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We wish to send you our very best wishes for the Yew Year, and hope that you decided on a resolution to join the global network of change-makers to change our current broken leadership paradigm and prepare for a more peaceful and compassionate new era to turn the world around for the general common Good for All. We all must become the change we wish to see in the world and demonstrate it in our daily lives.



This implies a conscious change using our spiritual tools we have available so that our children and grandchildren will learn to prepare a world for men to put down their guns and weapons and begin to respect our neighbors. If we do not change the war machine and lethal weapons will kill us all. Our world is in danger by not prioritizing investment in building right human relations among nations and communities. “Total global military expenditure increased by 3.7% in real terms in 2022, to reach a new high of **US\$ 2240 billion**”. (24 Apr 2023 Spiri). Another World must become possible!



We thank our Members and Friends

for partnering and using some of our campaign initiatives in 2023, sharing their bold activities and precious innovations for change. We also thank our sponsors that faithfully support us along these trying times for civil society organizations to continue their advocacy and empowerment programs influencing and lobbying for the change we want and the UN we need.



Update on the WWSF Campaign: 19 Days of activism for the prevention of violence & abuse against children & youth 1-19 November

We thank our members and partners for their action reports which we will summarize in our annual Activity Report 2023, published online. However, given the alarming news about children being targeted and even killed in war zones, we need to challenge our leaders and join the civil society marches for peace and

cease fires to end current tragedies in Palestine and Israel.

How come there is so little change although Humanitarian agencies, human rights groups, United Nations officials, and more than 153 member states have called for an immediate ceasefire? What will it take to deliver their promises? Who is in charge for humanity to live in peace? All we can say is “Boys, put down your guns and drones”, before they will kill us all.”

We are always encouraged by more and more civil society action around the world to challenge World Leaders who 30 years ago at the biggest World Children Summit at the UN in New York committed themselves to creating “A world fit for children”, respecting their right to dignity, education, health care and a life free of violence.”



Invitation: Create your Community Circle of compassion for the elimination of violence against children and youth to speed up reaching the SDG Goal Target #16.2: “End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of against and torture of children”

You will find on our website an introduction on how to create your personal “Circle of compassion”, starting with family members and friends, and later move your advocacy into houses of worship, schools and enterprises to accelerate the creation of a world fit for children & youth, an idea that must bring better results. We await your registration, ideas and program and tell the world about your Circle of compassion and highlight it on our website, if you agree.



Invitation to nominate candidates for the annual WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life - 2024

We selected 10 prize winners in 2023 and thanks to the nominations received from our network from which we selected the candidates. You can read about their work on [our website](#)

We wish to continue the WWSF Prize program in 2024 as life for women in rural communities in too many countries is still a major challenge when it comes to advancing their basic human right to land entitlements, clean drinking water, adequate nutrition, housing and basic education, access to credit and equality and leadership skills. *“If rural women do not co-lead with their elected leaders in their rural communities, they will remain beggars in the corridors of power forever”.*

The end of extreme poverty and hunger in too many countries and especially in rural communities, must become a global humanitarian and political priority.



Please use and share the attached Prize Nomination Documents ([English](#) & [French](#)) and send us your candidates to promote their courage, creativity and compassion in building strong rural communities with more visibility and financial support. Nominations are open to the public and must respect WWSF guidelines in presenting their candidates, not more than two from the same nominator are accepted.

WWSF has administered its Prize Awards annually since 1994 and has to-date honored 486 laureates with US\$ 1000 per prizewinner (1994-2023) in over 140 countries. All Prizewinners are published on our website www.woman.ch

WWSF Proposition for Prize partnership mobilisation:

WWSF invites you to consider, if you have a network for Sustainable Development and/or for the empowerment of rural women's rights, to begin to create your own local or national "Prize for rural women's creativity in rural life in partnership with the WWSF awards" to increase visibility and speak out about the multiple challenges rural women face in too many countries. WWSF convened such a partnership in 2023 with the India-based **Jai Jagat movement**, and we would like to develop this idea for partnerships further with local or national rural leadership.



This will also give the **annual International Day of Rural Women - 15 October**, an opportunity to showcasing women's efforts, and results in pushing collectively for change, especially in rural communities. The Day was created in 1995 at the 4th UN Women's Conference in Beijing and was adopted as an official UN Day in 2007.

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Women, children & youth
6 billion strong, 75% of the
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& claim a seat at the
decision-making Table

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Update on the WWSF 75% Campaign & preparation for our annual Zoo event on 16 March 2024

Leadership Training Forums for Women & Youth must become the norm.

“WWSF believes, that when women, children & youth unite to co-create together with elected world leaders a more just and peaceful world, it will be a force such as the world has never known.”

The world needs leaders that lead from the heart to serve humanity!

Join the Campaign!

<https://www.woman.ch/concept-note-vision-mission-and-objective/>

Our 75% campaign poster has been revised to include a sub-title that explains our vision for our “Leadership Training Forums for Women and Youth” we are developing. WWSF presents with its 75% campaign ideas and programs for action the urgent need for inclusion of “We, the women, children and youth - 6 billion of us - 75% of the world population, need to unite, rise and claim a seat at all major decision-making Tables in as many countries as possible. This discrimination must come to an end if we want to survive.

Aim: Start building a global network with established registered campaign partners in your country, i.e. in collaboration with Peace organizations, Human Rights Specialists, Sustainable Development leaders, Civil society changemakers and women’s and children’s movements for the advancement of their right to peace and development to co-create with elected world leaders a more humane, just, less competitive society that will invest, collaborate and support communities and regions that have almost nothing to say in co-designing the economic and political space they live in.

For those of you who are new to the 75% campaign, visit our website:

<https://www.woman.ch/concept-note-vision-mission-and-objective/>

where you find our **Concept Note (in English and French) and the registration form.**

The world desperately needs more leaders “leading from the heart to serve Humanity” to leave our children and grandchildren with a new era where they will have learned to consciously serve the needs of humanity and to give the UN SDG Agenda 2030 a chance to succeed. A more just world must become the norm where everyone learns to care and share.

Information about the WWSF Zoom Parallel Event on 16 March 2024

WWSF has again decided to organize a “Parallel Zoom event in collaboration with the NGO-CSW68 New York committee” to address the official CSW68

conference theme and invite speakers from among our registered 75% membership.

If you are interested, let us know if you wish to prepare a 5-Minute pre-registered message from your organization or group to enrich the Zoom discussion, share insights, results and recommendations on the Priority theme: **“Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.”**

To be accepted as a speaker at our 16 March Zoom event, you need to first [register as a 75% campaign member](#) and then pre-record your 5-Minute speech for inclusion in our final pre-recorded event which will be shared with the NGO-CSW-NY committee that disseminates it to their worldwide network. The final Zoom event recording will be published on our YouTube.

Regarding our planned **Geneva Leadership Training Forum for Women and Youth, we are still on the drawing board** and we will inform you of the date in due time. The program is currently being discussed with various consultants and partners. Given the current world situation, we are looking for the right approach in promoting our vision and mission to turn this world around for the general common Good with 75% of the world population to be included.

We remain available for your questions and hope that this process will contribute to many change makers' policies for a global lasting peace.

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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 action for Good and 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." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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