

# Call for the International Seminar 2018

European Coordinators of the World Women's Conference

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**World women focus their strategic view!  
They call for participation in the International Seminar on  
the Theory of the Liberation of Women!**

In accordance with the resolutions of the 2nd World Women's Conference of grassroots women in 2016, the World Coordinators are preparing an **International Seminar on the Theory of the Liberation of Women.**

It will take place from **2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December in India, Bangalore.**

We are delighted with the invitation from representatives of the Indian women's movement. They will welcome us in Bangalore, the capital of the Indian state of Karnataka in the southwest of the country.

For three days, the seminar will offer all interested women the opportunity to discuss theories of women's liberation in a spirit of solidarity and militancy.

The seminar is based on the realization from the Second World Women's Conference that

*"The increasing crises of imperialism ... challenge the masses, especially the women of the world, to take up the struggle for their future. Increasingly, we need to discuss and search for*

*alternatives. We need to look for answers.”*

(Kathmandu resolution 2016)

After these three days we will have the opportunity to visit Indian women's organisations.

To prepare for this trip, study meetings are currently taking place in several cities in Germany and the Netherlands. Interested women are welcome to join in.

**Every woman who is interested** can participate in the international seminar in India. We will circulate all known contact addresses via the homepage of the World Women's Conference. In this way, interested women can get together to prepare and organise the trip together. In Germany, information can also be obtained from the women's association Courage.

Flights must be booked to **Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru**. We will continuously inform you about further facts such as accommodation, conference site etc. on the homepage.

**For now the following is important:**

You will need a tourist visa which you should apply for as soon as possible. Your passport must remain valid for at least 6 months after your return.

We hope to hear from you and we look forward to seeing you in India!

With many greetings of solidarity,

Suse and Halinka

Download call:

[180626 Call for theoretical Seminar us](https://www.womeninaction.org/180626-Call-for-theoretical-seminar-us)

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# Press Release: 8th European Conference of grassroots women successfully held



European coordinators of the World Women Conferences,  
17.04.2018

[Press release can be downloaded as PDF file here](#)

From 13 – 15.4.18 60 participants met in Mannenbach/Switzerland for the 8th European Conference of grassroots women. Delegations from Albania, Bosnia, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey and the Ukraine were able to meet in the middle of nature with a view of Lake Constance and well supplied by many helping hands. Complemented by numerous written contributions from other countries such as Greece and Spain, the conference gave an impressive picture of the situation and struggles of women in Europe. Everywhere, the women's movement faces a cutback of hard-won, democratic rights and freedoms. Governments everywhere are moving to the right and more and more women are standing up for their rights.

We learned of the brave industrial action of Bosnian women workers. They camp in front of their closed factory for their workplaces – “neither batons nor silence can break our resistance!” Of the wage struggles of employees in hospitals,

day-care centres and nursing facilities in Germany. Only 15% of the women farmers in Switzerland are paid on family farms, 56% are not paid for their work and only 6% head a farm. From the difficult situation in Turkey where arrests and dismissals are commonplace. In Ukraine, where there is hardly any work, the young people have to go abroad. Women also receive 25% less pay, with an average pension of €42. On Women's Day, the demand was "Protection of Women's Rights". In the Netherlands, the cleaning women are active thanks to the cleaning women's union. In Russia, young women in particular protest despite the threat of arrest. Poverty, unemployment, poorer pay, fewer rights, are absorbed in the organization of everyday life, and that happens in the 21st century! And we heard from the trauma of mass rape as a weapon of war in the Bosnian war, which continues to this day. And the fight to punish the guilty! The national strike organised in Spain on International Women's Day is the militant response to all this!

The conference positioned itself unanimously for the struggle for world peace and demands:

"Active resistance to the bombardments by the United States, France and Great Britain!

Active resistance to the dangerous escalation that threatens world peace.

Our contribution is to work actively to build a new peace movement. (decision)

The most important decision of this conference is to strengthen coordination and cooperation. We agreed that more effort must be put into building up the women's movement in our own countries. Therefore we will visit each other and inform ourselves about the website.

The Bosnian workers start by coming to Germany to exchange ideas with workers from many companies. On the weekend at the workers' platform of the Internationalist Alliance in Hildesheim near Hannover, Germany.

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# Information on 6. European WWConference on coming weekend

08/04/2018

Dear participants,

In a few days our European Conference of World Women will begin. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.



So that you also everything works well, we send you some hints and the program.

**Please bring along the following:**

- Slippers
- Sleeping bag and sheets or bed linen
- If you only have small luggage on the plane, we have 30

- x bed linen available
- torch

For the festival in the evening, please bring each delegation a cultural contribution

**Please pay at the registration:**

**All inclusive card 128.-SFR / 114 Euro** (2 nights, full board and all drinks 100.- SFR / 89 Euro plus participation fee for the conference 28.-SFR / 25 Euro)

**Day ticket 45 CHF / 40 Euro** for Saturday 14.4.18 (participation fee including full board Saturday)

It can only be paid in cash SFR / Euro.

**Getting there:**

We pick up all registered participants at the times indicated. Please wait there, if there is a slight delay, pay attention to the person with the sign "European Conference"

**Meeting point airport:**

At the exit after the customs (on arrival)

**Meeting point Konstanz:**

**Central Station:** 4:15 pm in front of the Mc Donald (opposite the main entrance of the station)

Bus station / Döbele: Next to the kiosk / toilet house

**Meeting point Mannenbach / Salenstein:** On the forecourt

**For the drivers:**

**Coming from Stuttgart, A81** to B33 Konstanz / Radolfzell follow in Reichenau

Follow B33 and Route 13 to Seeschau in Salenstein, Switzerland

19 min. (15.3 km) // Turn right to stay on B33 6.4 km // Turn right direction Gottlieber Str. 110 m // Continue onto Gottlieber Str.

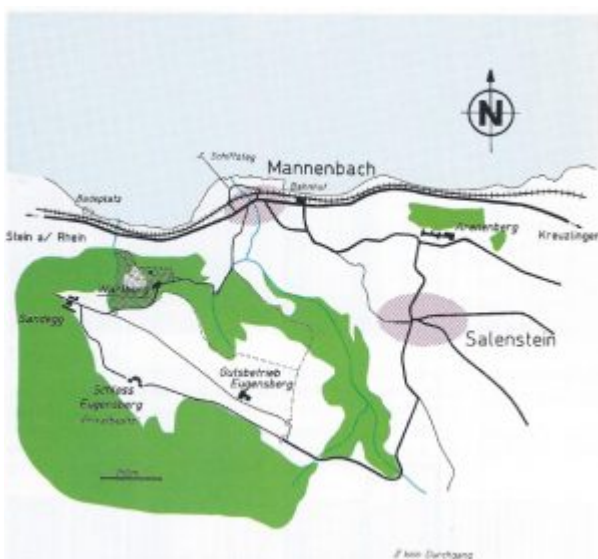
You are soon in Switzerland. 69 m //

Continue on Gottlieber Str./Konstanzerstrasse/Route 16 // Continue on Konstanzerstrasse / Route 16 1.2 km // Turn right onto Gassa / Konstanzerstrasse / Route 13 / Route 16 // Continue on Konstanzerstrasse / Route 13 / Route 16 1.3 km // At the roundabout, take the first exit Hauptstrasse / Route

Take the 13 direction Schaffhausen / Ermatingen // turn left onto Seeschau 50 m

From Mannenbach we have signposted the way.

In Mannenbach / Salenstein from Konstanz, drive up the Louisenbergstrasse on the left side and keep to the right. Through the forest, after a few hundred meters on the right side is the Wartburg. Parking is about 100 meters further above.



**If you need help on the way or have any questions, here are our emergency phone numbers:**

Silke: 0041 79 727 00 54

Flea: 0041 76 251 37 13

Best regards

Silke Switzerland – Committee

For more information: <http://www.weltfrauenkonferenz.ch/>

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# Report on Africa Conference

Report

2nd Africa Conference of grass roots women



Bamako 23 to 25 MAY 2017

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## 1. Connections

The World Women's Conference of grass roots women is an international movement of women which plays an important role in mobilizing grass roots women and their organizations for defending women's rights given the various crises, that hit women with full force (due to poverty, unemployment, migration, climate change, violence based on sex, armed conflicts, wars e.g...)

The Africa Conference took place in Bamako from 23 to 25 May 2017. This meeting of African grass roots women is a logical consequence of the first meeting in Lomé which ran from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14th July 2012, in order to strengthen the movement on that continent. It took place with delegates from four African countries and with two German representatives of the worldwide women's movement.

Download full report: [170707 Report Africa Conference\\_EN](#)

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# Decisions of the 5th world wide meeting of corrdinators

Here you find the decisions



of the 5th world wide meeting of the coordinators

which has taken place on September 15th to September 17th,  
2015

in Kathmandu, Nepal

for the preparation of World Women's Conference in March 2016

Download:

[150919 Decisions of the 5th world coordinator meeting  
Kathmandu – EN](#)

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## Documents, Resolutions and

# Decisions of 5th World Coordinator's Meeting

PRESS  
STATEMENT

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September, 2015

Women are climbing the highest mountains...



... this is the theme of the second World Women's Conference (WWC) of grassroots' women which will take place in Kathmandu, Nepal from the 13th to the 18th of March in 2016. Women from at least 60 countries all around the world, are preparing for this big event.

Twenty years after the United Nation (UN) world women's conference in Beijing in 1995, the grassroots women say that the UN and the governments promised gender equality – but with the states' continued implementation of neoliberal policies nothing has change. In reality, the political, social and cultural situation of the grassroots' women have worsened with the impact of the wars of aggression and the devastating disaster caused by corporate aggression, fundamentalism, the

decreasing wages, violence against women and the stress for women to take care of the family, the children and the growing population of the elderly. We are determined to build a better future women, towards the full emancipation of the people of the world.

Women underline: "Everything we achieved was through our common efforts and struggle" Therefore. since the 1st WWC in Caracas Venezuela in 2011 – attended by 3500 women from 43 countries and 5 continents – the world women are on their way to strengthen the interconnected militant women's movement all over the world. They follow their vision of equality and the liberation of women in societies, liberated from exploitation and oppression.

These last days the coordinators of the world wide preparation process of the WWC came to Kathmandu and asked the initiators in Nepal: will it be possible to conduct die WWC in 2016 in Nepal in spite of the brutal earthquake? The courageous women of the United Women's Association said they are sure: "Yes, together we can!"

The United Women's Association itself is an example of the spirit of the WWC: women of eight organisations work together in a very effective and inspiring way: above party lines, democratic, financially independent and composed of women from all parts of society. And the United Women's Association calls on women from different classes and sectors to join and support the process.

The preparation of the conference is gaining full power. The WWC will open with a big rally followed by an opening ceremony, a mass program, the general assembly of the delegates. There will also be a song contest especially for girls, cultural nights, workshops and many surprises!

The WWC, understanding the situation of the people of Nepal, have allocated Euro 21,296.86 , collected by the European

women through the European initiators of the process now being used to rebuild a school in Maga Pauwa, Dolakha.

For more information contact the United Women's Association

Coordinators in Nepal for the WWC:

Shiela Singh

Sarita Maharjan

Durga Paudel

The following documents will inform on all matters of the 5th coordinator's meeting in September 2015 in Kathmandu:

Press statement:

[150918 press statement WWC](#)

Information letter to all participants in the WWC process:

[150919 Informationletter to all participants in the process of the WWC from coordinators](#)

Resolutions of the 5th coordinator's meeting:

[150919 Resolutions 5th World Meeting Coordinators Kathmandu](#)

Decisions of the 5th coordinator's meeting:

[150927 Decisions of the 5th world coordinator meeting Kathmandu](#)

Two responsibilities and 10 tasks in every country:

[150927 Two responsibilities and ten tasks in every country](#)