



Women in Migration Network

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

WIMN participates in the:

- UN Global Compact on Migration
- World Social Forum on Migration
- Global Forum on Migration & Development's Civil Society Days
- People's Global Action on Migration, Development & Human Rights

WIMN is a member of the:

- The Global Coalition on Migration,
- The Post-2015 Women's Coalition;
- The International Steering Committee of the People's Global Action on Migration, Development & Human Rights;
- the International Steering Committee of the Civil Society Days/GFMD.

For a list of WIMN members visit our website.

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Who We Are

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 and to hold States accountable for human rights commitments regarding women in migration.

WIMN is actively involved 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.

WIMN and members also work with agencies such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and UN Women. Members of WIMN have been selected as the 'Women Rapporteur' of the Civil Society Days of the Global Forum of Migration and Development in recent years. Most recently WIMN and its members are actively involved with the Global Compact on Migration process.

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 as the Women in Migration Working Group in a pre-meeting at the AWID Forum (Association for Women's Rights in Development) in Istanbul in April, 2012. The organisation's name was changed to WIMN in 2016.

WIMN's Key Advocacy Points

- Workers' rights must be gender-sensitive with full and equal rights for women in origin and destination countries.
- An end to the criminalization, arbitrary detention and deportation of migrants.
- Full access, regardless of immigrant status, to public health, including sexual and reproductive health, and other critical public services, as well as civil and human rights protections.
- An end to all forms of discrimination, racism, and xenophobia towards migrant women, in all their diversity.
- An end to gender-based violence.
- Demilitarization of borders and respect of women's human rights in transit and at borders.
- Family unity, recognition of LGBTQ families, and ensure that women's migration status is not dependent on a spouse.
- Genuine gender-sensitive development must put people and nature at the center, deliver economic and social human rights, and make migration a choice, not a necessity.
- The uplifting of gender-specific migration policy, including data, research, education, funding, and legislation.

WIMN recognises that 'women in migration' includes:

- women in countries of origin, transit and destination and family members of migrants.
- lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTI+) women and girls.
- migrant women in a variety of employment, not only domestic workers or trafficked women.

Our Vision

WIMN envisions a world where women in migration claim their universal human rights, and act as agents of change in shaping a just and equitable world. We understand that migration impacts women who move within and across borders as well as women who remain at home when family members leave. WIMN strives to defend the rights of migrant women, promote a gendered and deep analysis of migration and its root causes, and promote and support the organizing and empowerment of 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 neoliberal globalization and related resource wars among other actors. Economics drives the demand for cheap migrant labor even as it creates a vast supply of exploitable women workers.

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.

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.

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.