INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

Rising inequalities around the world, now exacerbated by the global coronavirus pandemic, heighten the need for strong, independent civil society-driven efforts to ensure rights-based and gender-responsive national and regional migration policies. To begin to address this challenge, the Women in Migration Network (WIMN) partnered with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) to globally map organizations addressing the intersection of gender and migration.

During 2020, we were able to identify hundreds of organizations that work on the front-lines accompanying women in migration in these challenging times of the pandemic. We conducted an online mapping survey of more than three hundred organizations and networks and interviewed nineteen key movement leaders and organizations addressing the rights of women in migration at the local, national, regional, and global levels.

The result of this process is the report No Borders to Equality: Global Mapping of Organizations Working on Gender and Migration. It provides an analysis of the realities of women in migration and of those organizations working with them in different regions (Africa and the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Americas). It also identifies common challenges faced by civil society organizations and proposes recommendations for strategy and organizing.

Beyond the valuable information revealed in this study, we expect this process to provide the foundations for strengthening connections among organizations working for migrant rights with a gender perspective and bringing a migrant rights perspective to those groups working in other sectors, including women’s rights, labor rights, climate justice, development, and democratization.

LAUNCH EVENT PROCESS

The report author, Paola Cyment, will present key findings of the report. Panelists representing different regions and sub-regions will offer remarks (See Program attached).

Participants will be invited to share their feedback from the report and to reflect on the coming challenges and opportunities for groups working on gender and migration both locally and at regional and or global levels. In small group discussion participants can reflect on the needs and views of organizations working on gender and migration and how WIMN can contribute to their valuable work for women in migration.

In order to accommodate the time zones of different regions, there will be two sessions, one at 17 hs PHST/10 hs CET with a focus on the Asia and Pacific region - (English only), and a second one at 10 hs EST/16 hs CET, with a Global focus, including presentations on the Americas, Europe, Africa, Middle
East and Europe. For the latter, simultaneous interpretation to French and Spanish will be available.

**LAUNCH OF NEW RESOURCES:**

WIMN and FES will be introducing three important new resources, available at [http://womenmigrationmap.org/](http://womenmigrationmap.org/) as of March 1st.

» **Report “No Borders to Equality: Global Mapping of Organizations Working on Gender and Migration”**

This study provides in-depth analysis of the reality of women in migration around the globe and of the organizations working with them, including regional highlights on Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, and the Americas.

» **Interactive data visualization**

Interactive graphics offer information by region and subregion on the profile of organizations working on gender and migration, the women in migration with whom they work, their priorities and how COVID 19 has affected them.

» **Interactive map of organizations**

Locate organizations working around the globe to address the intersection of gender and migration through frontline response, research, advocacy, and mobilization.

**ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS**

Women in Migration Network (WIMN) is a network of migrant rights, feminist, labor, and faith organizations and activists from around the world. It has an nine-year history of bringing an intersectional feminist lens to global migration policy, addressing international developments and trends as well as the regional specificities of our members and partners. [www.womeninmigration.org](http://www.womeninmigration.org)

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is the oldest political foundation in Germany with a rich tradition in social democracy dating back to its foundation in 1925. The foundation owes its formation and its mission to the political legacy of its namesake Friedrich Ebert, the first democratically elected German President. The work of our political foundation focuses on the core ideas and values of social democracy – freedom, justice and solidarity. [Displacement, Migration, Integration (fes.de)](http://fes.de)