



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN
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The International Alliance of Women
One of the world's leading feminist organizations,
with consultative status to the United Nations since 1947
enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe
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The Association of Women of the Southern Europe
European feminist federation
INGO enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe
We are pleased to invite you to the international debate

**In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the
World Conference on Women's Human Rights (Beijing)
with the theme :**

**EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN,
THE PRIORITY FOR GLOBAL RECONSTRUCTION
TOWARDS PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE POST PANDEMIC WORLD**

**THE NEED FOR A REDEFINITION OF THE ECONOMY
BRINGING IN NEW CONCEPTS LIKE CARE ECONOMY
WITH A FOCUS ON THE COVID 19 CONTEXT
LEADING TO A GLOBAL SHIFT
IN POWER RELATIONS BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN**

**Virtual international event parallel to the Generation
Equality Forum in Paris, 28 June 2021, 18h-20h30, fr, en**

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We need to adopt transformative economic and development models based on care economy in order to build back better, to bring a shift in culture that would promote women and girl's human rights as well as their effective participation and decision making in public life, their meaningful participation in all peace processes and the elimination of gender based violence.

A reshaping of our economy taking a feminist approach to macroeconomics should take full account of the contribution that women are already making in the economy. These models should be people centered and care centered. They should embrace feminist values like solidarity, equality, non-discrimination with particular attention to multiple intersectional discrimination against women, value their unpaid work and ask for accountability and policies based on transparency by all stakeholders

In this year of celebration of the 25th anniversary of the World Conference on Women's Rights (Beijing+25), in parallel with the Generation Equality Forum in Paris, this international event has the ambition to highlight, on the one hand, a rich acquis in equality between women and men, a universal value, a human right and an objective, enshrined in treaties of European and global scope; on the other hand, the extent of inequalities and violence against women and girls, which demonstrates that gender based violence is the most abhorrent violation of women's human rights for which impunity remains widespread.

The regression of equality between women and men and the violent attacks that threaten the lives and rights of women and girls. culminate today in *times* of health, climate and democratic crises, in a context of deregulation, especially economic deregulation, with devastating effects on the human population and the environment. They also give rise to reactionary, anti-democratic forces and religious fundamentalism.

The current struggles of human rights defenders, in particular women's human right defenders and women's movement organizations worldwide, to safeguard, effectively implement and enrich this universal achievement must be effectively supported by all actors of the international community.

A global movement for women's rights and for equality between women and men is on the march. Its premise is that equality between women and men is the *sine qua non* condition for sustainable peace, security, democracy, development and social cohesion, in Europe and in the world. All measures taken to exit the crisis must promote real equality between women and men in all areas, for a global shift in power relations between women and men.

Provisional Program

18h - 20h30 / International Debate

Welcome, moderation by :

CATHERINE DIMITROULIAS, President AFEM, Vice-president for Europe IAW, Spokesperson Collectif féministe pour le Forum Generation Egalité (Pekin+25)

Keynote Address by :

HERMANO SANCHES RUIVO, Adjunct to the Mayor of Paris in charge of Europe

FANNY BENEDETTI, Director UN Women, France (subject to confirmation)

JOANNA MANGANARA, Honorary President IAW

Round table with the participation of members of the IAW and AFEM, international experts, delegates to the United Nations :

ROSY WEISS (IAW, Austria), Building the future. Priorities of the AIF in monitoring the implementation of the Women's Agenda for Peace and the Right to Peace

MANJU KAK (IAW, India), Women as actors for peace and sustainable security

JOSELYNNE A. SCUTT (IAW, Australia), About rape. Men's Power versus Women's Voices: A Question of Consent

OLUFUMNI OLUYEDE, (IAW, Nigeria), Gender-Based Violence: The African Perspective

JOANNA MANGANARA, (IAW, Greece), Care economy: Putting people and the planet before profits

TERESA BOCCIA (AFEM, Italy) & **MAGDALENA GARCIA HERNANDEZ** (HUIAIROU Commission, Mexico), What place for women in the City and Town of Tomorrow?

Debate with the participation of representatives of women's and civil society organizations, the academic and legal world and the public.

Closing Address by :

URSULA SERAFIN, Director Maison de l'Europe Paris

CHERYL HAYLES, President IAW

21h - 21h45 / IAW presents the Documentary Film

« **Beijing+25 : Celebrating the Progress of Gender Equality** »

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwCUt89Rq8M>

&

22h - 23h15 / AFEM presents the « VideoArt Nocturne »

Women artists for AFEM : Euromed campaign against gender based violence

CELINE OMS (France, Spain) « *Cuerpo mio* » & **PAOLA PISANI** (Italy) « *Virtu* »

special registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcodeCqrTwsEt-dWEpUjL9XAGXTn8H4UhB4R>

Presentation of the speakers

Joanna Manganara is Expert, Minister Counsellor of First Class of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, member of numerous governmental delegations to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Third Committee, ECOSOC, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women. President of the International Alliance of Women (2013-2020). Former lecturer in Sociology at Panteion University. She has been very active in the women's and civil rights movement in Greece. She has been editor of two collective books on labor, trade-unionism and gender equality, *Odysseas*, 1995 and gender discrimination in the labor market, *Odysseas*, 2011. She has also participated in many seminars, workshops and conferences and delivered papers on women's human rights, on social issues and vulnerable groups.

Catherine Dimitroulias is a political scientist and jurist. Mediator of justice at the Paris Court of Appeal, Conciliator of justice at the Ministry of Justice and Commissioner at the Bank of France. Member of the Council of Europeans at the City of Paris. She is President of the Association of Women of Southern Europe, which she has represented since its foundation, notably as spokesperson in the framework of the European constituent process for the reform of treaties, delegate to the Council of Europe, Vice-President of the Euromed France Network (REF), founder of the Collectif féministe for Beijing+25, and Vice-president for Europe of the International Alliance of Women. She is former Vice-President of the INGO Conference, 4th pillar of the Council of Europe. She teaches European law and politics and is the author and director of various research publications, including *European Economic and Social Committee: 50 years of participatory democracy*, 2008.

Rosy Weiss is former President (2004-2010), today Honorary President of the International Alliance of Women. Former chairperson of the NGO Committee on the status of women at the UN in Vienna, Austria, retired senior official of the Ministry for Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection and the Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family. She is a long term representative of IAW to the UN Vienna and represented her country and the International Alliance of Women at various international and regional negotiating bodies.

Manju Kak is an author, activist and academician in history, art and culture. Visiting Professor at Jamia University, National Museum Institute, St Columba's School, Open University Hong Kong. Journalist with Women's Feature Service, commentator on national TV channels such as News X, Republic TV and Times Now. Her three collections of short fiction have won critical acclaim including the Katha Award and the British Council Prize. They include *First Light in Colonelpura*, (Penguin) *Requiem for an Unsung Revolutionary/ Ravi Dayal* and *Just One Life and Other Stories* (ImprintOne). Trustee of the national Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Trust and member of other important bodies such as INTACH, Indian Women's Studies. Hon. Treasurer of (AIWC) All India Women's Conference, and regional Vice President of International Alliance of Women.

Dr Jocelyne A. Scutt is a Barrister & Human Rights Lawyer, Senior Teaching Fellow at the University of Buckingham, and an elected Cambridgeshire County Councillor. Member of the International Alliance of Women, expert on violence against women of the European Women's Lobby. A writer and filmmaker, her latest books are *Women, Law and Culture - Conformity, Contradiction & Conflict*; *Women & Magna Carta - A Treaty for Rights or Wrongs*; *The Incredible Woman - Power & Sexual Politics*; and *Even in the Best of Homes - Violence in the Family*. Her films include *The Incredible Woman* and *A Greenshell Necklace* (with Karen Buczynski Lee) and *Covered - A Three Stream Installation ... Romancing the Veil, Contradictions of Cover and Debating the Scarf*. She is currently completing *Beauty, Women's Bodies & The Law - Performances in Plastic*.

Princesse Olufunmi Oluyede is life fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a United States based transnational commercial attorney, one of the pioneer/founding partners of TRLPLAW Solicitors, a prestigious international commercial law firm where she provides over 34 years legal insight and expertise across a range of industries, to the firm's most prominent clientele globally. She is member of the distinguished Honorable Body of Benchers, the highest regulatory organ of the legal profession in Nigeria, and simultaneously engaged as a high-ranking officer of the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the African Women Lawyers Association, the International Federation of Women Lawyers, and as Secretary-General of the International Alliance of Women.

Teresa Boccia is an architect, urban planner, Professor of Urban Planning at the Department of Architecture (DIARC) of the University Federico II of Naples. Director of URBANIMA, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies "Temporal Policies, Sustainable Development, Safety and Urban Quality from a Gender Perspective", at the Interdepartmental Research Center LUPT "Raffaele d'Ambrosio", University of Naples Federico II. Expert of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI) of UN-Habitat. Coordinator of the UNI Gender Hub, UN-Habitat. Honorary President of the Association of Women of Southern Europe (AFEM). Co-chair the Women's Constituent Partner's Group (WPCG) at the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) in the framework of the UN-Habitat global process (WPCG).

Magdalena Garcia Hernandez is General Director of Bufete Interdisciplinary Studies A. C. MIRA, Ibero-American Women in Network for Equality between Women and Men, Urban Thinkers UN-Habitat. Member of the Board of the Huairou Commission. Co-chair of the Women's Constituent Partner's Group (WPCG) of the UN-Habitat global process. Member of the UN-Habitat Stakeholder Advisory Group. Member of the Mexican Civil Society Consultative Group for the process of celebrating the Beijing+25 World Conference on Women's Rights.

Cheryl Hayles is President of the International Alliance of Women. She spent her career in education as a School Administrator responsible for building staff capacity, instructional program, and community engagement. She studied at McGill University in Montreal, Canada where she earned a Bachelor of Education, then went on to complete a Masters degree at the University of Besançon, France. As an advocate for women's rights, she has been an influencer in how systems align to support women's empowerment globally.



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN

EQUAL RIGHTS

EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

International Alliance of Women (IAW) is an international non-governmental, feminist organization comprising more than 50 member organizations worldwide. It works for the empowerment of women, the promotion of women's human rights and gender equality globally. Founded in 1904 and based in Geneva, IAW embraces both organizations and individuals. IAW has general consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 1947, is accredited to many specialized UN agencies, has participatory status with the Council of Europe, is a member of the Board of the European Women's Lobby (EWL) and is represented at the Arab League, the African Union and several other intergovernmental organizations.

Declaration of Principles

Women's rights are human rights.

Human rights are universal, indivisible and interrelated.

IAW affirms that full and equal enjoyment of human rights is due to all women and girls. IAW maintains that a prerequisite to securing these rights is the universal ratification and implementation without reservations of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Our Aims

To work for reforms necessary for the realization of gender equality and women's human rights globally.

To promote the implementation and monitoring of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and of its Optional Protocol.

To hold authorities accountable for the transparent implementation of Treaties and Commitments addressing gender equality and women's human rights

To promote a better quality of life and good understanding among peoples.

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ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN OF SOUTHERN EUROPE (AFEM)

« There is no future for Europe without guaranteeing the fundamental rights of women and men. Safeguard social rights to exit the crisis »

The Association of Women of Southern Europe (AFEM), is a federation of women, associations and national platforms of feminist associations, from the countries of the European Union and its neighborhood, particularly in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean region.

Created in 1996, by personalities and associations from the five countries of Southern Europe (France, Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal), which participated in the World Conference on Women's Rights in Beijing, it has its headquarters in Paris and is governed by the French law of associations.

AFEM works for the construction of a democratic and social Europe, based on the guarantee and promotion of fundamental human rights, first and foremost equality between women and men in all areas, and for the strengthening of Euro-Mediterranean civil society on the basis of the same universal values and rights.

To this end, AFEM pursues a permanent dialogue with the institutions of the Council of Europe, the United Nations, the European Union, the national and local public authorities of the countries in which it operates and civil society organizations.

AFEM has enjoyed participatory INGO status with the Council of Europe since 2001. It was the first feminist INGO to sit on the governing bodies of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe, the 4th pillar of the Council of Europe, and was entitled to present collective complaints for violations of the European Social Charter.

With a Euro-Mediterranean vocation, AFEM was also the only feminist INGO to sit on the governing bodies of the Euromed Non-Governmental Platform (2007-2012) and is the Vice-President of the Euromed France Network of which it is a founding member (since 2015).

At the international level, AFEM also coordinates the Group of Feminist INGOs of the Civil Society Assembly in the framework of the Habitat III global process (since 2014). It is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Alliance of Women, which it represents at UNESCO.

AFEM is known for having been at the origin of the feminist mobilizations that successfully led to the consecration of equality between women and men among the fundamental rights and essential values of the European Union. She proposed the introduction of Article 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, and the mention of equality between women and men in Article 2 of the European Constitutional Treaty, and the current Lisbon Treaty.

[V. Association des Femmes de l'Europe Meridionale in Wikimonde & WorldCat Identities](#)
[La Gazette de l'AFEM / AFEM scoop.it / Archives in www.afem-europa.org](#)
[AFEM Siege social : Maison de l'Europe, 29 avenue de Villiers, 75017 Paris](#)

PRESS RELEASE

AIF

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<https://womenalliance.org/iaw-declaration-2020-caring-economy-putting-people-and-the-planet-before-profits/>

https://womenalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IAW_Resolution-Caring-Economy.pdf

<https://womenalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IAW-PRESS-RELEASE-1.pdf>

<https://womenalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IAW-PRESS-RELEASE-2.pdf>

<https://womenalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IAW-press-release-No-03.pdf>

<https://womenalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IAW-PRESS-RELEASE-4.pdf>

AFEM

On the initiative of AFEM

Recommendations adopted by the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe :

CONF/PLE(2019)REC3: Recommendation sur l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes

<https://rm.coe.int/conf-ple-2019-rec3-gender-equality-fr/1680989f59>

CONF/PLE(2020)REC2: Recommandation de soutien à la Convention d'Istanbul

CONF/PLE(2020)REC2: Recommendation in support of the Istanbul Convention

<https://rm.coe.int/conf-ple-2020-rec2-fr-convention-istanbul/16809fe021>

<https://rm.coe.int/conf-ple-2020-rec2-en-istanbul-convention/16809fe020>

<https://www.coe.int/fr/web/ingo/-/the-withdrawal-of-turkey-from-the-istanbul-convention-a-serious-regression-in-women-s-rights-in-europe>

European campaign :

<https://www.change.org/p/council-of-europe-les-associations-du-mouvement-des-femmes-appellent-a-soutenir-la-convention-d-istanbul>

Pilote Collectif féministe pour le Forum Génération Égalité 2021 (Pékin+25) :

Manifeste des valeurs - Appeals - Events : www.collectif-feministe.fr

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