights & Against Human Trafficking

There should be more funding for participants from developing countries.

Rashmila Prajapati

More funding for women and girls projects

Lawyergirl

I would say that the women's organisations need to be supported and helped in their action by UN and government leaders.

Aurelia Gantier

A funding climate that respects the expertise of women's groups to set their own priorities and agendas; A re-politicisation of the women's sector. Break the hold of neoliberal funding agendas

Isabel Marler

A move away from tick-box approaches to so called 'gender mainstreaming'. Governments & donors have lost the plot.

Everjoice Win

Funding for essential & specialist frontline services who work with women and their children

Kara Beavis

More \$\$ 4 #womensrights

Lejla Somun

Support women's rights organizations to be leaders in challenging gender inequality

Gender & Development Network

Women's movements & orgs are key to change for women. They need financing with long-term, flexible, core funds.

Lee Webster

Recognition of the vital role of WRO in achieving gender equality & commitment for an increase in quality funding for WRO

Bethan Cansfield

Fondos \$ para erradicar el patriarcado (funding to end patriarchy)

Ana Maria Enriquez

Recursos, mas recursos y menos palabras.

Violeta Delgado

#FeministesVeulent L'accès aux fonds monétaires pour les projets sur l'équité des genres

Sophia Pierre Antone

Economic Rights and Justice

Equal pay for same jobs as men.

Shaheen Ashraf

Another important dimension to explore is women's right to equal treatment at work & in the labour market

Olaoluwa Abagun

More focus on land tenure rights for women in Cameroon

Sandrine Atabong

A world in which feminization of poverty is eradicated

Tendai Garwe

#FeministWant #Equality4All = sustainable development 'Cuz we all rise together or not at all. #StopTPP #TPP is counter to ALL THAT

UniteWomenAL.org

Recognition of the link between quality public services and addressing the burden of unpaid care work for women and girls

Understanding the powerful role the trade union movement plays in achieving gender equality & human rights for women & girls

Decent Work. Such a small phrase, but such an important aspiration.

Vicky Smallman

Social and financial supports for senior women. Our mothers and grandmothers shouldn't die alone in poverty.

Cordelia Lear

Internationally recognise female group economics in developing countries where women work hard but own little

Recognising care responsibilities are highly gendered and of high value. Raising wages for care work.

Women run economic institutions in developing countries. In the form of budgeting and economic education and land rights

Roxannaledonald

Economic empowerment for women would promote education for girls

Rachel Kungu

The full decriminalisation of sex work in lines with the demands of sex worker-led organisations all over the world!

@pastachips

Equality in inheritance

Charity Hodzi

Earn and learn for girls and women

Sarah Seymour

The trauma that women are subjected to when their husbands die should be addressed and controlled. In this part of the World, Nigeria, in most places, the women bear the brunt on the demise of the husbands. The family of the husband instantly asking for documents of the husbands when they die. EVERYTHING that binds the husband and wife together, Bank Accounts, Property, Cars, other investments are taken over and the woman – widow is ejected from the Home, jointly built by the couple. This is an unfair treatment . It is worse when the wife has no issue for the dead husband, and even when she has any child(ren), all are ejected from the house. The resultant effect of such situation in this part of the world is engagement of many of the ejected family members in social vices which are inimical to the society.

Richard Ajayi

Address the structural causes of gender inequality – increase women’s voice and agency, reduce unpaid care

End the gender pay gap and discrimination at work and give all women access to decent work opportunities

Gender & Development Network

Challenge neoliberal economic policies which increase women’s exploitation + unpaid care responsibilities

Francesca Rhodes

#FeministWant equal pay + decent jobs + public services

Chiara Capraro

Ahead of #IWD2015 & #CSW59, our #FeministWant is end to tax policies that further marginalize & discriminate against women

Women for Tax Justice

Open debate on the importance of gender equality in work place.

Include both women and men in all the discussions related to gender equality and in all the programs to promote women’s rights.

Jeevika Vivekananthan

A girl born today will be 81 years old before she has the same chance as a man to be CEO of a company.

The gender pay gap reduces at the current rate, it will take another 70 years to close!

Anam Rathor

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The MAJORS

Kids allowed to be kids. No forced work/child soldiers.

Janni Aragon, PhD

Erradicar la desigualdad de género como condición mínima para que la humanidad supere crisis actual

Marusia López

#FeministasQuieren que se exija responsabilidades a las empresas multinacionales que violan #DDHH de las mujeres

María Vilellas

El otro aspecto es el acceso a los recursos y la propiedad, por lo cual se debe promover redistribución del ingreso, mediante la garantía de parte de los estados de un ingreso básico para todas y todos.

Yusmidia Solano Suárez

#FeministesVeulent L'accès à la sécurité sociale et économique pour les familles non traditionnelles.

#FeministesVeulent Que les emplois dits « féminins » soient valorisés comme les soins des jeunes, des âgés, des maisons.

Sophia Pierre Antone

#FéministesVeulent des politiques anticapitalistes qui empêchent la perpétuation du patriarcat

@desertratilla

Environmental Justice

Climate change is the largest destabilizer of livelihoods and democracy. Women must be involved in climate talks, adaption strategies and leadership.

Mary Rose Kaczorowski

Better recognition of intersection between climate change, other environmental concerns and women's rights

Keren Simons

#FeministesVeulent Que les paysannes et Indigènes ne vivent pas sous peur de perdre leurs terres et des OGM

Sophia Pierre Antone

Education

Investment in women's education and economic empowerment must be increased to ensure empowerment and reduction of violence against women.

Ferdousi Sultana

Education is most important for life. Give them scholarship and shelter. It should be with them so that they feel secure themselves. And they can be able to get education.

Ambrkhan

Educate a man, u educate one person, educate a woman, u educate a nation. I want equal access to education for all. Educating mums in tech and into jobs is the quickest way to bring whole families out of poverty

Sue Black

Mentorship and south to south learning for women and girls should be encouraged

Rachel Kungu

Global action on girls education

Talat Yaqoob

Girls are able to have more self confidence, and are not constantly undermining themselves

Roshika Deo

We cannot achieve change on our own. We need to have active involvement and participation from males. We would like to hear their thoughts on what they think they can do to improve the general well being of women and ensure that women are treated equally and with the respect they deserve. The issues arise through the attitudes, expectations and behaviours of men towards women. Traditions and customs feed into this but together these can be changed. We should start educating both sexes from toddler stages to reinforce what is acceptable behaviour towards women.

Train more men and women to bring about the change. Men can help and influence just as much as women can – if they are genuine.”

Meena Thomas

We badly need to include men as young as boys in the gender dialogue so they cld be taught not to uphold the patriarchy.

libay cantor

#FeministWant #EducationForAll

Colleen Stefanich

Fortalezcan el derecho a la educación.

Rossana Karunaratna

#FeministesVeulent L'accès aux branches d'éducation et aux emplois dits « pour les hommes » comme les sciences.

#FeministesVeulent L'accès à une bonne éducation pour toutes.

Sophia Pierre Antone

Power and Decision-Making

Women's presence and capacity in decision making is still a tokenism and by number. Investment in qualitative improvement and women's involvement in trade and policy negotiations is a must.

Ferdousi Sultana

Women's rights to representation in governance/politics is a major issue as well. #Parity all the way!!! Women make up 22% of parliament globally. In Nigeria, a mediocre 7%. We will not accept this!

Olaoluwa Abagun

Work to prepare and increase the critical mass of women into decision making roles. And that is not enough, as we gain power and influence it is critical to look deeply at values and support those less fortunate. Each person can make a difference.

Kristin Engvig

50% equally right of women to men; Affirmative action implementation era-marking but substantive across the globe; 50% equal opportunity in elective post around the world.

Miriam Mgbakor

Take note of non-western countries like Uganda and their success in female representation in politics

Roxanna Lee Donald

Redefine women empowerment and make it a holistic approach. Work to ensure that women have a real voice in all governance institutions, from the judiciary to the civil service, as well as in the private sector and civil society, so they can participate equally with men in public dialogue and decision-making and influence the decisions that will determine the future of their families and countries.

Esther Ekoue

My #FeministWant is gender parity in religion, which will help facilitate parity in society at large

Kate Kelly

We need to move beyond tokenism and make men work to change instead of putting the burden on women!

MariekeFrohlich

Women are not effectively using their right of access to resources, especially in the developing countries. There are very few women in leadership positions, decision making and the like... this is due to socio-cultural thinking which lessens women in the society. So what strategy should be put in place to bring more women?

Munit Mekuria

Grassroots women must represent their own regional expertise and experiences and not have academics or parliamentarians represent them especially in regards to health and environmental issues

Mary Rose Kaczorowski

There will never be complete equality until women help to make laws & elect lawmakers.

Joy Tiku Enighe

La participación y representación política de las mujeres debe ser paritaria.

Yusmidia Solano Suárez

#Paridad en la participación política entre hombres y mujeres

Cotidiano Mujer

L'accès des femmes aux sphères de décisions restent un épineux problème. OPINION : Remettre à l'ordre du jour le système de la parité homme/Femme. Proposition : Recommander aux pays de Voter les lois sur la parité et leurs textes d'application.

Delphine NANA MEKOUNTE

#FeministesVeulent La participation complète au gouvernement et aux positions de leadership.

Sophia Pierre Antone

Media and Information and Communication Technologies

What are we doing to eradicate a culture where women are constantly sexualized in the #media & all over the world?

Lanni Lantto

Our #FeministWant for 2015 is that women around the world gain access to, create infrastructure for, and express themselves through #tech.

Take Back the Tech

Rendre l'accès des femmes à l'information et à la communication une réalité en Afrique de l'Ouest

Encourager les responsables de médias à appliquer le quota de 30% de femmes dans leur rédaction

Mata Coulibaly

#FeministesVeulent Que les femmes avec des handicaps aient accès aux soins nécessaires et une visibilité positive dans les médias
Sophia Pierre Antone

Movement Building

Top #FeministWant: stop neo-colonial notions of 'third world women' and uncritical ideas of global sisterhoods! Respect!Remember!Dontforget!
Marieke Frohlich

Intersectionality in feminism; #feministwant to have a more honest movement that is held to acc by women on the ground, the one we talk on behalf of but not always with
Talat Yaqoob

#feministwant no power relationship within their projects. That is for the voices of all women to be heard and given agency on the same level ; #feministwant solidarity building across all movements
Trycia B

Leveraging our collective strength to ensure #post2015 doesn't leave women & girls behind again
Keshet Bachan

#FeministWant safe & open public space to build independent movement
Mozn Hassan

#FeministWant recognition of the intersections of feminism, faith, and race
Danielle Taylor

#feministwant to make RADICAL changes & RADICAL shifts to challenge the power imbalances in our societies – proudly saying RADICAL!
Sian Maseko

Women shld also respect other women regardless of race, class, SOGIE. Don't exclude trans women & queer women in the dialogue. Just because women are women doesn't mean they're automatically for equality. We also need to educate/engender some women.
libay cantor

#FeministWant everyone to be accountable for their actions and #Youth to be involved for sustainability of action plans #SDGs
Jelmaan Limbad

#Feministwant Youth voices should be considered as legitimate and as informed as any other
Isis International

#FeministWant a space in the movement that is inclusive especially to #queer women
Constant self assessment of the womens movement ensure we recognize issues that r
retrogressive 2 our work #gatekeeping

Ownership &agency of our narratives & documenting the movements struggles &
achievements is key

Melissa

Participation of men is equally very crucial in such forums so that changes can be
realised. Many of them could be in such situations because of cultural socialization of
which men play the greatest role. Also find a way of involving women from rural setups
and avoid too much elitism in in such forums

Konguru Odhiambo George

Vigilanciavy visibilidad: Es fundamental mantener el rol vigilante del movimiento de
mujeres. Los avances han significado una mayor participacion de las lideres en el
sector publico, pero la defensa de los logros y el senhalamiento de los espacios aun
por conquistar requieren de un movimiento feminista y de mujeres autonomo y vigilante.
Los cambios en la esfera privada han sido los mas lentos y dificiles de lograr. Hay que
mantener el eslogan: lo personal es politico!

Gabriela Vega

United Nations Processes

All reporting for the UN conventions and the post 20+ agenda must ensure presentation
of all data in sex disaggregated manner and national governments should ensure
collection and use of sex disaggregated data.

Ferdousi Sultana

UN agencies should fund on the basis of participant's performance on CSW (as most of
participants go there just to observe and funding should be provided to them who are
organizing workshops or doing other activities

The declaration should address the issues raised in regional, sub-regional level also.

Rashmila Prajapati

I think its sad that women who work hard to change the communities they live in
in developed countries cannot get a platform, nobody recognizes us only the affluent with
titles get funding to travel its a sad scenario really really sad

Diana Ross

#FeministWant consultative status for sex workers' rights organizations at the ECOSOC
sonja dolinsek

Govts publicly held to account on delivering for women

Talat Yaqoob

Gender mainstreaming in every sector is the way to go.

Kabatabazi Patricia

Better, reliable gender sensitive and sex disaggregated data 2 advocate for #gender equality and women's empowerment

Brittany Schriver

I am hoping that the women at the UN would recruit women who are dedicated for social change and become the voice of women's issues at the national and international level. Women who have knowledge/experience. Women who have both academic and non-academic experiences. Both theory and practice rather recruiting women who can only theorize other women's experiences. I am not denying that the women at the UN contributed a lot to the women's issues at different level, but in order to have more impact, the women should be able to recruit systematically brilliant and challenging women for rapid social, political, economic and spiritual change.

Bsrat Tesfay

#FeministWant State of #Bahrain to withdraw all current reservations to the CEDAW.

The Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy

The 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women is irrelevant if it does not give platform for women working at grassroot level who cannot afford a trip even to Kenya's capital in Nairobi, do not even have access to Facebook or Twitter, so who really attends this sessions? The rich politicians and the bosses in NGOs and their employees with salaries , so where does that leave us? That midwife in the village who took training to save pregnant women deserves a chance, those women in Nairobi who marched to stop stripping in mydressmychoice deserve a chance, that woman taking care of little orphans with barely a dollar per day deserves a chance. When you give the rich a platform to discuss matters about poverty a phenomenon they know nothing about, we negate the core purpose of women's empowerment. I'm disappointed, thoroughly disappointed. Feminism is rising in Africa. We will continue to do our work even if we are invincible.

Diana Okello

#FeministWant everyone to be accountable for their actions and #Youth to be involved for sustainability of action plans #SDGs #Beijing20

Betty Barhka

Je pense que dans le monde, seulement 2% de femmes sont concernées par la question, la majorité, en ce qui concerne les femmes Africaines, vit dans le monde rural. Travailler avec toutes les femmes qui sont disponibles, pas seulement avec les mêmes, car des millions de femmes sont disposées à apporter leur expertise, si seulement on faisait appel à elles. Mettez-nous à contribution dans nos pays, nous pourrions vous être utiles.

Amy Bakayogo

L'intention et l'initiative sont bonnes, mais quels de moyens disposent-on pour faire pression sur les gouvernant-e-s, pour faire appliquer les lois qu'ils-elles prennent. tant qu'il n'y aura pas de moyens de pression, la situation/condition de la femme dans le monde ne sera pas améliorée de si tôt. Il faut des résolutions fortes, des pressions fortes, un très bon système de suivi partout dans le monde, pour espérer des résultats probants.

Amy Bakayogo

#FéministesVeulent la fin de l'affichage politique sur les #droitsdesfemmes et la mise en place d'actions concrètes efficaces

Mégane Ghorbani

#FéministesVeulent que les décisions relatives aux #droitsdesfemmes prennent en compte l'opinion des femmes les plus marginalisées

Mégane Ghorbani

Les dirigeants des Nations Unies doivent veiller strictement sur l'application des recommandations de tous les instruments juridiques qui protègent les droits des femmes et les sanctions du non respect de ces conventions.

Les Chefs d'Etats doivent être les premiers responsables de l'application des droits des femmes/filles, et garants des sanctions destinées aux auteurs de crimes contre celles-ci

Tous le monde doit s'impliquer dans la dénonciation des cas de violation des droits des femmes/filles, les mécanismes d'alerte précoce sur les violences faites aux femmes/filles doivent être créés ou redynamisés à cet effet.

Repsfeco Guinée
