

Association de la femme Active du Congo – AFACO -

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The DRC is engaged early in the process of the Women World Conference through the participation of Afaco into preparation from the 1st Conference in Venezuela.

First all, Afaco wishes to salute the women of Nepal, who despite the difficult conditions experienced by the country, agreed to host the second World Conference of grassroots women. Afaco greets also the brave women of the organizing committee who have invested to make this meeting possible. Hat to all these women fighters.

No real need to introduce DRC because of his sad celebrity in the field of violence against women. Serious rehearsals in atrocities against women in Congo, are mainly due to the policies of multinationals that finance wars and armed groups to create the conditions for large-scale plundering of natural resources. The DRC is one of the world's most known case of a country that has paid a heavy price because of its minerals used repeatedly in the industry leading. Today is the coltan used in mobile, yesterday it was uranium, cobalt, copper, before they were ivory and rubber. This tragedy is always repeated since the Congo had passed under the control of the imperialist powers, in 1885..

Although statistics indicate that we have already exceeded the 6 million dead in armed clashes in the past fifteen years, the DRC has not yet regained its serenity. With the crisis of the institutions in progress, the population fears that the country is plunged back into another umpteenth chaos, source of untold atrocities for women. The film of Dr. Mukwege which describes the mutilation of women as a weapon of war is a good illustration.

In this environment, rendered almost hostile to dignified life, women are organizing and fighting. The deepening crisis of neocolonialism in Congo, eventually systematically destroying the economic, social and cultural infrastructure, which further complicates the organization of the lives of women already undermined by traditional and religious beliefs. Congolese women courageously fight daily for survival. In search of food, medical care for her and her family, her battle in all areas of life. The basics services are inaccessible to the vast majority of inhabitants of the countryside as those of the city, the United Nations report on human development index is a good indication. Although fitted with all the potential that some call scandal, the country closing each year the list of inhabitants in bad situation on the planet.

A side of these difficulties and many sufferings, the Congolese did not let down to not resign themselves to the activities of survival. She realizes she has to take part in the struggle for democratic rights to collectively defend their economic, political and social rights. She is convinced that the struggle for the transformation of society, the one to pull the country from the yoke of imperialism is crucial. The possible wins in this area may help to answer at the end to its basic demands. In the process, she feels obliged to organize themselves and independently. This is the only condition to be a social force capable of positively influencing the broad society. This is the meaning we give to the women struggle from the base

On the ground, Afaco together with other structures of women and Democrats, have succeeded in change the way of celebrating the day of March 8. This day of struggle had

taken in DRC, the appearance of a feast of St. Valentine where people were more interested in feminist exhibitionism. While promoting core demands of women and the debate on the balance sheets of the struggle for the strengthening of the basis of the women's movement was going to oblivion. Afaco continues to do campaign for the construction of a combative and independent women's movement. One objective of these is to develop movement to a great ability to bring women to carry women's claims of Congo to victory.

The organization of the World March of Women in 2010 has influenced the Congolese associations to be interested in the experiences of struggle of women around the world. It allowed them to understand the need for international solidarity to strengthen the means to fight for the cause of women at home and abroad..

Afaco during his campaigns, places particular emphasis on supporting the girl in his involvement with militant women's movement. This aspect of the question is of utmost importance to Africa, and this for two reasons. First, because there is an urgent need for women coordinated energies to lift the continent out of the cruel misery, whose wife is the great victim. Then our people are very young, they have a percentage of 40% for youth under 15 years. Hence the priority of dealing with this youth if we want to change the course of history in Africa. If this struggle fails, the negative influences on youth will prevail with more adverse consequences imaginable. Religious fanaticism, drugs and idealization of happiness on the flyway will prevail .. Result: the hijacking and destruction, maximum potential forces that can bring positive change on the continent.

Afaco invites African women participating in this World Women Conference, to set as another goal in addition to how to use the conclusions and experiences in this forum for the revitalization of the women's movement of the base in each country and on the continent. Initiatives and creativity must increase to overcome the obstacles in the road of collaboration and cooperation of women's movements on the continent, where obstacles are magnified by the lack of infrastructure and poverty of our people.

Once again, Afaco wishes great success to the 2nd World Women Conference held to Nepal from 13 to 18 March 2016.

Long live international solidarity,

Long live the global women's movement of the base+

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