



## Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF

*Serving Humanity: Women, Children and Youth First!*



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**Dear WWSF Partners and Friends,**

We are happy to share with you today our annual  
“Prize for women’s creativity in rural life”  
prizewinners 2023.

***1. Press Release: Meet the 10 Laureates 2023 -  
Prize for women’s creativity in rural life***



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## Press Release - 1 October 2023

### Presenting 10 Laureates receiving the annual WWSF-Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life



486 Prizes awarded to-date (1994-2023) - US\$ 1000 per prizewinner - honoring creativity, courage & compassion and help advance the quality of life in rural communities. Local Award celebrations are held on International Day of Rural Women - 15 October 2023 (see Poster attached p. 9)

**Empowered rural women can change the world & help realize the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030**



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**English Presse Release : [Link here](#)**

**French Press Release : [Link here](#)**

**2023 WWSF - Prize for Woman's Creativity in Rural Life : 10 Laureates in 2023**  
**2023 FSMF - Prix pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural: 10 Lauréates en 2023**



MADJALIA SEYNOU  
Burkina Faso



ESTHER LUPAFYA  
Malawi



MABEL IFEOMA ONWUKA  
Nigeria



ANNE BOUCARD  
France



MARIA EVA SOTO  
Argentina

## 2. Prize Nomination Form/Guidelines for 2024 candidates (English & French)



### WWSF PRIZE FOR WOMEN'S CREATIVITY IN RURAL LIFE

Awarded since 1994 by WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland  
(486 awards given so far – all laureates are published on the Internet - [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch))

#### Nomination Form 2024 Guidelines available online

<http://womensection.woman.ch/index.php/en/prize-for-rural-women>

Nomination materials should arrive no later than **30 April through the post.**

E-mail nominations are no longer accepted.



#### CANDIDATE

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATOR

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

#### List of supporting materials

- Endorsement letters
- Newspaper articles
- Publications
- Other (photos, videos, etc.)

#### International Prize Jury

Maria Elfriede (Elly) Pradervand (Switzerland); Gulzar Samji (Canada); Jyoti Macwan (India)

#### Next awards in 2024

Nomination materials should arrive no later than **30 April through the post** and be addressed to :

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***Nomination Form 2024 : [Link here](#)***

## 3. International Day of Rural Women 15 October 2023 – Use the poster to celebrate



**15 Oct. 2023**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN**  
**JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES RURALES**

**15 OCT. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN**  
**WWW.CELEBRATING.WWSF**

**Theme: Rural Women Rise & Claim their Right to sustainable development with a seat at the decision-making Table.**

Created in 1995 at the 4th Beijing Women's Conference by three international NGOs, and promoted by WWSF worldwide to become an official UN Day in 2007. WWSF awards its annual Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life on 15 October. WWSF-Women's World Summit Foundation / FSMF - P.O. Box 1504 1211 Geneva 1 • Switzerland • wwsf@wwsf.ch • www.woman.ch

Logos: WWSF, UN Women, 75th Anniversary, and SDG 5.

[Click here to download the poster](#)

### **Reminder of the Sustainable Development Goal: Target # 5**

**SDG 5** : Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation



female genital mutilation

5.4: Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

5.5: Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decisionmaking in political, economic and public life

5.6: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences 5.a: Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws

5.b: Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women

5.c: Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels

*Source : <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>*



#### 4. [Selected News about the UN General Assembly Outcome – September 2023](#)

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/09/1141082>

**“Climate Ambition Summit – Chair’s Summary 20 September 2023**

**Excerpt:**

leaders from government, business, finance, local authorities, and civil society who came with credible actions, policies and plans – and not just pledges - to accelerate the decarbonization of the global economy and deliver climate justice in line with the Secretary General's Acceleration Agenda. • demonstrate that tangible and ambitious action to credibly cut emissions and deliver climate justice was possible and practical and inspire others to follow. Opening Plenary: Accelerating Decarbonization and the Delivery of Climate Justice Leaders agreed on the urgency of the climate crisis and that the window of opportunity to avoid a climate catastrophe was quickly closing. They also agreed that it was still possible to achieve the 1.5-degree goal of the Paris Agreement but that this would require accelerating the transition away from fossil fuels in a just and equitable manner. Leaders demonstrated that it was indeed technically possible and economically viable to accelerate mitigation ambition now, including by : bringing forward their deadlines to reach net zero (Barbados – 2035; Austria, Iceland – 2040; Cook Islands – 2040, Denmark, Nepal, Portugal – 2045, Thailand signaled efforts to bring it to 2050); setting and implementing more ambitious targets for their current NDCs (Brazil, Vietnam) and preparing economy wide NDCs with absolute emissions cuts for the next cycle (Thailand, Palau).

“Leaders underscored that it was essential for transition plans to provide policy and regulatory certainty through detailed and concrete policies such as: no new coal and the acceleration of the phase out of coal (Romania, Slovakia, Spain - 2025), and Thailand and Vietnam (aspiring to 2040) ); a full phasing out of oil and gas (Colombia, State of California, Denmark, Marshall Island, Tuvalu); a ban on oil and gas expansion (Denmark, Iceland); the end of fossil fuel subsidies and a new policy to cap emissions by the oil and gas sector (Canada); the acceleration of the deployment of renewable energy (Austria, Cook Islands, Estonia, Pakistan, Palau, Portugal, Tuvalu), enhanced carbon pricing policies(Canada, EU). The Asian Peoples’ Movement on Debt and Development Coordinator called for adopting a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty and a global phase out plan with a clear timeline. Allianz committed to phase out coal and significantly reduce oil and gas as defined by the International Energy Agency.

“Many leaders expressed support for the goal of tripling of renewable energy and doubling of energy efficiency by 2030 as outcomes under the Global Stocktake at COP 28. In supporting this objective some leaders insisted on the imperative of simultaneously phasing out fossil fuels use on a timeline consistent with the 1.5-degree goal and scaling up renewable energy while ensuring universal access to energy... “

*To read more:* [https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/climate\\_ambition\\_summit\\_-\\_20\\_september\\_2023\\_-\\_chairs\\_summary.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/climate_ambition_summit_-_20_september_2023_-_chairs_summary.pdf)



Invitation to register your organization, your network or local group to join the 75% campaign, learn and share about its **Leadership Training Forums for Women and Youth**, to help create a new era with the inclusion of women, children and youth – 6 billion of us – and claim a seat at the Decision-making Tables co-designing our world for the general good for All, leaving no one behind.

**“Women and youth belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception.”** These words, spoken by the late US Supreme Court Judge, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 16 years ago, are a stark reminder that we still have to affirm and repeat that women and youth belong in all places where decisions are being made.

**« When Women, Children & Youth unite for a better world, it will be a power such as the world has never known”.**

**Registration Form** in English and French, including the Concept Note are available on our **website** (<https://www.woman.ch/concept-note-vision-mission-and-objective>)

*Registered 75% members are invited to our Zoom event before the end of the year 2023 to co-create the Leadership Training Program for March 2024 Forum with member's input and empowerment. You will also receive regular information via a **Google group** that is being set up for all registered members to share ideas, agendas of events and empower each other.*

## 6. **How to financially support the WWSF campaigns**

WWSF - DONATE





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[www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)

As an independent, not-for-profit, international, lay NGO, the WWSF Foundation welcomes financial support from private individuals, enterprises and organizations which share our vision and mission supporting the [75% campaign](#).

[For information on how to financially support our campaigns, visit our Website link](#)



**Dollars**



**Swiss Francs**

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[link here for website 75%](#)

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**WWSF**

*75% Campaign  
Creating the power  
for change.*

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movement "75%: Actors for the common good!" to boost the implementation of UN binding Conventions for the rights of women and children; the Beijing Platform for Action and the annual recommendations of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; the Women and Peace Resolution 1325, and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

**In partnership and solidarity**, Maria Elfriede (Elly) Pradervand, Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) President / CEO / UN representative, in collaboration with our campaign team and sponsors. [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) - [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch) - Tel: +41 (0) 22 738 66 19.

**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 right to have a voice and 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 actions for the common good to 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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- We thank you in advance for sharing, caring, and acting to turn this world around for the common good.[.bi](https://www.woman.ch)



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