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Empowering civil society as a whole.



A big Thankyou to all who have participated with WWSF programs in 2018. You made our projects possible. The world is waiting for our contributions.

Happy New Year!

Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF

Empower your community! Creating Circles of Compassion

Dear Friends and Partners,

Welcome to the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF)! As this year draws to an end, we wish to express our gratitude for all the support we received during 2018, for the guidance and financial support from many of our partners and for the services from our board, consultants, interns and volunteers. It's been an exciting year and we are ready for next year's transformative actions waiting for us. Below is a brief summary of our annual empowerment campaigns with a requests to register the deadlines for some of our programs, to stay connected and to keep us on your information sharing and donor list in 2019.

With gratitude and anticipation to work with you for a great New Year ahead of us.

Elly Pradervand, WWSF Founder and CEO, Geneva, Switzerland



Our annual **"17 Days campaign for the empowerment of rural women leaders and their communities 1-17 October"**, increased action in local communities around the world and selected examples will be published in the Spring NL. We believe that bold action in their communities will be one of the main ingredients to deliver on their rights and give hope for the Sustainable Development Goals Target #2 and #5 to be reached. The 2019 campaign Kit is in preparation with new ideas for action.



We are accepting nominations for the **2019 Prize for for women's creativity in rural life**. [Guidelines are published on our website, together with the Nomination Form for the 2019 submission of candidates.](#) **Deadline: 30 April 2019.** We are starting a Global Fund for Rural Women empowerment programs and Awards to help increase the power for change in their communities. To contribute to the Empowerment Fund, visit our [Donation Page](#). Remember, we are as rich as what we have given away. The era for gender justice has begun. To read about the 2018 prizewinners, visit our website www.woman.ch



Our annual **"19 Days campaign for prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November"** catalyzed again many partnership programs online and via email. Once we have received their activity reports, we will publish them in the annual WWSF Global Impact Report and share it on our website. We will again select from field activity reports three or four coalition partners for your **annual Innovation prize** to highlight courageous programs for change. In a world where every 5 Minutes a child dies as a result of violence needs everyone's attention and also our compassion to be moved into eliminating these violations of children's rights. The 2019 campaign Kit is in preparation with new ideas for action and we will inform you of its launch.



"It takes compassion to end violence against children and youth" is our **new Call to action** for prevention of violence and abuse against children and youth. We invite you and your networks to participate in creating many **"Circles of Compassion"** around the world to increase awareness and responsibility from civil society to end the persistence of this violence. Your contributions can be in many different ways and we wish to empower you to create circles of compassion for the realization of

the Sustainable Development Goal [Target #16.2](#), which states: **"end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children"**. On our website, you will find instructions on how to create a circle of compassion with friends, colleagues and family members to broaden the global conversation for a violence-free world. Upon receipt of your registration Form, we will grant you permission to use our logo for your circle program. Looking forward to registering you as a WWSF circle of compassion partner. "Many more people need to step up and give their gifts. The future of humanity depends on it". [To read about how to create circles of compassion and the strategy, link:](#)

[With this link you can fill out the Google Registration Form](#)



The Swiss national White Ribbon Campaign continues to mobilize citizens and especially young people to pledge **"not to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and youth"**. The #MeToo movement has altered our campaign to primarily focus on generating an individual pledge by men and women "not to commit" violence against women and youth and to move this transformational pledge into families, institutions and the business world to bring forth a non-violent society learning to live together with love and respect. Our 2019 Kit will be slightly revised as we shall not only focus on the 16 Days of activism but propose a 365 days period of alertness and action to speed up the conversations in our country for bolder action and demand for women's rights to peace and respect. [Check out the campaign on www.ruban-blanc.ch - www.weisse-schleife.ch](#)



We wish to inform you of our latest initiative, the **YOUTH ENGAGE**-White Ribbon campaign, launched on 27 November at our annual White ribbon Round Table, which mobilizes the Swiss youth (15-25) to also take the pledge and share their declaration of rights and responsibilities with their peers. [Our annual 16 Days campaign for the elimination of gender-based violence in Switzerland, we publish a Toolkit with 16 themes and ideas for action for men, women and youth.](#) You can read about the campaigns declaration in French and German on our website [www.ruban-blanc.ch](#). Our 2019 Kit will be slightly revised as we shall not only focus on the 16 Days of activism but propose a 365 days period of alertness and action to speed up the conversations in our country for bolder action and demand

for women's rights to peace and respect. You can be part of this campaign by signing the Youth Engage declaration (online) and to let us know if you wish to receive the regular YouthEngage newsletter.

To view the video by Professor Philip Jaffé

Link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMjpK1-GWsY>



UN WOMEN - CSW63 (2019)

The sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are expected to attend the session.

Themes

- Priority theme: Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;
- Review theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session).



Dear WWSF Friends and Partners,

We send you our warmest greetings and good wishes for the New Year. Let's stay connected and recommit to our common goal to reduce inequalities and end gender-based violence. It is crucial to making progress across the many Sustainable Development Goals and targets relevant to our empowerment programs and a systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the implementation of the SDG Agenda 2030 is key.

Cordially yours,

Elly Pradervand, WWSF President and CEO

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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 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 action to catalyze increased action for change to reach the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. Use and share our annual campaign Kits to empower you and others into bold action and visit our donation Page. [LINK HERE.](#)

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