



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SHAPING FEMINIST FOREIGN POLICY

Programme - 1 & 2 November 2023



Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference 2023

The Netherlands is organising an international conference on feminist foreign policy: the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference 2023 (SFFP) on 1 and 2 November 2023 in the World Forum in The Hague. The conference falls within the context of the Dutch government's feminist foreign policy, which strives for equal rights and equality for all worldwide.

Aims of the conference

The main aim of the conference is to continue to give shape to feminist foreign policy and to get this policy on the agenda, both in the Netherlands and worldwide. The conference also aims to expand the network of like-minded countries and countries that actively pursue a feminist foreign policy. One of the main themes of the conference is 'resources'. The event aims to call attention to the need for additional funding for women's rights organisations and movements in the Netherlands and abroad.

Themes

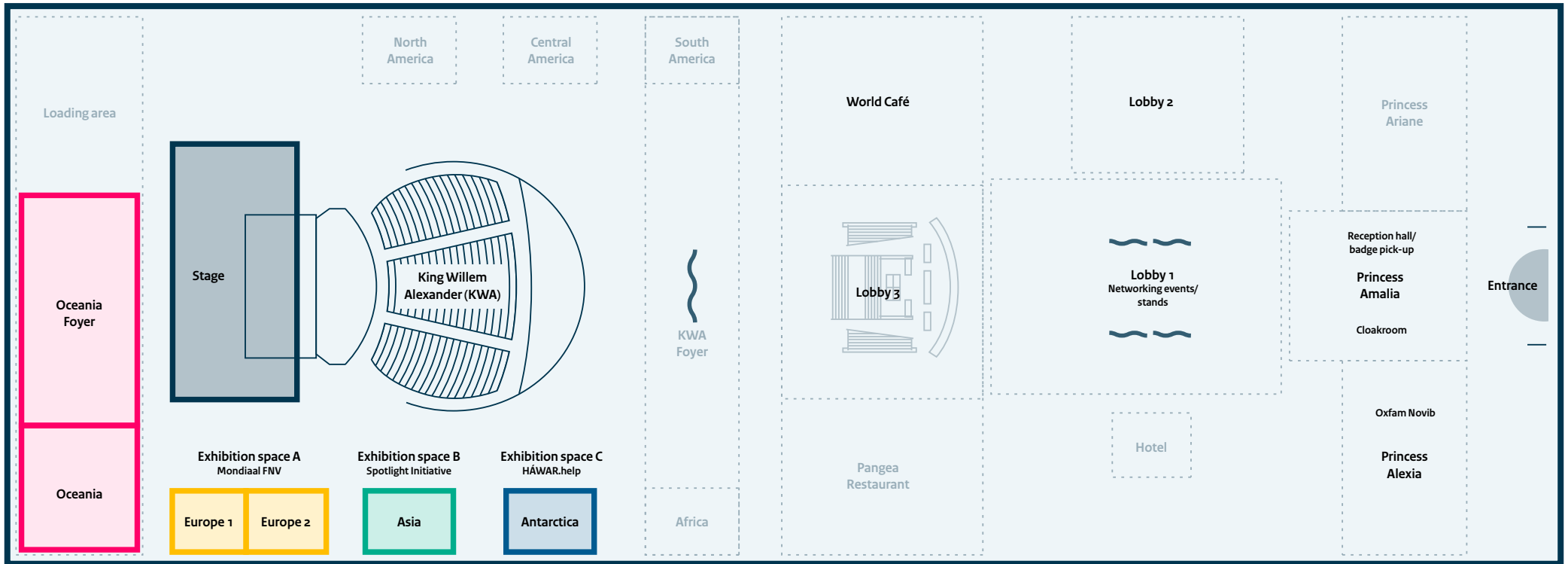
In line with Dutch feminist foreign policy, the conference has four main themes:

- 1. Rights.** Women and marginalised groups all over the world must be able to invoke their universal rights and be safe from violence.
- 2. Representation.** Women and marginalised groups must be represented and meaningfully involved in political and social decision-making processes.
- 3. Resources.** There must be sufficient resources to implement feminist foreign policy. It is also important that women's rights organisations and movements worldwide receive financial support.
- 4. Reality check.** Since conditions differ around the world and not every approach has the same effect everywhere, Dutch efforts must be adapted to the local situation. This also means verifying at various moments the policy impact and whether the right target groups are being reached.

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conference 2023





Legend thematic colours

- Rights
- Representation
- Resources
- Reality Check



Day 1 | Wednesday 1 November 2023

08:00 - 08:30	Check-in, badge pick-up						
08:30 - 09:00	Coffee and tea (Lobby)						
09:00 - 09:30	Plenary Opening & Keynote speakers (King Willem Alexander)						
09:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session: Women, Peace and Security (King Willem Alexander)						
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break						
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12:15 - 14:15	Lunch and Networking stands						

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14:15 - 15:30

Parallel thematic sessions

King Willem Alexander
How Should Feminist
Foreign Policy Counter
Backlash and Backsliding
on Women's Rights and
Democracy?

Organised by ODI

Antarctica
Make Way for Decolonising
the Narrative on Queer-
ness(es) in Africa

Organised by Wemos

Asia
No Feminist Foreign Policy
Without Feminist Funding

Organised by ICAN

Europe 1&2
Male Allyship for a Feminist
Future

Organised by Equimundo

Oceania
Doing Development
Differently – Dismantling
Harmful Gender Norms to
End Gender Inequalities

Organised by Frontline AIDS

15:30- 16:00

Coffee and tea (Lobby)

16:00- 17:30

Plenary Session: Financing Women's Rights Organisations and Feminist Movements (King Willem Alexander)

17.30 – 19.00

Drinks and bites (end of day 1)



Day 2 | Thursday 2 November 2023

08:30 - 09:00	Coffee and tea (Lobby)		
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12:30 - 12:45	Plenary Closing & Keynote speakers (King Willem Alexander)		
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch (to eat in or to take away)		
13:30- 14:15	Closed Meeting Government Officials (invitation only)		

KWA | Formal Opening

The conference will be formally opened by the Prime Minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes and the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Liesje Schreinemacher. You will also meet the ambassadors of the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference 2023. These committed activists and changemakers bring in their personal experiences working in various parts of the world by showing us a glimpse of their work during the conference.



Liesje Schreinemacher

is the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. In her early career, she served as adviser at the Dutch Ministry of Defence, worked as a lawyer and she was a Member of the European Parliament (for the Renew Europe Group).



Evelyn C. Wever-Croes

is the Prime Minister of Aruba. After eight years serving as a member of the Aruban parliament, Mrs. Wever-Croes was sworn in on November 17, 2017, as the first female Prime Minister of Aruba. She believes taking a human-centered approach to policy-making combined with significant investment in innovation is the only way to help build a more sustainable future for generations to come. She is an advocate for social (purpose-driven) innovation and for women in innovation and STEM. Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes is devoted to her family, she is married and a mother of three children.



Ikenna Azuike

Moderator

Ikenna Azuike started his career as a lawyer, but is now a sought-after journalist, presenter, speaker and filmmaker. Ikenna was born in Lagos, Nigeria, grew up in the UK, studied law in the UK and France and has been living in The Netherlands with his family since 2004. Ikenna is regularly invited to host national and international events.

KWA | Conference Ambassadors



Maria Al-Abdeh

is a Researcher and Executive Director of Women Now For Development, the largest Syrian women's rights organization operating both inside Syria and abroad. With a unique approach to building women's leadership, the organization has gained international recognition for its efforts. She has

published several research articles on the gender impact of conflict and Syrian women's perspective on peace and justice. She has received several awards and honors for her engagement toward Human and Women rights in Syria.



laxman belbase

(pronoun: name only) is Co-Director of MenEngage Alliance, and co-leads overall operations, strategic directions and political advocacy, and support to the regional and country networks of the Alliance worldwide. laxman has over 20 years of experience in strategic planning, programs, monitoring-evaluation-

learning, and advocacy for women's rights, working with men and boys in gender justice, & child rights. laxman has worked with and provided technical support to various Human Right I/NGOs, UN Agencies and Governments all over the world. laxman is a member of the Leadership Council of the Global Women's Institute and a part-time faculty at the Elliott School of International Affairs.



Anisha Chugh

is the current Executive Director of Women's Fund Asia: a feminist fund (based out of Sri Lanka and Australia) that supports groups and collectives led by women, girls, trans and intersex people in more than 18 countries of Asia. Anisha currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Fenomenal

Funds (The Women's Funds Collaborative Initiative) and represents WFA on the Advisory Board of the Resilience Fund for Women in Global Value Chains, and is a member of the Steering Committee of Human Rights Funders Network (HRFN). Anisha also served on the board of FRIDA - The Young Feminist Fund as the Treasurer.



Mike

is a Public Relations student at the University of Zambia in Lusaka, as well as a radio presenter and activist. He founded a youth-led non-profit organisation, which provides assistance to vulnerable girls in the community, and advocates for the reproductive health rights of adolescent girls and boys.

He also volunteers as a Youth Hub Facilitator at SRHR Africa Trust (SAT) Zambia on Break Free project and other SRHR projects within SAT. Mike's passions include advancing the rights of women, building a more inclusive society, and promoting children's rights and gender equality.



Natalia Karbowska

has more than 25 years of experience in development work. Since 1997, Natalia has been working in the area of civil society development and women's rights, first as the Women's Program Director of the International Renaissance Foundation (Open Society Foundation) in Ukraine, then as the Director of

Women's Economic Empowerment Project at Winrock International and later as Deputy Director of USAID "Healthy women of Ukraine" Program. Natalia is the co-founder and director on strategic development of the Ukrainian Women's Fund. Under her leadership, the Fund has provided more than € 5,5 million in grants to women's rights organizations in Ukraine and neighboring countries.



Raul Martin Hular Jr.

is a 25-year-old Filipino queer activist. He is the current Project Manager of Free to be Me Philippines under Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial (affiliated with Hivos). In this role, he is working together with local LGBTIQ+ organizations and individuals in contextualizing and localizing Free to be Me values and

goals. Raul holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and is presently pursuing a Master's degree of Community Development at the University of the Philippines-Diliman.



Sofia Marcia

is a Honduran feminist, anti-racist and anti-capitalist engineer. Urgent Action Fund for Latin America and The Caribbean Programs and Grantmaking Co-Director. She walks and learns with the black, indigenous, trans and non-binary people of the Abya Yala through her work in recent years and her activism that

she has built with the Garifuna and Lenca people of Honduras. She believes in the radical tenderness and power of women who fight for their rights, so she conspires with them.



KWA

Women, Peace and Security

It has been 23 years since the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, the landmark resolution on the role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and peacebuilding. The primary goal of the Women Peace and Security Agenda is realizing that women are equally and meaningfully part of and included in all conflict and peace processes. Guiding questions during this plenary panel discussion will be: How can Feminist Foreign Policy contribute to realising the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the most effective way? What kind of support is needed? What 'do's and don'ts' have we learned?



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Peter Reesink

Rear admiral Peter Reesink was commanding officer of air defence and command frigate from 2015-2016. In 2017 he was appointed as the Director of Personnel of the Dutch MoD, and since 2021 he is the Director of Operations.



Madina Mahboobi

is the Founder and Executive Director of Vision Development - a Kabul based organization that promotes girls' education, women empowerment, economic development, and human rights in Afghanistan. Being an advocate of women rights, she has extensive experience in women empowerment

and human rights promotion. Madina leads Change Drive Network, which has over 17,000 members inside Afghanistan. She is also a key member of the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team in Afghanistan. She has advocated for women rights on international platforms including the United Nations Human Rights Council. Madina holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in Public Administration.



Erica Schouten

took up her current position as Deputy Director General for Political Affairs at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in August 2022. Erica previously served as Director Europe Department, Ambassador to Australia, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to NATO, Deputy Head of Mission in Warsaw

and Head of the Security and Defence Policy Department in the Hague. Earlier positions included a posting at the Netherlands Mission to the UN and several positions in The Hague with a focus on EU-affairs. Erica studied Political Science, International Relations, at the University of Amsterdam. She is married with a son.



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published several research articles on the gender impact of conflict and Syrian women's perspective on peace and justice. She has received several awards and honors for her engagement toward Human and Women rights in Syria.



Diana María Parra Romero

is adviser on Gender Issues and Feminist Foreign Policy, at the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has served in various positions in the national government. She led the implementation of the Bogotá District Care System and the implementation of strategies for the empowerment and autonomy of women in all their diversity. From different agencies of the United Nations System, she has coordinated projects related to the defense and guarantee of the human rights of women and girls, gender equality, and the mainstreaming of the gender approach. Currently, she leads the design and implementation of Colombian Feminist Foreign Policy from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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KWA | Organised by Kvinna till Kvinna

Making FFP a Reality: Experiences from Sweden and Women's Organisations in Conflict-Affected Contexts

Sweden was the first country in the world to introduce a Feminist Foreign Policy, and the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation played a unique role in supporting its development and implementation through over a decade of advocacy and policy dialogue, as a bridge to women peacebuilders, organisations and activists, and as a watchdog. This session will showcase both the experiences of a Swedish civil society organisation and those of women's organisations in conflict-affected contexts in relation to Sweden's FFP and examine how other countries' FFPs can help advance gender equality and women's rights.



Irena Cvetkovic

is the executive director of Coalition Margins – an organisation active in North Macedonia – and is also a visiting professor at the Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities in Skopje. She is an activist in numerous formal and informal groups working to realise the human rights of marginalized communities, with

a focus on marginalized women, LGBTIQ people, drug users, sex workers, and people living with HIV. She has conducted numerous research projects on the topics of social sciences, gender studies, the anti-gender movement, media, women's rights, and LGBTIQ rights.



Lida Minasyan

is a feminist advocate with approximately ten years of experience in leading women's rights programs, mobilizing resources, and promoting peace and security. She is the co-founder of Women's Agenda, an organization dedicated to uplifting women's resilience and expertise to build sustainable peace. Lida

also serves as a resource mobilization specialist with the CEECCNA Collaborative Fund, focusing on intersectional social justice movements in Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central and North Asia. Lida earned an MA in Human Rights from Central European University and an MSc in Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Creating New Ventures from Lund University.



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Annette Natukunda Mukiga

is a social worker by profession, a feminist leader and a member of FemWise-Africa. She has been doing gender and development work within the NGO world for more than 20 years. She is currently working with Kvinna Till Kvinna as a Senior Program Officer responsible for developing, monitoring

and following-up on Kvinna till Kvinna's partnerships with women's organisations doing work on GBV prevention and response, SRHR, equal participation in politics and the economy as well as peace building and conflict prevention in Rwanda.





Klara Backman

is a policy and advocacy expert in the field of global gender equality, development and peace and security, with a focus on Women, Peace and Security and the role of women's rights organisations in conflict-affected contexts. She has been an advocacy advisor with The Kvinna till Kvinna

Foundation since 2017. Kvinna till Kvinna is one of the world's leading feminist women's rights organisations, working closely together with more than 100 partner organisations in 20 countries affected by conflict.



Ola Saleh

Moderator

Ola Saleh is an independent peacebuilding and conflict sensitivity expert. Her professional background is rooted in feminist social movements from humanitarian and peacebuilding contexts in West Asia, South

Caucasus, Western Balkans, and East Africa since 2005. Her practice covers advice, research, training, process design and facilitation in the areas of Inclusive Peace mediation, Gender-responsive security, Transformative Leadership in peacebuilding contexts, Women Peace and Security, and Decolonising aid. Ola is a member of the Swedish women's mediation network. She is a trustee of Saferworld and Conducive Space for Peace.



Antarctica | Organised by Simavi

Women Making Waves – How the Dutch FFP can accelerate climate and water action in the African region

Water issues are becoming more prevalent due to the climate emergency, while exacerbating existing inequalities and crises. It is therefore key to explore the wide variety of issues that an intersectional FFP should be able to tackle. We will look at five key challenges of our time: drought, flooding, pollution, extraction and conflict. In this lively talk show African experts will share challenges and feminist solutions for and by the region. Together, we will explore how an intersectional FFP can help implement Dutch water actions and climate policies on the African continent in a gender-just approach.



Toni Hastrup

is Professor and Chair in Global Politics at the University of Manchester, England. She holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Edinburgh.

An award-winning teacher and researcher she is a 2022 recipient of the Emma Goldman Award for contributions to feminist research and knowledge

in Europe. Her research interrogates the manifestation of power hierarchies in global politics, with research interests encompassing a wide range of topics within international studies, including peace and security in Africa, feminist, postcolonial and decolonial approaches to international relations, and regional and global governance – she has published extensively in these areas.



Priscilla M. Achakpa

is the founder/Global Lead of the Women Environmental Programme (WEP) a regional Women-focused organization with headquarters in Abuja, Nigeria.

A gender expert and development practitioner with over 25 years. She has held many positions at national and international levels working with a wide

range of development actors, government, UN, CSOs, and feminist networks in the area of gender, environment, and climate change. A recipient of several awards including the Albert Ballin Awards, Ashoka Fellows, ECO Ambassador, Channels TV Nigeria, Deutsche Welle and Climate Change Warriors.



Sareen Malik

is a women's rights activist from Kenya who is fighting for gender equality in the area of access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). She's raising her voice to criticise the power dynamics and gender inequality surrounding WASH.

She leads the African Civil Society Network on Water (ANEW), the umbrella organisation of water and sanitation NGOs in Africa, present in over 50 countries. Besides, she currently holds the position of Vice Chair on the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) Steering Committee.



Aniek Moonen

is a transition expert, climate activist and former Chair of the Dutch Youth Climate Movement NL. Over the past few years, she has represented over 1,000,000 young people in the Dutch climate debate. As a member of the

Energy Expert Team 2050, commissioned by the Dutch minister for Climate, she worked on an Advisory Report about a just energy system in 2050. Through her work, she strives for ambitious and just climate policies, intergenerational equity and (youth) participation and inclusion. Her co-chairmanship at WECF International fits that ambition perfectly. Aniek is also a Master student in Societal Transitions at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam.





Christy Aikhorin

is the Director of Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), Netherlands. She has a Chemical Engineering background and has amassed over 15 years of project management expertise, developing and directing sustainability initiatives across a plethora of industries. A fervent advocate, her vision is one

of sustainability seamlessly interwoven with women's enrichment and empowerment, aiming to champion human flourishing through both gender equality and climate justice. Her unique approach emphasizes the essential role of women as critical stakeholders in crafting a sustainable future. Originating from Nigeria, Christy's global perspective was further shaped during her transformative years in South Africa. Presently, she resides in the Netherlands, where she is dedicated to spearheading the charge for women's rights and sustainability.



Asia | Organised by Women's Fund Asia

Leading from the South: Rooting Resources in Realities

Leading from the South, a consortium of four women's funds, invites you to join a creative conversation to unpack the 'feminist' in feminist foreign policy weaved with visual storytelling and feminist humour. The session will delve into the realities of those who are structurally excluded and are leading feminist movements for gender equality, inclusion and justice in the global South. Weaving feminist art and activism, the dialogue will explore how policies strengthen feminist movement-building, what makes a policy truly intersectional & feminist, and why resource justice is critical in transformative change.



Françoise Moudouthe

A pan-African feminist with roots in Cameroon, Françoise Moudouthe is the CEO of the African Women's Development Fund, a feminist fund that resources, strengthens and upholds women's rights and feminist organisations and movements across Africa. Earlier in her career, Françoise supported The

Elders in setting up Girls Not Brides, the global civil society partnership to end child marriage, and spearheaded its growth in Africa. She later founded Eyala, a bilingual platform that amplifies the voices and lived experiences of African feminists and provides them with learning and solidarity spaces. Françoise serves on the Boards of the Equality Fund and Prospera.



Teresa Zapeta

is a Mayan Indigenous Woman from Guatemala. She has a degree in Social Communication and a Master in Public Administration. She, also, has complementary studies on Legislative Management and Local Development.

She has more than 25 years of work experience in defense of the individual and collective rights of women and indigenous peoples, in NGOs, government agencies and international organizations. Teresa was an official of the Government of Guatemala (2004-2008), serving as an advocate for indigenous women. For five years she worked at UNIFEM and UN Women, leading the Indigenous Women Program for Central America and Mexico.



Ana Falú

is an Argentinian leading feminist figure with a global career in the fight for women's human rights. She is a Board member of Fondo de Mujeres del Sur (FMS). This feminist women's fund currently resources more than 200 organisations led by diverse women, identities and sexualities in Latin

America and the Caribbean. As an activist, architect, university professor and researcher, Ana Falú has been a pioneer on issues related to the women's right to the city. She was the director of UN Women (formerly UNIFEM) for the Andean Region (2002-2004) and for Brazil and Southern Cone Countries (2004-2009).



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Europe 1 & 2 | Organised by RNW Media

Toward a Feminist Internet: Decrypting the Feminist Foreign Policy in a Digital Age

This session aims to explain how we can create an environment that is conducive to leveraging digital infrastructure in order to seed, strengthen and sustain feminist and women's rights movements. It will explore feminist foreign policy from the following aspects:

- Correlation between digital exclusion and gender inequalities due to a lack of feminist leadership in internet-related decision-making spaces.
- Lack of gender-sensitive ways to invest money and resources in digital infrastructures and skills.
- Under-representation of feminist movements in security issues such as surveillance due to censorship and shrinking spaces.



Kristina Wilfore

is a seasoned international development and elections specialist who has worked in over 30 countries for more inclusive and responsive democratic movements. She advises governments, international agencies and civil society on how to create an enabling environment to address social media harms and national security threats presented by mis/disinformation. Kristina co-founded #ShePersisted, a cross-national initiative to tackle gendered disinformation and online gender-based violence, and serves as the Global Democracy Advisor at Reset. Tech testing and developing methodology for multi-layered counter disinformation programs in fragile democracies.



Hayat Mirshad

is a Lebanese feminist activist, journalist, trainer and communications and advocacy expert. She was ranked among BBC's 100 most inspiring and influential women from around the world for 2020. She is a co-founder and executive director at FE-MALE, a non-profit feminist collective, Editor in Chief of Sharika wa Laken feminist platform, board of trustees at Takatoat organisation-Jordan, feminist advisory board member at Care International and former Head of communications and campaigning at the Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering- RDFL.



hvale vale

Feminist activist and writer of words, happy and compulsive reader, deepening around and about somatic experiencing. Sit, walk, run, sometime dance @ intersections and explorations of peoples and community, systems and practices, autonomous tech infrastructure, organising and holding spaces. Learning and relearning the internet poetically, politically and practically, advocating for a #feministinternet. Central to life and works are the many superhumans of these worlds we walk through. Some themes: walk-the-talk, bodywork, sexuality, sci-fi, movements, storytelling, safety and bravery in the digital continuum, remote and asynchronous communication, design of accessible, participatory compassionate spaces, hacking and re-thinking how organisations structure and use "operations".



Oceania | Organised by ABAAD

Masculinities, Militarization and Peace Building

This panel discussion will adopt an interactive format, fostering dynamic dialogue between expert panelists and participants. The focus will be on exploring the intricacies of militaristic masculinities, feminist peace, and the Dutch feminist foreign policy. The session will underscore the significance of addressing patriarchal and militaristic masculinities, with a particular emphasis on disrupting the systems that perpetuate them. This approach is seen as a vital strategy in advancing the protection of women, girls, and historically marginalized individuals, aligning with the goals of the Dutch feminist foreign policy.



Ilse Wermink

is a Policy Advisor on Gender, Peace and Security at PAX, where she coordinates a programme with partners in Iraq and Sudan. Ilse has been involved in gender programming in conflict affected areas since 2010, when she worked at WILPF. She's spent over 10 years working in and on Sudan and South Sudan, living in South Sudan for parts of that time, where she was humbled time and time again by individual and community held wisdom in times of deep stress, hurt and injustice.



Reem Abbas

is the Communications Coordinator for the Mobilising Men for Feminist Peace at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Previously, she worked with SIHA Network, the Horn of Africa Civil Society Forum and UNICEF. She is a Sudanese writer, researcher and feminist activist and the co-author of

(UN)DOING RESISTANCE: Authoritarianism and Attacks on the Arts in Sudan's 30 Years of Islamist Rule.



Dean Peacock

directs WILPF's multi-country initiative to counter militarized masculinities and mobilise men for feminist peace. He has been involved in social justice activism ever since joining the End Conscription Campaign as a high school student in the mid-1980s in South Africa. Since then, his work has focused on issues related to men and masculinities, gender based violence, HIV and AIDS, peacebuilding, gender equality, human rights, social justice and organizational development. He is the co-founder and former Co-Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice and co-founder and former co-chair of the MenEngage Alliance. Dean has published widely in many major news outlets, books, and academic journals.



Hassan Joumaa

is the Project coordinator at ABAAD – Resource Center for Gender Equality. Hassan coordinates several projects in ABAAD, and has worked with multiple groups on issues of masculinities and engaging men. Hassan is also a facilitator on Gender and masculinities/engaging men, and has provided workshops and Tots for several organizations this past years in Lebanon and the MENA region. Since joining ABAAD he was one of the main trainers in the pilot and implementations of masculinities training and Gender integration into programming. He holds a bachelor degree in biomedical sciences and finished his master degree in Healthcare Management and Quality Technology.



Oceania Foyer | Organised by RVO

Breaking down barriers: learning about enterprises' strength to perform the 'reality check'

Businesses play an important role as catalysts in translating local needs into opportunities to achieve the objectives of Feminist Foreign Policy. During this session, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) will spotlight examples from their programmes to show how an innovative business perspective can contribute to the participation of women, LGBTQ+ people and other minorities in international development programmes. RVO hopes to inspire you with practical tips and guidance on how to utilise the private sector in including these and other marginalised groups in your programme.



Rhodé de Graaf

is a seasoned professional who has dedicated her career to making a positive impact. Since 2014, she has been an integral part of MDF Training & Consultancy in the Netherlands, where she serves as an international trainer and consultant. Since early 2022, Rhodé is the project lead for BOOST, a

dynamic public-private partnership program. This initiative is designed to bridge the digital gap in Kenya by empowering young Kenyans to embark on entrepreneurial journeys in the technology sector, with a focus on recycling and upcycling e-waste.



Marie Ricardo

brings a wealth of experience and commitment to her work with the LGBTQ+ community. She served as a leader within COC Netherlands, overseeing national programs from 2013 to 2020, and further extending her influence by providing support to LGBTI activists in diverse African and Caribbean nations,

facilitating their growth and fostering connections within their movements. Since 2020, Marie has held the prestigious role of Executive Director at COC Nederland. Her academic journey includes a background in Public International Law from the University of Amsterdam and San Francisco State University.



Micaela Passamani

has served as a Senior Project Advisor at RVO since 2014. Over the past nine years, she has played a pivotal role in advising RVO and the European Union on the successful execution of their European Partnership for Responsible Minerals. Micaela's expertise goes beyond project oversight; she passionately ensures that these initiatives align with the partnership's core objectives and rigorously upholds RVO's Gender policy, thereby fostering a more inclusive and responsible approach to mineral sourcing.



Machteld Ooijens

is an economist and cultural anthropologist with a post-university degree in Corporate Social Responsibility. Over the last 25 years she has always tried to combine economic and social perspectives for sustainable international development. After working internationally for various organisations, she

founded consultancy company Partnering for Social Impact. Through this company, she worked with INGOs, governmental agencies (like RVO), SMEs, corporates and the banking sector on the acceleration of social impact, responsible business conduct and inclusive value chains. In 2023, Machteld stepped in as a partner of impact investor Truvalu (www.Truvalu-group.com). This company embraces Gender Lens Investing.



KWA | Organised by ODI

How Should Feminist Foreign Policy Counter Backlash & Backsliding on Women's Rights and Democracy?

This public dialogue will ask the urgent question of how FFP can effectively counter accelerating assaults on democratic rights and on women's and LGBTQ+ people's rights. The session aims to expand the international realm of action by offering new ideas on how to collectively respond to global anti-rights and anti-feminist trends. With a focus on the transformative potential of FFP, speakers will consider policy options beyond development that both FFP and non-FFP governments in the Global North and South can pursue, harnessing momentum behind FFP as a tool to contend with patriarchal backlash and democratic backsliding.



Memory Kachambwa

is Executive Director of the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET). Memory is a pan-African feminist, gender, and women's rights activist, with over 20 years' experience developing, managing and implementing programmes for women and girls' rights regionally and globally.

Memory is a seasoned cross-cultural thought leader and strategist bridging national, regional, global women's rights networks with policy leaders, including on Feminist Foreign Policy. She is one of the co-leaders of the Generation Equality Action Coalition on Economic Justice and Rights, and part of the Global Partner Network Steering Committee for the Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative.



Ambika Vishwanath

is Director and Co-Founder of the Kubernein Initiative, an India-based, and female founded, geopolitical advisory established in 2019 to bridge the gap on quality research and analysis from and on India. Ambika leads their flagship initiative examining the potential for greater inclusivity and gender mainstreaming in India's foreign policy, bringing specialist expertise on climate and security. Ambika has led track two diplomacy efforts, consulting with governments and international organizations worldwide, focusing on foreign policy, water security, gender and diplomacy. She is the first Indian member of the Munich Young Leaders Network run by the Munich Security Conference.



Haley McEwen

is a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg, and has been conducting research on transnational anti-gender politics in African countries for over a decade. Haley regularly collaborates with human rights organisations and UN agencies to improve their capacity to understand, anticipate and respond to anti-gender attacks on bodily autonomy and equal rights. In addition to publishing her research in international journals, she is currently investigating anti-gender bilateral and multilateral diplomacy strategies and is publishing a forthcoming book with Palgrave Macmillan: U.S. Christian Right 'Pro-Family' politics in 21st Century Africa. Haley has a PhD in Sociology from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.



Ari Shaw

is a Senior Fellow and Director of International Programs in the Williams Institute School of Law at UCLA. He specialises in international human rights, LGBTQI+ politics, and U.S. foreign policy. He was previously on the senior staff at Columbia World Projects and has worked on human rights, global governance, and LGBTQI+ issues for the Open Society Foundations, the Gill Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the UN Association of the USA, among others. Ari was a visiting researcher at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at the Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.



Ján Michalko

Moderator

is a Research Fellow in the Gender Equality & Social Inclusion team at ODI: a leading global affairs think tank based in London. Ján leads the institute's work on Feminist Foreign Policy, and focuses on women's political representation and pro-feminist men in politics, advancing new areas of research on patriarchal gender norms and transformative change. Ján holds a BA in International Studies from Susquehanna University (USA), an MSc in Africa and International Development from the University of Edinburgh, and a PhD in Gender Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.



Antarctica | Organised by Wemos

Make Way for Decolonising the Narrative on Queerness(es) in Africa

Through a combination of storytelling, panel discussion and question rounds, this session will explore ways to unpack and decolonise conversations about queerness and its different forms in Africa. Firstly, the session will explore the history and the role of religion and tradition in the discussions and attitudes surrounding LGBTQ+ people in Africa. Secondly, we will look into how to decolonise the narrative on queernesses in Africa, provoke discussion about the Western boxed approach to LGBTQI+ and its unintended negative effects, and explore ways forward to achieve social justice and dismantle the siloed approach to securing civil and political rights.



zethu Matebeni

is South Africa Research Chair in Sexualities, Genders & Queer Studies at the University of Fort Hare. She has been Visiting Professor at the Women's Gender & Sexualities Studies Department at Yale University and the Marie Jahoda Professorial Fellow at Ruhr University Bochum. zethu has published

key essays, articles, poetry and films on African sexualities and gender diversity including: Reclaiming African: queer perspectives on sexual and gender identities (2014); Queer in Africa: LGBTQI Identities, Citizenship and Activism (S.Munro, V.Reddy, 2018). Professor of Sociology and African queer studies, zethu is instrumental in developing African queer theory and queering decolonisation efforts in higher education.



Monica Tabengwa

is a human rights lawyer, activist and feminist from Botswana, with extensive experience in human rights and social justice advocacy. She currently works as Policy Specialist with the Inclusive Governance Initiative project at United Nations Development Programme Africa regional office. In the past, she has

worked on various (research) programs and campaigns, related to gender, inclusion and LGBTQ rights at amongst others Human Rights Watch, HIVOS and ILGA (Pan Africa International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association).



Reverend Adera

is a Theologian, an ordained minister in the Anglican church of Kenya, and a pastor serving at the Cosmopolitan Affirming Church (CAC) in Nairobi (an inclusive faith community in Kenya that openly welcomes LGBTQI people). His research interest is in the intersection of Theology, Gender and Sexuality. He is

a PhD (Theology and Gender Studies) Candidate affiliated to the Circle of concerned African Women Theologians. This international, interfaith network seeks to build the capacity of African women to contribute their critical thinking and analysis to advance current knowledge using a theoretical framework based on theology, religion and culture.



Felicity Sibindi

is a public health practitioner, African feminist and women's rights activist, with experience across the continent in primary health care service-provision, feminist movement-building and advocacy. Her work focuses on the intersection of issues affecting women and vulnerable communities,

from economic resilience and fighting exploitative and extractive industries, to health care, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and challenging systems of power. She believes in the power of authentic African voices to raise awareness around SRHR issues. Felicity firmly believes that indigenous communities can and will determine for themselves the direction of movement beyond this current global poly-crisis.





Quinter Obiero

is a passionate young queer individual who actively advocates for the rights of the sexual and gender minority groups in Kenya, with a strong focus on SRHR. As a committed member of the Make Way Youth Panel, Obiero actively engages in creating awareness, advocating for policy change, and empowering marginalized communities. Quinter is the founder of “Equal Voices”, working with LBQTGNC persons in rural areas. Their work is driven by a deep sense of justice and a desire to ensure equal rights and opportunities for all.



Sietse Blom

is a political economist with a background in lobby and advocacy, partnership management and development cooperation. He has experience in the fields of enhancing educational quality, youth employment opportunities, public-private cooperation and intersectional SRHR. Having lived and worked in Tel Aviv, Geneva and currently Berlin, he built up his understanding of different political systems, power (im)balances and an appreciation of multiperspective approaches and connectedness. As a firm believer in Volunteering and education, he volunteers for COC to discuss sexual orientation and gender identity in Dutch schools.



Asia | Organised by ICAN

No Feminist Foreign Policy Without Feminist Funding

The lack of quality financing for peacebuilding is a major challenge when it comes to building and sustaining peace and remains a critical component of any Feminist Foreign Policy. The International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) brings together a diverse panel to facilitate a debate on opportunities to increase financial support for women-led peacebuilding organisations. Women-led organisations across the Global South face cumbersome and ineffective funding mechanisms, which delays their work and often puts them at risk. This session aims to shed light on the obstacles faced by donors in facilitating such funding, matched with concrete examples for dismantling barriers.



Sanam Naraghi Anderlini

is a globally recognized advocate in the field of women, peace and security, with 24 years' experience as a peace strategist working on conflicts, crises and violent extremism with a mix of civil society, governments and the UN. Sanam is the founder and CEO of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)

where she spearheads the Women's Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL) comprising independent women-led organizations active in 40 countries, preventing violence and promoting peace, rights and pluralism. In 2000, she was a civil society leader and drafter of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.



France Bognon

is the Program Director of the Innovative Peace Fund at ICAN. France has over a decade of experience in offering technical support to peacebuilding organizations. Under France's leadership, ICAN developed five new funding mechanisms, including flexible funding and two Afghan-specific rapid response

streams. France also leads ICAN's advocacy efforts to shift and improve donor practices for more effective funding for women-led peace efforts and was invited to provide recommendations on how to improve international funding policies at the General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Financing for Peacebuilding.



Mossarat Qadim

of Pakistan is the co-founder of PAIMAN Alumni Trust, a nonprofit organization promoting socio-political and economic empowerment of marginalized Pakistanis. PAIMAN's Mothers and Youth Peace Groups (TOLANA) are an innovative way of neutralizing extremist tendencies through community

mobilization, active citizenship and community empowerment to build social cohesion - a model which has received international recognition and appreciation and has presented thousands of young people with an alternate narrative to extremism. She is a globally recognized expert on countering violent extremism (CVE) and de-radicalization and has spoken three times at the UN General Assembly on this topic.



Abir Haj Ibrahim

of Lebanon is one of the two co-founders of Mobaderoon, an Arab civil society network of some 4,000 social activists that advises and trains community development projects and organizations in Syria. Prior to this, she worked in the oil sector in Syria, for Total, but her experience during the conflict led her

to dedicate her life to supporting and sustaining peaceful coexistence. She is now a peacebuilding facilitator and helped establish Mobaderoon's Peace Ambassador program, which trains and supports peace advocates in Syria.



Esther Omam

of Cameroon has been at the forefront of mediation and development issues in the South West Region as the Executive Director of Reach Out Cameroon since 2000. She is currently coordinating Humanitarian activities in the South West Region with UN agencies. Omam has previously held many posts of

responsibility within the civil society sector including as Executive Director of Reach Out Cameroon and General Coordinator of the South West/North West Women Task Force (SNOWT). She is also the former Vice President of the National Coalition against HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis, and Hepatitis.

Europe 1 & 2 | Organised by Equimundo

Male Allyship for a Feminist Future

Against the backdrop of rising right-wing populism, and a backlash against the human rights of women and non-binary and queer people, a critical review of male involvement strategies is necessary in order to assess whether these efforts are doing good or causing harm. While the Feminist Foreign Policy agenda has called for 'engaging men and boys', these statements often lack a concrete policy agenda. The session will include an overview of evidence and perspectives on masculinities and patriarchal gender norms and an interactive world café experience, where participants will learn about best practices on allyship and accountability from around the world.



Clara Alemann

is the Director of Programs at Equimundo. She is a gender specialist with over 20 years of experience in social science research, program design, implementation, and evaluation of governance and social development programs to advance gender equality. She has worked with international development organizations and is a mentor of The Prevention Collaborative, where she developed tools, guidance, and research on the intersections of violence against women and children. Clara has a master's degree in Public Policy from the School of International Public Affairs at Columbia University and a BA in Political Science from the University of Buenos Aires.



Joni van de Sand

is Co-Director of MenEngage Global Alliance. Joni is a driven women's rights & gender justice advocate, with a passion for challenging injustices through feminist systems transformation. Before joining MenEngage Alliance in 2014, Joni worked with WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform as coordinator of its international lobby & advocacy work, and as a researcher and consultant on women's empowerment, transnational feminist networks, transforming patriarchal masculinities & engaging men and boys. She has also worked as Gender focal point with Dutch organization ICCO. Joni holds Advanced Master's in International Development from Radboud University, and a Master's in Cultural Anthropology from UvA.



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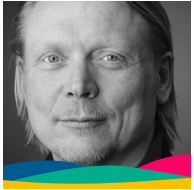
(pronoun: name only) is Co-Director of MenEngage Alliance, and co-leads overall operations, strategic directions and political advocacy, and support to the regional and country networks of the Alliance worldwide. laxman has over 20 years of experience in strategic planning, programs, monitoring-evaluation-learning, and advocacy for women's rights, working with men and boys in gender justice, & child rights. laxman has worked with and provided technical support to various Human Right I/NGOs, UN Agencies and Governments all over the world. laxman is a member of the Leadership Council of the Global Women's Institute and a part-time faculty at the Elliott School of International Affairs.



Bafana Khumalo

is the co-executive director and co-founder of Sonke Gender Justice. Bafana has a long and accomplished track record in the NGO sector. He was the senior gender technical advisor for EngenderHealth South Africa and served as a Commissioner at the National Commission for Gender Equality. At the CG he was instrumental in assisting National and Provincial Departments of Government to plan and coordinate many activities related to men, gender and HIV/AIDS. Bafana has spoken at many national and international conferences on men, gender and HIV/AIDS, including the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and the International AIDS Society conference in Mexico.





Jens van Tricht

is the founder and director of Emancipator, committed to making the world a better place by making boys and men part of the solution to a variety of problems. Since 1990, Jens has been engaging boys and men in a just society by promoting equitable gender relations. Jens studied Women's Studies and specialised in men and masculinities – academically, personally, in activism and professionally. He is convinced that everyone gains from a broadening of the prevailing views on masculinity. His book 'Why Feminism Is Good for Men' was published in English, Dutch, German, Egyptian Arabic, and Korean.



Cody Ragonese

is a Senior Program Officer at Equimundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice, where he manages the programs internationally to engage men and boys to be more equitable and caring fathers and sons. In this role, he develops gender transformative curricula for adolescent boys and young men, as well as trains facilitators and partner organizations on gender equality and male engagement. He also authors reports exploring the connections between masculinities, gender, and health outcomes. Cody received his Master's Degree in Public Health from Boston University; and a BA in International Development from American University's School of International Service.



Peter-Derrek Hof

will give the opening remarks of this World Café session. He is the Director of Social Development and Ambassador for Women's Rights and Gender Equality at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Peter-Derrek Hof started at the Dutch MFA in 1992, and is the former Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of Yemen and to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras & Nicaragua.



Bart van den Berg

is deputy director of the Directorate of Gender and LGBTIQ+ equality at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science since August 1, 2022. The Directorate seeks to promote equal rights, opportunities, freedoms and (social) responsibilities in society, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics. Bart van den Berg previously worked at the Ministry of Finance as acting MT member for Parliamentary Inquiries. Between 2020 and 2022 he worked as an acting MT member and head of the department Accountability and as a project leader for signalcontrolled supervision at the Education Inspectorate. Before that he was senior investigative journalist.



Oceania | Organised by Frontline AIDS

Doing Development Differently – Dismantling Harmful Gender Norms to End Gender Inequalities

This event unites young people and development partners in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and HIV work to exchange expertise in crafting, executing and overseeing effective gender-transformative strategies within SRHR initiatives in Africa. At the core of the Doing Development Differently (DDD) agenda lies a commitment to disrupt the conventional development norms, dismantling patriarchy by ethically involving communities as catalysts for change. This entails embracing collaboratively designed processes and funding priorities aimed at nurturing resilient youth leaders who will spearhead and execute impactful global health initiatives.



Itumeleng Komanyane

is an accomplished International Gender & Development expert committed to advancing gender justice, human rights, and health. With a focus on movement building, community mobilization, and technical expertise, she has dedicated her career to supporting institutions that promote integrity, equality, and

dignity for all. With over 16 years of experience, Itumeleng has implemented health and gender justice projects across 24 African countries and brings unique perspectives as a recognised voice in global health and gender discourse. She is the Programmes Lead at Frontline AIDS. Itumeleng holds a Master of International Development degree from the University of Western Australia.



Maximina Jokonya

is the Interim Executive Director at Y Plus Global and is an established HIV and human rights practitioner with eight years of experience in health programming, focusing on youth in their diversity including AGYW, gender equality, sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and youth development.

She manages complex projects funded by development partners including PEPFAR, Comic Relief, Robert Carr Fund, Global Fund, and ViiV Healthcare. Her achievements include managing the HER Voice Fund project of €1,6 million aimed at Adolescent girls and young women benefitting from rights based and gender transformative programmes in 13 African countries.



Nick Veldwijk

Senior Policy Officer for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and HIV at the Dutch Embassy in Mozambique, oversees the regional SRHR and HIV program in Southern Africa. With a Master's in Health Sciences and a decade with specific track record on SRHR and HIV programmes at various NGOs, Nick is dedicated to advancing inclusive SRHR policies, in particular for key populations, young people and women.



Jacqueline Utamuriza-Nzisabira

holds an MPhil from the University of Stellenbosch Eighteen years within the UN, working with Government and Non- government actors has sharpened Mrs. Nzisabira skills on developing and interpreting policy. Her functions have deepened her understanding of Human development and governance across the African region. Most of her work within the UN has been on planning and programming for Gender and Development. She works with UN Women as an African Regional Advisor on HIV, Gender and Social Protection based in the Southern African Multi Country Office in South Africa. She is a mom of 4 and grandmother of 1.



Diana Amanyire

is a global health expert, with MPH in health systems management, over 10 years of experience and in-depth knowledge of international development and SRHR service delivery sector across East, Southern, and Anglophone Africa. With a focus on increasing demand and access to HIV and SRHR

services for adolescents, young people, and vulnerable populations. She currently works as an SRHR Technical Expert at Save the Children, driving quality and equitable SRHR programmes in ESA region. She is passionate about driving cross-country learning, community-led initiatives, and empowering local structures and systems to be fully oriented to manage and respond to the health needs of their communities.



Linda Manjate

Mozambican with Master's in public health and degree in anthropology, has been an advocate of human rights, especially rights of women and key populations since 2008 when joined UNESCO under a HIV project that studied the relationship between HIV and sociocultural causes of death in communities

impacted by migration. Joined IOM in 2011 and among others, managed Labour Migration, TB&HIV, emergency, targeting mobile populations, PLWHIV, Orphans & Vulnerable Children. Currently acting as the regional programme on SRHR-HIV, implemented in seven countries of the Southern Africa to advocate for rights of youth, migrants and sex workers at border areas.



Additional panelist | KWA

Financing Women Right's Organisations and Feminist Movements

Women rights organisations and feminist movements are worldwide hugely underfunded. To ensure the goals of feminist foreign policy can be achieved a shift in funding modalities is necessary. So time to talk about money. What would financing modalities look like for feminist organizations and movements to succeed? What's needed to move governments, multilateral organisations and philanthropy towards targeted Feminist Funding? And what can be the role of civil society in this? We will delve deeper into funding practices, possible solutions and that is needed to bring about change.



Happy Mwendé Kinyili

is Mama Cash's first co-Executive Director from the Global South. They have filled a variety of roles at Mama Cash, most recently, between 2017 and 2022, as Director of Programmes and a member of the Management Team. Prior to joining Mama Cash, Happy worked with UHAI, the East African Sexual

Health and Rights Initiative, an activist fund supporting Eastern African LGBTQI+ and sex workers' movements. Mama Cash, the oldest international women's fund, channels resources to women's, girls', and trans and intersex people's rights organisations around the world to support their collective action and build connections within and across social movements.



Malado Kaba

is Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society for the African Development Bank. She is an accomplished leader in international development and finance with 30 years of experience and served as the first female Economy and Finance Minister of the Republic of Guinea. She combines her high-level experience in public- and private-sector organizations to deliver measurable impact. Her knowledge of government, global institutions, and NGOs gives her a unique insight into the requirements for successfully navigating complex organizational structures. She produces positive results for Africa and its citizens at the local, national, and international level.



Luc Laviolette

a Canadian national, is the Head of Secretariat for the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF). Mr. Laviolette led the GFF's Country Programs from 2017-2020. He has played various roles within the World Bank, including leading the World Bank's human development portfolio for the Maghreb Region and Malta (2020-2022) and for the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Congo (2013-2017). Prior to joining the World Bank in 2009, he worked for the Government of Canada, an international non-profit organization and the International Development Research Center.



Monica Aleman

currently serves as the International Program Director for the Gender, Racial and Ethnic Justice work at the Ford Foundation. She plays a key role in the foundation's efforts to reduce gender-based violence, end structural inequalities, and institutionally strengthen feminist movements to advance a global agenda for gender equality. Prior to her Ford tenure, she was Executive Director and founder of the International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIWI) and the Indigenous Women's Fund. She was also a director at MADRE. Currently she is co-chair of the board of directors for Witness and co-chair of the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples.





Hugh Adsett

Ambassador of Canada to the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the OPCW. Positions abroad include Ambassador and permanent representative of Canada to the Organization of American States (2019-2023); counsellor of legal, economic and social affairs at Canada's mission to the UN

in New York (2004-2008); third secretary in Addis-Ababa (1998-2000). Positions at headquarters include Director General and Deputy Legal Adviser of the Legal Affairs Bureau; Director General of the Foreign Policy Bureau; as well as several roles in legal divisions (Peacebuilding; Human Rights Law; Environmental Law; Criminal, Security and Diplomatic Law; United Nations, Human Rights and Economic Law).



KWA | Organised by ActionAid

Reimagining Trade and Investment through Feminist Alternatives

Feminist trade and investment policies are often overlooked in the FFP debate. This panel builds on the shared belief that collective feminist practices are crucial to reimagining a feminist trade and investment framework. Experts from the Global South will address the challenges of our current trade system and the direct impacts on their daily lives with respect to feminist practices as transformative and collective solutions. This session will present the Fair, Green & Global Alliance's joint vision on FFP and trade, drawing on the experiences of the panel and their feminist perspective on trade and agriculture in Brazil and Indonesia and a feminist-just transition in South Africa.



Arieska Kurniawaty

is a feminist activist from Indonesia and a member of Solidaritas Perempuan, a feminist organisation dedicated to advancing women's right in Indonesia through grassroots women's movement building. She is the Program Organising Committee for Women Interrogating Trade and Corporate

Hegemony in Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development. She has been actively involved in monitoring trade and investment agreements and advocating for economic justice for over a decade. She is also part of Bilaterals.org, a collective that supports people's movements against bilateral trade and investment deals that prioritise corporate interests over the people's rights.



Faith Lumonya

is a Development Economist with over 9 years of experience in research, movement building, and policy advocacy. Her areas of work have mainly focused on economic justice issues, specifically on trade, investment, and tax policy, while applying gender analysis to inform her advocacy engagements. In

the past 4 years she extended her scope of work to advocate for intersectional feminist climate justice. Faith seeks to promote African women's and communities' engagement in influencing the change that they want. Currently, she works with Akina Mama wa Afrika as the Economic Justice and Climate Action Lead.



Fernando Hernandez

(Mexico) is Senior Trade and Investment Policy officer at Both ENDS in the Netherlands. His work focuses on economic policies, in particular the current trade and investment global regime, and its effects on people's livelihoods, human and women's rights as well as the climate. At Both ENDS he works with feminist and environmental justice partners across the globe in mainstreaming solutions in line with justice and dignity. He carries out advocacy against harmful trade and investment agreements and advocates for civil society participation. Fernando has studies in Economics, International Development, and PhD studies in Geography and Feminist Perspectives.



Nomakhosazana Nomnqa

is a community activist and has been active part of the non-governmental, community-based, South African movement Mining Affected Communities United in Action/Women Affected by Mining United in Action (MACUA/WAMUA) since 2015. Currently, Nomakhosazana is employed at the MACUA/

WAMUA Advice Office as Administrator, a role in which she supports women in mining-affected communities and advocates for women's rights in the context of mining and corporate accountability.



Graciela Rodríguez

is a Brazilian/Argentinian Sociologist and Feminist, focused on strengthening the national, Latin American and global women's movement through training and research in the areas of macroeconomics, international trade and regional integration. She has held various roles in the National Council for Women's

Rights – Brazil, the International Gender and Trade Network, and Brazilian Network for the Integration of Peoples. Currently, she is the coordinator of EQUIT Institute - Gender, Economy and Global Citizenship.

Oceania Foyer | Organised by GROOTS Kenya Association

A Feminist Foreign Policy Inspired by Grassroots Perspectives

The session will infuse grassroots constituencies' expertise into the development of the Dutch FFP. These perspectives and expertise are drawn from decades of grassroots feminist action and practice on land rights, natural resources governance, climate change and the rule of law. The session will explore and define a revolutionary feminist foreign policy from a grassroots perspective, strengthen grassroots champions' demand for Global South governments to develop their own FFPs that are contextual to the regions, while learning and de-learning from the Global North, and unpack the extent to which existing FFPs have – or have not – accelerated women's rights and gender equality at grassroots level.



Fridah Wanjiku Githuku

is the Executive Director of GROOTS Kenya, a movement empowering grassroots women and girls in development. She mentors them into leadership roles, strengthens feminist organizing, and amplifies their voices.

Fridah promotes economic justice through initiatives like the Jasiri fund, aiding survivors of gender-based violence during the pandemic. She designed the Grassroots Public Budget Academy, enhancing grassroots advocates' fiscal policy skills. A gender justice advocate in land governance, she won the 2018 ONE Campaign Women of the Year award. Fridah is the Global Co-Chair of the International Land Coalition Africa Steering Committee.



Esther Mwaura Muiru

serves as the Global Advocacy Director for the Stand for Her Land (S4HL) Campaign, hosted by Landesa, a global initiative focused on securing women's land rights for economic justice, food security, climate resilience, gender equality, and sustainable development in alignment with the 2030 Global

Goals. She previously held the role of Global Women Land Rights Manager at the International Land Coalition, where she spearheaded the Women Land Rights Collective Commitment, a significant contribution to the Generation Equality Forum. Esther's dedication to grassroots women's leadership and sustainable progress is rooted in her experience since the 1995 UN Women Conference.



Doris Wanjiru Munyingi

is an accomplished expert in movement building, women's leadership, governance, and advocacy. She is dedicated to ensuring youth participation in decision-making. As a Programs Manager, she also serves as the Eastern Africa representative for the Gender Is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Young

Women Regional Network in Africa. Doris excels in mobilizing grassroots women and girls for gender-responsive governance and organizes them into advocacy groups. Her influence extends to key sectors like climate change and energy reforms, with a strong belief in the transformative power of collective action for societal well-being. Her advocacy embodies collective empowerment for greater societal equity.



Esupat Ngulupa Laizer

is a grassroots woman in the Longido district of Tanzania. She has been in Leadership for over 20 years working as a Counselor and Vice-chairperson for the Longido district Council. Ms. Esupat Laizer has vast experience in organizing grassroots women movements advocating for land rights, access

to education and women economic empowerment. She serves as a Vice-Chairperson of the Maasai Women Development Organization – MWEDO and a board Chairperson with the Longido Integrated Community Program- LOOCIP. Ms. Laizer holds a Diploma in Community Development.



Scolastika Joseph Porokwa

is a passionate advocate for women's empowerment, with over 12 years of experience working to improve livelihoods through women economic empowerment and women land and property rights. She has led and supported over 500 grassroots women groups from rural northern part of Tanzania. Ms Porokwa is also an activist dedicated to promoting gender equality and ensuring that women have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. She has worked with government entities to develop and improve policies including land and natural resources policies in Tanzania. Ms. Scolastika Porokwa holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism.



Julia Nyambura Wachira

is a dedicated grassroots youth leader from Mukogodo East ward in Laikipia county, Kenya, representing an indigenous community. She is a passionate advocate for transformative leadership, specializing in land restoration, climate change mitigation, and empowering grassroots women in pursuit of a sustainable and equitable future. Julia's impactful presence extends to county and national technical working groups, where she contributes to shaping vital policies, including those related to Rangeland management, Irrigation, Food and feed safety, and Agricultural and livestock extension services. Beyond policy, she champions civic education, fostering greater engagement of women and youth in development initiatives.



Rea Abada Chiongson

is the Senior Legal Advisor on Gender at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) with over 25 years of experience in gender, law, justice, and development. Her role at IDLO involves leading initiatives for justice and gender integration in research, policy, and programming. Before, she served as the Gender and Justice Advisor at the World Bank, focusing on justice reform and gender-related programs. Rea has also worked with organizations like the International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific and played a significant role in establishing ASEAN human rights mechanisms. Her work spans legal reform, human rights, and gender justice advocacy.



Toni Hastrup

is a social scientist with expertise in global politics. She is a Professor of International & Chair in Global Politics at the University of Manchester. Her research interrogates the manifestation of power hierarchies in global politics, with research interests encompassing a wide range of themes, including peace and security in Africa, feminist, postcolonial and decolonial approaches to international relations, and regional and global governance – she has published extensively in these areas. In addition to her academic work, Toni Hastrup frequently works with government mechanisms and international organisations, offering expertise on themes linked to Europe's engagement in Africa; the WPS agenda and FFP.



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Making Feminist Foreign Policy Work

Time to get to work! What would you start doing in relation to Feminist Foreign Policy? In negotiations about FFP, what is a non-negotiable principle? During the last plenary session we will try to find answers on these questions together with you and 6 inspiring speakers. We will reflect on the 2 days of the conference and start putting words into action. Gathering experiences from different countries, different perspectives, and in different stages of the development of their Feminist Foreign Policy.



Laila Ait Baali

is the Director of WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform. After her study International and European Law she worked as a legislative lawyer at ministries and then as program associate for Africa and the Middle East at Mama Cash. In 2015 Laila started as a political lobbyist and has been the Director of WO=MEN since 2020. Alongside colleagues, members, and partners, she works towards global gender equality and respect for women's rights.



Steve Letsike

is the Founder and Executive Director of Access Chapter 2 (AC2), a leading Human Rights organisation focusing on LGBTI people, women and girls in their diversities in South Africa. Steve is a prominent leader, with high level international policy and human rights experience for over 17 years. In 2016, she co-led the development of the 1st in the world HIV LGBTI plan for South Africa and National Intervention Strategy on Human Rights on the basis of SOGIESC. She is a member of the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress a ruling party in South Africa.



Pascale Grotenhuis

is Director-General for International Cooperation since June 2023. Before that she fulfilled several leadership positions as Director for Social Development and Ambassador for Women's rights and Gender Equality and Director of Protocol and Host Country Affairs. From 2015 until 2018 Pascale was the Dutch Ambassador to Mozambique. Before that she was heading the division for the Private Sector and Corporate Social Responsibility within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. She held various positions, such as at the Africa department, a secondment to the Africa Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in London.



Yanerit Morgan Sotomayor

is representative of Mexico on Feminist Foreign Policy. She has a degree in international relations from the National University of Mexico. She is a career Ambassador since august 2005. She was Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations from 2010 to 2014. She was member of the Mexican delegation to the World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995 and was deputy chief of cabinet of the 73 President of the General Assembly, H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa. She was Executive Secretary of the Generation Equality Forum Mexico.



Gesa Bräutigam

is the Special envoy for Feminist Foreign Policy and Director for Human Rights at the German government.

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During the closing, we will look beyond the conference. What is ahead of us in the near future and what are the key messages we need to take home?



Hanke Bruins Slot

Hanke Bruins Slot (1977) is the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs. Prior to that, she was Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. Ms Bruins Slot's previous positions include senior policy officer at the Ministry of the Interior and, from 2007 to 2010, artillery officer in the Royal Netherlands Army. In

2008 she was deployed to Afghanistan as commander of a self-propelled howitzer platoon. She was a Member of the House of Representatives for the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) from 2010 to 2019, serving as party spokesperson on defence, internal governance, curative care, prevention, sport and medical ethical issues. In 2019 she was appointed to the Utrecht provincial executive.



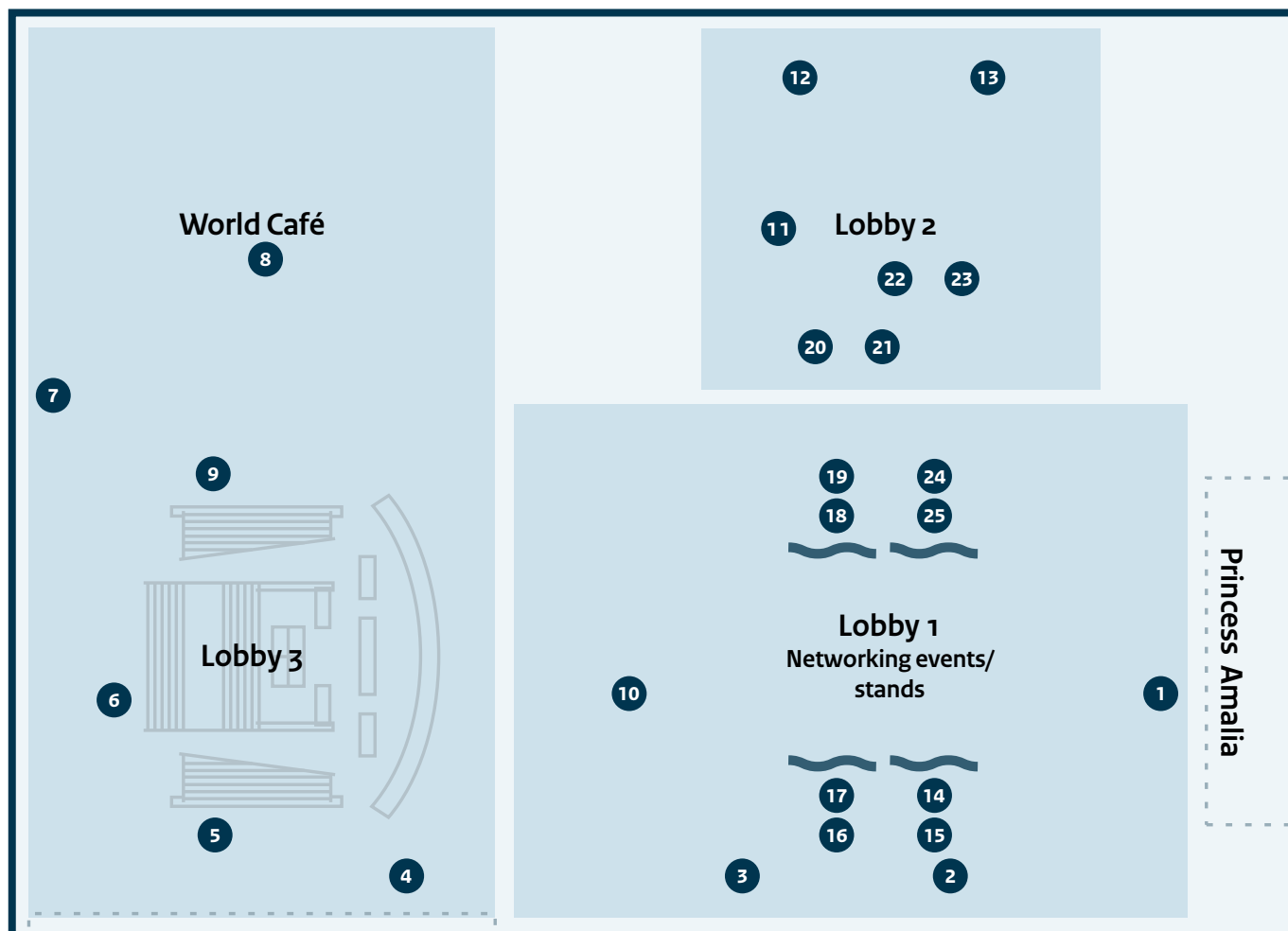
Ikenna Azuike

Moderator

Ikenna Azuike started his career as a lawyer, but is now a sought-after journalist, presenter, speaker and filmmaker. Ikenna was born in Lagos, Nigeria, grew up in the UK, studied law in the UK and France and has been living in The

Netherlands with his family since 2004. Ikenna is regularly invited to host national and international events.

Floor plan Networking stands



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Visit our networking stands

During the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference, you will be able to attend a wide variety of plenary and thematic sessions. Simultaneously, a multitude of organisations will showcase the causes they represent in formats varying from a VR-experience to a speed dating stand, and from art exhibitions to informative quizzes. The networking stands on Wednesday, 1 November, will be the perfect stop in between the different sessions, and will offer you a broader look on the themes of the conference. On Thursday, 2 November, the networking stands will be dedicated to government representation and governmental organisations.



Mama Cash & Count Me In!

At their stand, Mama Cash and Count Me In! (CMI!) present an informative quiz, shedding light on the transformative potential of FFP for feminist movements and explaining how stronger movements would contribute to a meaningful FFP. This thought-provoking quiz is complemented by an interactive art installation, poised to ignite innovative and revolutionary ideas.



Green Livelihoods Alliance

Showcasing the priorities of women and marginalised groups, their needs and their perspectives in their own words: join the Green Livelihoods Alliance to explore what feminist foreign policies should look like for grassroots actors working to achieve gender-just, locally-led forest conservation and protection. The 'Green Livelihoods Alliance: Forests for a Just Future' is a network of over 70 partners striving to implement rights-based and inclusive forest and biodiversity governance.



Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

WILPF's Mobilising Men for Feminist Peace Programme works with partners in Afghanistan, Cameroon, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria and Yemen, and with a network of activists, to highlight the political economy and the broader structural forces exacerbating patriarchal norms. Through research, advocacy and creative projects they aim to strengthen the collective understanding of the causes and impacts of militarised masculinities to mobilise men as allies in feminist peace.



SIHA

will use digital media such as photo slides featuring art, knowledge products and audiovisual documentaries to showcase its work and impact. SIHA will also utilise the extra space available at the Marketplace to host small conversations, and will participate and engage in other sessions at the Conference for learning and experience-sharing purposes.



WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform

WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform unites over 50 organisations and many individuals in their joint work towards a just world in which gender equality and the rights of all women and girls are respected: 'Gender equality is a right, not a luxury'. Try the Gender Facts Game and connect with them to discuss the feminist foreign policy that we want to see.

SHAPING FEMINIST FOREIGN POLICY

Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy

The Global Partner Network for Feminist Foreign Policy is an informal, global, multi-stakeholder network and dedicated space for the advancement of feminist foreign policies (FFPs). Its main purpose is to deepen understanding about the ideas, policies, collaboration opportunities and partners working to advance FFP in a range of global contexts, and to identify concrete actions and timelines to move this agenda forwards.



CMC - Mense met een Missie

'Religion, feminism, power and conflict: The role of women leaders and faith actors in local peace and security processes'. Mense met een Missie raises awareness of the transformative role of women leaders and faith actors in local peace processes. It avails opportunities to engage changemakers worldwide to discuss their holistic approach to positive peace at intimate, family, community and political level. They exhibit personal stories via small-scale events, an ongoing photo exhibition and videos.



The Love Alliance

At the Love Alliance stand you can speed date representatives of the sex worker, LGBTQ+ and drug user community. This is your chance to learn more about how a criminalised environment impacts human rights in an open dialogue with these communities. You can explore the different narratives behind the need for decriminalisation and how this relates to feminist policy.



Save the Children

Save the Children

Save the Children will showcase its projects through a unique VR experience. Champions from its projects will explain how they help bring about change by offering a glimpse into their lives and realities. The experience will show how they work every day to challenge harmful stereotypes and norms that exclude people in their communities from decision-making processes based on their age, gender, sexual orientation or occupation. Take a seat and meet the champions that drive these projects first-hand.



Our Voices Our Futures

The OVOF stand will display posters and artwork from across different geographies in the Global South, aimed at visibilising feminist policy and practice rooted in the lived experiences of structurally silenced people. The stand will centre the voices of these people across diverse civic spaces – policymaking, the public domain, and online – following the scope of feminist foreign policy. It will speak to all the themes of the conference but most specifically to rights and reality.



New Women Connectors

At this stand, NWO will present its meaningful participation approach, through which it trains both community leaders and policymakers in effective engagement and community involvement. NWO will also highlight its feminist leadership project #CoTeTableTalks, in which it gathers feminist leaders from climate-affected countries to discuss climate justice and how to achieve SDG 13.



dr. Denis
Mukwege
Foundation

Mukwege Foundation

This stand showcases diverse creative media, capturing the vast spectrum of survivors' experiences — from the fight for accountability and justice, to the shame and pain of memory, to the healing journey of survivors and the joys of recovery. It includes survivors' portraits and testimonies, as well as their poetry and songs. It also presents the making of the 2019 film 'Sema', created by survivors, shedding light on the enduring stigma and the uphill battle for justice.



UN Women

UN Women is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide. UN Women together with its partners will co-host a networking stand titled 'FFP Story Lines': Through the eyes and lived experiences of women at the grassroots level where real life experience sharing on the expectations of FFP by local women's rights organisations will take place.



Dutch Coalition for Disability and Development

At DCDD's stand you will find many practical tools and insights to help promote and encourage disability inclusive development. The topics addressed by these tools are diverse, encompassing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), humanitarian aid and livelihood/youth. DCDD aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between partners in the feminist movement and the disability inclusion movement.



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Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative

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Niger Delta Budget Monitoring

As the world moves towards alternative energy, with environmental devastation and poverty ravaging poor communities, men are seizing almost all of the opportunities available in extractive value chains. International oil companies (including BP, Shell, TotalEnergies and others) should embrace gender equity, especially in the composition of the 3% host community trust fund enabled by Nigeria's new Petroleum Industry Act (PIA). Their extractive communities cry for gender justice in Europe.



Urgent Action Fund

The Urgent Action Sister Funds are a global consortium of regional feminist funds that provide rapid response support to women, trans, and non-binary human rights defenders. Their Sisterhood Feminist Principles of Philanthropy find respite and hope in the joy and power of feminist movements. The Principles offer inspiration and guidance on how Feminist Foreign Policy can contribute to transforming the practices and places of power in funding through an intersectional feminist lens.



Women's Regional Network

The WRN and WomanKind stand showcases the work of both organisations with a focus on women from Afghanistan. Their latest field research documents Afghan women's voices and concerns in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, highlighting the continuum of threats they face. Key findings from the three countries highlight the need for a regional response to the growing humanitarian crisis.



Break Free!

Young activists from Zambia demonstrate how Break Free! programme participants use the YouthWyze digital platform to facilitate engagement between youth and the health system, especially local clinics and district structures. The digital Youth-Wyze community monitors access and quality of health services and uses the data to advocate for improved services, focusing on access to contraceptives and identifying bottlenecks. Youth-Wyze combines a digital platform with offline engagement and advocacy.



Fair Wear Foundation

The story of Melati - a young garment worker in Indonesia - who, supported by her local trade union, fought against sexual harassment in the workplace. Follow this storytelling presentation to understand the impact of collective action in addressing gender-based violence.



YW4A

Participants will engage with visual storytelling, highlighting YW4A's work and how it aligns with the key Ministry of Foreign Affairs SCS and WRGE frameworks. Visitors will gain valuable insights and key takeaways from the programme, emphasising the genuine engagement of young women and women-led organisations. At the stand, World YWCA will also share tools used for equitable power-sharing and challenging traditional structures for more inclusive outcomes.



CHOICE for youth and sexuality

CHOICE's innovative stand features an interactive game: two participants construct a bridge without seeing each other's work. One side symbolises the youth team, the other the adults, each equipped with distinct materials and resources. This activity prompts people to reflect on the challenges and importance of effective communication in achieving equitable partnerships. Join CHOICE to bridge the gap and enhance collaboration.



CGFED

The Guide to Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) in the Extractive Industry is a model that aids response to issues of gender inequality and discrimination. While some progress has been made in recent years, the extractive industries continue to undermine women's rights and contribute to gender inequality. A GIA can give voice to women's perspectives, needs and interests, and can help address power imbalances between companies and communities, and within communities.



OXFAM
Novib

Oxfam Novib

An equal future will emerge only if we continue to demand it, share our perspectives on it, and listen to others describe it. Oxfam's stand will provide a forum for hearing and sharing. Participants will hear activists from the Oxfam network share their perspectives on the question 'How would you shape FFP?' and can record their own views on video. The spark of dynamic conversation can offer a fresher and more diverse vision on our shared goals for a future of equality.



PAX

The PAX stand is the place for you to make your voice heard for peace and security in Feminist Foreign Policy. Connect with leading feminist activists, learn more and endorse the Manifesto calling for 10 Feminist Approaches to Foreign Policy to advance Peace and Security created in collaboration with 50 feminist researchers and practitioners.



Mondiaal FNV

supports workers worldwide in their fight for decent work. Everyone has the right to fair working conditions and collective bargaining to improve their circumstances. Together with workers, trade unions and NGO supporting worker's rights, Mondiaal FNV strives for a world where strong unions are in a position to ensure decent work for all and where everyone can be themselves and workers of all genders have equal opportunities and rights.

About the exhibition:

Portraits of women workers in Uganda and Rwanda. In Uganda they work for a large rose-farming company and in Rwanda they work in construction. Being employed in these fields comes with many challenges but the women are also dedicated trade union leaders committed to achieving greatly needed improvements. Their trade union is partner of Mondiaal FNV. The portraits were made by photographer and artist Jan Banning.



HÁWAR.Help

is a human rights organization based in Germany with projects in Iraq and Afghanistan. HÁWAR.help was founded on the ashes of the 2014 Yazidi genocide committed by the so-called Islamic State in Iraq. The organization champions the rights of women, especially from ethnic and religious minorities in Germany, the Middle East, and globally. HÁWAR.help engages in political advocacy work at local, national, and international levels, and runs projects across Germany and the Middle East.

About the exhibition:

By exhibiting letters that were smuggled from the women's ward of Teheran's Evin prison to the outside world, we can ensure that the statements of female political prisoners and human rights defenders are heard at the conference and beyond. Our audiovisual gallery at the stall will engage visitors in the stories of resistance of the prisoners. Visitors of our stall will have the opportunity to write letters and postcards to women political prisoners.



Spotlight Initiative

Spotlight Initiative

is a United Nations High-Impact Initiative in partnership with the European Union and other partners. It is the world's largest targeted effort to end all forms of violence against women and girls. Its comprehensive, whole-of-society approach places ending violence at the centre of national development priorities and supports progress across education, reproductive health, economic empowerment and more to make a transformative difference in the lives of women and girls.

About the exhibition:

Around the world, Spotlight Initiative engaged youth groups, students, street artists and community groups to create public murals. Inspired by themes of consent and mutual respect, these collaborative artworks sparked important conversations around ending violence against women and girls and increased visibility and awareness of the issue.