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Dear Friends and Partners,

Welcome to our June edition of our Newsletter.



We take this opportunity of thanking all the organizations and individuals who nominated candidates for the annual **"PRIZE FOR WOMEN'S CREATIVITY IN RURAL LIFE"**, 2019 edition. Once the laureates are selected, we will publish their profiles and creative work on our website on 1 October via a press release for your communities to plan action for the empowerment of rural women entrepreneurs engineering change. (422 prizes awarded since 1994).



By sharing and using our **2019 poster for the International Day of Rural Women-15 October 2019**, we invite you to begin planning events with rural women leaders and traditional leaders in your country to take stock of the changes achieved in your communities 25 years after the Beijing 4th World Conference on Women in 1995 where promises made gave great hope especially to rural women in their daily lives. We support you in holding your leaders to account with regard to the unfinished business that we need to address at the upcoming Beijing+25 review conference.



Our 2019 campaign Kit **"17 Days of activism for the empowerment of rural women leaders and their communities 1-17 October"** will be published on line by the end of June. With many ideas for action touching



on 17 themes, the Kit aims to empower you to create women's movements with strong teams and partnerships with local traditional community leaders and the business community to advance the realisation of the Beijing promise. "Women's movements are the best guarantee of securing and protecting women's rights - more powerful than national wealth, progressive political parties or even the number of women in government". We highly recommend the outcome document "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", 62nd UN session of the Commission on the Status of Women - CSW 2018 <http://undocs.org/E/CN.6/2018/L.8>. The Kit provides selected excerpts of the Agreed conclusions to generate change.



The 2019 campaign Kit "**19 Days of activism for the prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November**" will also be available on line by the end of June. **2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the rights of the Child** and is also the year during which the UN General Assembly will review progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including **its target 16.2 on ending all forms of violence against children. You will find in the Kit many ideas for community action, including what youth and faith-based leaders can do. Everyone is needed to commit to creating a world fit for children and chose one or two themes in the Kit to create change.**



WWSF promotes the creation of "**Circles of Compassion**" with the aim to empower civil society, religious communities, schools and businesses to take on some of the problems by choosing one or two topics from the 19 Days campaign Kit **and empower the world compassionately**. We invite you to check out our training program online and start uniting your community. We need many new solutions to transform our world, reinforce the spirit of internationalism, our "shared humanity and the central importance of compassion in everything we say and do."



WWSF convenes the Swiss White Ribbon Campaign, which aims the elimination of the persistence of gender-based violence against women and youth in Switzerland with 1 woman in 5 being sexually or physically abused. Being part of a global campaign in over 60 countries that organize White Ribbon campaigns and programs, we wish to share with you our



annual **campaign Kit "365 Days of activism"** published on our French and German websites. If there is no White Ribbon campaign in your country, create one and lobby your government to support you in changing masculinities that are no longer adopted to the present era of evolution. More information on www.ruban-blanc.ch or www.weisse-schleife.ch. The Swiss Youth Engage-Ruban Blanc committee is calling for young men and women (18-30) to be trained as ambassadors so as to speed up the creation of a Switzerland free of gender-based violence by 2030.



WWSF convenes the Swiss YouthEngage committee and invites young people (18 - 30) to become Youth Engage Ambassadors to increase public engagement in ending violence against women and youth in our country. You can find more information on our website www.ruban-blanc.ch (section Youth Engage).



Dear Friends and Partners,
To make progress towards the many Sustainable Development Goals and Targets and the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective is our ultimate aim. We thank you for your partnership in reaching these goals.

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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, lay 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 actors to catalyze increased action for change so that we will reach the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. Use and share our annual campaign Kits to empower you and others into bold action.

"**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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