

Building a Global Voice for the Human Rights of Women in Migration

Women
in Migration
Network
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The Women in Migration Network (formerly the Women & Global Migration Working Group) engages in analysis, education and advocacy to advance the human rights of women in migration. WIMN brings a gender lens to migration and development policy debates, and elevates the concerns of women in migration into global feminist circles, and builds stronger alliances for social justice. Moreover, the WIMN promotes the voices of women directly affected by migration in international policy-making arenas.

For more information:

- www.facebook.com/WGMWG
- [WGMWG Platform: Women and Migration: Claiming Rights, Seeking Justice](#)
- [WGMWG "Bridge Document" for 2015 Civil Society Days/GFMD in Istanbul](#)

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WIMN includes national, regional and global organizations from women's, migrant, human rights, development and faith communities representing all regions of the globe. We work to:

- **impact national and global migration and development policy as it affects women**
- **hold States accountable for human rights commitments regarding women in migration.**

Migration is a gender, race and class issue. It is a development issue and an economic justice issue. It is a human rights issue. The rapid increase in global migration is a response to the loss of land and livelihoods emerging from 30+ years of neo-liberal globalization and related resource wars among other factors. **A gender analysis of global migration addresses both the human rights of women who migrate as well as the broader issues of why so many are compelled to migrate and what happens to women who remain at home.** Economics drives the demand for cheap migrant labor even as it creates a vast supply of exploitable women workers.

Women are affected by migration in multiple ways, from multiple settings. This includes women who seek the right to remain at home; women whose partners and children migrate; women in transit, who may not make their destination but must survive in transit countries. It includes mothers of the disappeared, who in growing numbers are traveling to find loved ones lost on the migration journey. And of course, it includes migrant women workers, in the millions, who face gender-based violence, racism and exploitation because of their status.

WIMN is currently involved in the following special days, campaigns and venues, through education and advocacy:

- UN Summit for Migrants and Refugees, September 19, 2016, New York
- Migration & the Post 2015 Development Agenda – IOM
- International Women’s Day, March 8
- UN Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March
- UN Committee on Migrant Workers & OHCHR
- World Social Forum on Migration
- AWID Forum, September
- Global Forum on Migration & Development
- 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, 25 Nov – 10 Dec
- International Migrants Day, 18 December
- 12x12x12 Campaign for ratification of ILO Domestic Workers’ Convention
- Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (not formal members)
- Human Rights at International Borders, OHCHR

The Working Group is a member of:

- the Global Coalition on Migration, a global network of national, regional and international networks;
- the Post-2015 Women’s Coalition;
- the International Steering Committee of the People’s Global Action on Migration, Development & Human Rights; and
- the International Steering Committee of the Civil Society Days/GFMD.

The WIMN is present in global inter-governmental policy-making spaces while also working across sectors within social movements to strengthen alliances, analysis and action. WIMN reflects a history of collaboration on migrant women’s concerns, beginning in 2009 at the People’s Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights in Athens, Greece. It was born in a pre-meeting at the AWID Forum (Association for Women’s Rights in Development) in Istanbul in April, 2012.

The Women in Migration Network is mobilizing to demand the rights of migrant women at home, in communities and in workplaces while also challenging the macro-economic and trade policies that make migration necessary.

WIMN is active annually in the UN Commission on the Status of Women; the UN Coordination Meeting on International Migration; sessions of the UN Committee on Migrant Workers; and civil society activities associated with the intergovernmental Global Forum on Migration & Development. In 2013 the Working Group led the global women’s caucus for the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration. In 2015, a member of WIMN served as the Women’s Rapporteur for the Civil Society Days of the GFMD, and WIMN led the Women’s Caucus, building a collective platform on gender and migration.

Members of WIMN can be found on our website at www.wgmwg.org