



Inter-active Discussion Women's Rights are Human Rights!

The role of women's NGOs at the UN World Conference on Human Rights 1993, achievements and challenges regarding women's human rights then and now.

Thursday 28th September afternoon 14:00 – 16:30

Venue: ega Women's Centre, 1060 Vienna Windmühlgasse 26. All genders welcome!

Women's organisations from around the globe were campaigning for women's human rights in the run-up to the 1993 World Conference on United Nations Human Rights in Vienna. They were the best organized group at the event and were successful in bringing across their message in the outcome document of the conference, the Vienna Declaration, which recognizes that women's rights are indeed human rights and that violence against women is a human rights violation.

The outcome document also recognized the important role of NGOs in the promotion of all human rights and in humanitarian activities at national, regional and international levels. Moreover, several concrete achievements were reached in the context of the conference, such as the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and the preparation of the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW Convention.

We are honoured to welcome the current Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls, its Causes and Consequences, Reem Alsalem, at this inter-active discussion. We also invite representatives from Austrian and international women's NGOs to join actively. Together we want to look back at the 1993 World Human Rights Conference and reflect on the achievements and challenges we are facing now in realizing women's human rights and holding governments accountable for their national, regional and international women's human rights obligations.

Programme

14:00 **Opening by Klaudia Friebe** Frauenring

Information on the Campaign "**Women's Rights are Human Rights**" with **Mina Ahadi, Gundi Dick** and **Rosa Logar** participants at the Human Rights conference 1993

14:20 **Key note: Reem Alsalem**, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls „Key achievements and challenges regarding women's human rights since 1993, the role of women's NGOs and the mandate of the Special Rapporteur"

Q & A on the issue itself and how the engagement of the mandate with women organizations can be enhanced

15:00 **Discussion** following **inputs** (5 minutes each) by representatives of women's NGOs on:

- Violence against women and violence against children
- Torture inflicted by Non-State actors
- Women asylum seekers and refugees
- Migrant women, including undocumented women and trafficked women*
- Women and development co-operation
- Women, peace and security.

16:15 **Summary recommendations and closing**

16:30 Drinks and networking

Organizers: Association of Single Mothers (FEMA), Alliance of Women's NGOs (Frauenring), EGA Women's Center, Intervention Center for Trafficked Women* (IBF-LEFÖ), NGO Committee on Women and NGO Committee on Sustainable Development Vienna, WIDE - Network for Women's Rights and Feminist Perspectives in Development, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Austria (WILPF), Women's Shelter Network (AÖF) and others.

Language: The event will be held in English; we will provide translation into German and thank SMILE-Translations Organisation GmbH and their technic partners from SEG for their sponsoring.

Zoom: You can also follow the event by Zoom. Please indicate it when you register and we will send you a link.

Registration: please register by e-mail at: info@wilpf.at until the 22nd Sept 2023

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In-puts and discussion by representatives of women's NGOs in the area of Women's Human Rights

List of speakers

Violence against women and violence against children

Andrea Tresco, FEMA – Association of Single Mothers

Maria Rösslhumer, Autonomous Network of Women's Shelters

Torture inflicted by Non-State actors

Ingeborg Geyer, Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development Vienna

Women asylum seekers and refugees

Marie-Luise Möller, Lawyer and member of WILPF Austria

Migrant women, including undocumented women and survivors of trafficking

Sangeetha Manavalan, Intervention Center for Trafficked Women* - IBF-LEFÖ

Women and development co-operation

Julia Günther, Network for Women's Rights and Feminist Perspectives in Development

Women, peace and security

Tamana Niazi and Elisabeth Kapeller, WILPF Women's Int. League for Peace and Freedom Austria

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