

Information letter



LET'S GO FORWARD! Women are climbing the highest mountains!

Information letter to all women active in the process of the World Women's Conference from the participants of the 5th World Meeting of Coordinators and representatives of the eight Nepalese women's organisations (the United Women's Association).

The coordinators of the WWC want to give you an update on the preparation of the 2nd World Women's Conference of grassroots women 2016 in Nepal.

From the 17th-19th September 2015 a very fruitful 5th World Meeting of coordinators for the 2nd World Women's Conference took place in Kathmandu/Nepal. The coordinators came together with the women of the eight women's organisations (United Women's Association) and the coordinators asked them: will it be possible to conduct the 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 do it!"

We are very happy about this decision and we make a call to all the women of the world: Start NOW with the intensive preparation of the WWC, because in only six months we will meet in Kathmandu for the 2nd World Women's Conference of grassroots women.

Before the World Meeting of the Coordinators, the Asian Conference took place in Kathmandu. Representatives from Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Japan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the Philippines participated, as did coordinators from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. The Asian Conference extensively discussed the tasks we face in the preparation of the WWC. The conference decided to take responsibility for the WWC, to win many participants and help to make the WWC a full success. Ten tasks for the preparation in every country were discussed (see attachment). Emily Cahilog was elected as Asian Coordinator (in the place of Joms Salvador who won't be able to take part in the preparation) and Shiela Singh was elected to represent Asia in the IOC (the International Organisation Committee).

At the first day of 5th World Meeting of Coordinators, after the interesting continental/ regional reports from the coordinators of Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, the Nepali coordinators gave extensive information about two major issues in Nepal: the situation in Nepal after the earthquakes and the developments around the constitution. After that we decided that the World Women's Conference will indeed take place in Kathmandu from the 13th – 18th of March 2016!

The last two days we extensively discussed all organisational aspects of the preparation of the World Women's Conference and the finances. We divided tasks and responsibilities

among the different continents, the IOC and the office that will be opened in Kathmandu in Nepal. We shared experiences on the preparation of large events and about fundraising. The discussions were enthusiastic, fruitful and constructive and 26 decisions in this regard were made (see attachment). To improve communication we also decided that regularly information will be sent to all women/contacts participating in the process of the World Women's Conference.

It is clear that we still have a lot of work to do and little time to do it in. The IOC has to start work fast and we call upon the coordinators from every continent to delegate a representative for the IOC as soon as possible. Our conclusion is: Yes, together we can organise this WWC!

As you can see the preparations for the World Women's Conference are progressing well and gaining full power. We write to inform you, but also because we call upon you to start the preparation of the WWC in every country speedily. To achieve this big event the involvement and activity of all coordinators and women contacts around the world are necessary for the preparation, support, responsibility and mobilisation for the 2nd World Women's Conference. Every country has to work enthusiastic and hard. But if we work together very closely we will be successful.

4 attachments:

- Decisions of the 5th World Meeting of Coordinators – 17-19 September 2015 Kathmandu
- Two responsibilities and 10 tasks in the preparation of the WWC
- Press statement. We also held a press conference to make the World Women's Conference more well-known to the Nepali people. The coordinators presented the World Women's Conference to the Kathmandu press.
- Resolutions