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DFR-Invitation for the Board Meeting of IAW in Berlin, October 2018

Dear Joanna Manganara,  
dear IAW Board Members

In the name of the DFR-Board of Presidents I am glad to send you our invitation to hold the IAW board meeting of October 2018 in Berlin.

Our team will be happy if you could agree to convene the BM 2018 in October in Berlin and we are ready to work together to make it happen.

Please, add this as a topic to be discussed to the 2016 BM agenda in Zimbabwe. Thanks!

We now start to plan our DFR-Congress 2018. Subject to your decision, funding, hotel, facility capacities and further agreements we would like to invite you to hold the BM 2018 within **the framework of the DFR-Congress which is scheduled from 09. Oct. to 13. October 2018 in Berlin.**

I had a first meeting with a ministry which showed some interest in cooperation and funding of side events of public interest.

One topic of public interest for the side program we would suggest will be the *100 years of women's vote* in Germany and other IAW members states.

We would like to celebrate this with you and relevant other stakeholders of NGOs and Politics to renew the importance of the vote and an equal share of seats hold by women in parliaments.

**Mitglied der International Alliance of Women IAW und des International Council of Women ICW •**  
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It will include the issue of gender equal election list which is not yet realized in most of our countries. The DFR support an initiative in Munich to go to a constitutional court for this. In France there are already positive effects on its model law for gender equality (a quota) on electoral lists. But this is only one component of a program. Together in Zimbabwe we can discuss and after decide about it all.

As you know, our DFR-Congress consist of several meetings and after we add always our a conference of 2 days which is open for the public. In 2018 we like to hold the format of our **'International Seminar'**.

This we like to organize in such a way that it will be part of the IAW board meeting and available for its board members and friends.

In case IAW agrees to make it a joint conference and hold it as part of the IAW BM I am looking forward that we can start together already in Zimbabwe to identify the overall theme and topics of it which we all find relevant.

Only as a suggestion I think that e.g. it could be a themes like

- *UNSC Res. 1325 and current relevant aspects* as: women under war, women's participation in peace negotiations, and we could invite experts at least from targeted countries from among those who found refuge in Germany. As you know DFR is represented in an Alliance of German NGOs For UNSC Res 1325 (at all further related Res.) which holds regular meetings with an Federal Inter-Ministerial Working Group: here we have a huge number of potential partners, speakers, experts for such a conference not to forget to mention that The Women's Network For Peace (FNF) is one of them and in the same time an IAW member.

- *Violence Against Women* and the current challenges... (Istanbul Convention, the globalization of all forms of violence against women and its elimination, special items...)

- The Economic Empowerment of Women and a women friendly economy

But, this all we will hopefully discuss in the months ahead. For now, the DFR is looking forward for the positive response of IAW and the Zimbabwe meeting!

Kind regards



Marion Böker

Member of the Board of Presidents