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**Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF**  
**December edition 2019 - Newsletter**



*A big Thank you to all who have participated with WWSF programs in 2019. You made our projects possible!*  
*Happy New Year!*  
*Let's change the world compassionately.*

**Dear Campaign Partners and Friends,**

What a busy year it is with many celebrations, campaigns and activities still going on, all aligned in creating a more just world with no one left behind.

WWSF is pleased to share with you its revised website [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch), ready to accompany its network, coalition partners and friends into the future "to transform ourselves and the world", and change the world compassionately. To close the year, we send you a brief update of our annual campaigns and a reminder of upcoming events.

**WWSF awarded in 2019 ten laureates** who received the "WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life" and encourages you to look for your national rural women leaders and groups and nominate them for the 2020 prize awards. **Empowered rural women are the key to deliver SDG goals.** [The Nomination Form and Guidelines 2020 are published online.](#)



**WWSF thanks all coalition partners** for their participation in the 2019 campaign "17 Days of activism for the empowerment of rural women leaders and their constituencies 1-17 October". We will continue to



1995 Beijing promise stays on the international Agenda to be delivered – one day.



**WWSF also wishes to thank the 2019 active campaign partners** and especially congratulates the 104 organizations from 26 countries that registered their local/national activities to help end violence and abuse against children and youth. Humanity needs to stay committed to ensure that the [Sustainable Development Goal Target #16.2](#) stays on the top of the list. We will publish our annual Global Impact Report in early 2019 and inform you of the various topics and actions campaign partners focused on.



**In 2019, the UN commemorated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November and statistics tell us that “one billion children will experience physical, sexual or emotional violence.”** This is unacceptable.

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRC30.aspx>

WWSF is re-launching its regular training sessions inviting you to create "community Circles of compassion" for increased prevention of abuse and violence. [Check out our strategy and participate in changing our world compassionately.](#)



**Our 2019 Round Table “Creating Masculinities of respect and equality for the elimination of violence against women and youth”,** was a strong call to end male violence against women and youth in our country, Switzerland. Civil society action is increasing and the Swiss White Ribbon campaign is collecting 1 million signatures by 2030. For more information, visit our French and German websites. [www.ruban-blanc.ch](http://www.ruban-blanc.ch)  
[www.weisse-schleife.ch](http://www.weisse-schleife.ch)



[2020 UN Commission on the Status of Women – 64<sup>th</sup> session](#), New York, NY

The 64th session is planned to take place from 9 to 20 March 2020 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The year 2020 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the [Fourth World Conference on Women](#) and the adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) (1995). On this occasion, the UN will review the state of progress made in all the five Economic Commissions 25 years after the 1995-Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women, which was a beacon of hope for the women of the world. However, many women are asking: “Mr. President, how long must rural women wait to see the promised right to land, development, and peace?”

**Dear Partners and Friends,**

To make progress towards the many Sustainable Development Goals and



In solidarity, Elly Pradervand, WWSF President and CEO, in collaboration with our campaign team and volunteers. [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) - [wdpca@wWSF.ch](mailto:wdpca@wWSF.ch) -  
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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 for change.

*"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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