

Invites to a one day training/workshop on

„Political participation of women – women’s organizing and activism“
with Olive Uwamariya, Karen Knipp-Rentrop and Elisabeth Moder
5th of July 2018, 9:30 - 17:00
at WIDE, 1050 Wien, Margaretenstr. 166

“We find that women’s organizing and activism on their own behalf, combined with support from the international activist and international intergovernmental authorities, have advanced women’s legal status and rights in most areas (...)”, conclude the researchers Mala Htun and S. Laurel Weldon in an UN background paper on policy change on women’s economic and social rights in 2014¹.

Strengthening Girls’ and Women’s Voice and (Political) Participation seems to be a key factor for sustainable changes towards gender equality. This is also recognized as a priority theme for the European Commission services’ and the European External Action Service’s (EEAS) activities in partner countries, especially developing countries, enlargement and neighbourhood countries in its second “Gender Action Plan”². How can development actors support this priority? Which approaches and tools seem promising?

Main content of the training

- How to engage effectively in policy dialogue? – sharing of a “systematic approach”
- Political participation of women – Rwanda as an example
- East African feminism and women’s movement
- Capacity development tools for women’s political participation
- Case stories of women’s effective political participation

Target Group

Program- and project-officers (Referent*innen), gender advisors and advocates, communication experts, practitioners in global education and interested colleagues

Trainers:

Olive Uwamariya is a feminist and an activist from Rwanda, her background is policy and advocacy for women and girls’ rights with a focus on addressing violence against women and girls, youth sexual and reproductive health and rights and women’s participation in governance processes. Currently she is the advocacy specialist of a capacity development program of CARE called “Learning for Change – strengthening women’s voice and political participation”.

Karen Knipp-Rentrop is an advocate for gender and peace with a specific expertise on sexualised and gender based violence, women’s rights and conflict transformation in the African Great Lakes Region. Currently she coordinates and provides technical advice to the “Learning for Change” programme of CARE.

Elisabeth Moder has been working in development cooperation for a long time. In HORIZONT3000 she is responsible for the sector “Human Rights - Civil Society” and for “gender” as a cross cutting issue and coordinates together with a colleague a consortia project called “Strengthening CSOs engaging in Policy Dialogue”.

Participation fee: 25.- Euro (WIDE members), 70.- Euro (non WIDE members)
includes snacks and refreshments during coffee breaks and lunch)

Registration until 29th of June: wurzer@wide-netzwerk.at

Limited number of participants! The workshop will be held in English.

¹ <https://malahtun.files.wordpress.com/2015/03/2014-htun-weldon-un-paper.pdf>

² https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/staff-working-document-gender-2016-2020-20150922_en.pdf