Dear members of the Board, the Extended Board and office holders of IAW!

It is my pleasure to invite you to the virtual Board Meeting of International Alliance of Women. The meeting will take place on-line September 23-24, 2023. Every effort will be made to set times that are not too uncomfortable for attendees in their many time zones around the globe. We are currently thinking of 13:00 hours UTC.

Elected Board Members and Commission Conveners are expected to attend. If they are unable to attend, they are expected to appoint an informed proxy from their country or from their Commission. Honorary Presidents, our Representatives to International Organizations and Agencies, Regional Coordinators and other office holders, as well as the editors of the International Women’s News and the E-Newsletter are entitled to attend in an advisory capacity. I would greatly appreciate their presence! Naturally, observers are welcome.

A particular topic will be preparation for the 68th session of CSW in 2024:
**Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.
**Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session). These topics encompass issues addressed by our Commissions and I hope that the Convenors will give their input from the perspective of their Commission members.

Furthermore we will attempt to set venues and dates for the International Meeting and Congress.

Finally, I ask you to please observe the following deadlines for sending your documents or comments to Secretary General Tunica Miranda Ruzario iawsecgen@womenalliance.org and Assistant Secretary General Djamila Assama-Sidi assist.secgen@womenalliance.org

1. **August 1** - written reports (office holders, regional vice presidents and coordinators, commission convenors, international reps (incl. statements produced by or endorsed by IAW reps since Congress). Board members that do not have offices can submit a report if they are doing something at the national or regional level that they want us to know about. These items will be published in the Annual Report.
2. **August 15** – Additional items for the agenda

Looking forward to seeing you all on screen,
Sincerely,

Alison Brown

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