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# THE MARCH IN ACTION

THE WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN'S THIRD INTERNATIONAL  
ACTION NEWSLETTER

## Editorial

After many months of mobilisation, fund-raising and preparation, followed by actions and activities in 68 countries around the world, it's hard to believe that our 3rd International Action has come to a close...

As 2010 ends and 2011 begins, we reflect on our strengths, our weaknesses and our next steps as collectively organised feminists. We are conscious of the contradictions we have faced as we construct and consolidate our international movement, particularly given the socio-economic-political context – the rise of the right and the increased militarisation of our societies, the economic and other crisis of capitalism, attacks from diverse conservative sectors of society on our rights as women and workers – in which we have struggled and worked during the last 12 months. But we are proud of our resistances at local, national and international levels, of our capacity for mobilisation, and of the feminist alternatives that we continue to construct.

In this, our last international newsletter of the year, as well as the last edition of our special 3rd International Action newsletter, we sum-up our 3rd International Action in numbers, photos (the link to a video on the website), an invitation to read our international evaluation document of the Closing Event in Bukavu, and news of our struggles alongside allied alter-globalisation movements during the year.

We wish you a special and joyful end-of-year period, and the chance to 'recharge your batteries' in preparation for the next 12 months of marching ahead of us...

**Women on the March until we are All Free!**

## INTERNATIONAL

### South Kivu Evaluation

The document written by the International Committee and International Secretariat evaluating the 3rd International Action Closing Event (in Bukavu, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo) is already available on our website: <http://www.wmw2010.info/our-action/evaluation-RDC>

This evaluation complements the document for debate – that explains the context and reasons for holding the International Action Closing Event in the DRC – sent previous to the Event to all National Coordinating Bodies, WMW Participating Groups and allied movements. It is available at:

<http://www.wmw2010.info/news-1/analysis-RDC>

### DR Congo Photos

Throughout the 3rd International Action Closing Event, the presence of our international delegation in the Democratic Republic of Congo was documented in beautiful pictures by the French photographer Pierre-Yves Ginet. Please feel free to check our website for a selection of some of those images (such as the one to the right), as well as links to pictures taken by the various Event participants:

<http://www.wmw2010.info/our-action/audiovisual-RDC>



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## INTERNATIONAL

### The 3rd International Action in Numbers



**74** Countries in action from the 8<sup>th</sup> March to the 17<sup>th</sup> October: **56** countries in which actions and activities were organised (*click on the map to see the complete list of countries*)+ delegates from **18** other countries who participated in regional and international actions

**5** Continents mobilised

**220** Days of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Action

**80,000** Women and men, estimated 3rd International Action direct public

**3** Regional Actions: The Americas in Colombia; Asia-Oceania in the Philippines; Europe in Turkey

**20,000** Women (and men) in the Peace March that brought the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Action to a close in Bukavu, DRC

**250** Journalists (national and international) registered at the Closing Event of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Action in Bukavu



*The Swiss, Brazilian and Galician "Walker" were also present in Bukavu*



*Approximately 3 thousand women - representing all of the DRC's 11 provinces - participated in the debates and panels held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>*



*Independence Square, ending point of the March on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The 20 thousand participants continued to arrive, as the Women's Manifesto for Peace was read out.*

All photos by Pierre-Yves Ginét

## REGIONAL

### European Meeting: 2010 Evaluation and Plans for 2011

Exchanging and evaluating the Closing Event carried out in the Democratic Republic of Congo was one of the points on the agenda of the WMW European Regional Meeting, held from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November in Lisbon, Portugal.

As part of the 2011 calendar, the WMW in Europe is planning a young women's camp in June, in France, and a campaign around the consequences of slashes in social spending – as a result of the crisis – on women. At the meeting, the new European Secretariat was also elected.

The meeting delegates took part in anti-NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) activities such as the public debate "Militarism rhymes with patriarchy and capitalism" (organized by the WMW on the 19<sup>th</sup>) and the peaceful demonstration under the slogan "No to war, not to NATO "(on the 20<sup>th</sup>).

The new European Secretariat email is: [mmmeuropa@gmail.com](mailto:mmmeuropa@gmail.com)

## COUNTRY ACTIONS

### Action in Mozambique



Women from Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, and from the country's 10 provinces participated in a national action on the 27<sup>th</sup> November organized in the framework of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Action.

A large march celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the first International Action and of the WMW's struggles for women's rights. Emanuela Mondlane, from 'Forum Mulher' / WMW, reported that simultaneous activities took place in all provinces. Wilhelmina Trout from South Africa, and member of our International Committee, also took part in the action.

## MOBILISATIONS AND ALLIANCES

### WSF 2011, Dakar, Senegal

The WMW will take part in the 8<sup>th</sup> global edition of the World Social Forum, which will be held for the second time in the African continent, from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Dakar will be the first gathering of social movements from around the world in the coming year.

During the WSF, we will present the results of our 3<sup>rd</sup> International Action, with special emphasis on the Closing Event held in Bukavu. We are also organizing a workshop with women from Via Campesina and Friends of the Earth International as a follow up to our work together in the struggle against violence against women and for food sovereignty.

We will also participate in the Social Movements Assembly, a space for the coordination of concrete struggles and to share and decide on the 2011 mobilisation calendar.

The registration of WSF 2011 self-organized activities has been extended until the 9<sup>th</sup> January and can be carried out via the website <http://fsm2011.org> or by email at [secretariat@wsf2011.org](mailto:secretariat@wsf2011.org) or [enregistrement@wsf2011.org](mailto:enregistrement@wsf2011.org). The website also has detailed information regarding participants' registration, deadlines, accommodation, among other issues.



## MOBILISATIONS AND ALLIANCES

### The struggle continues!

We are an international movement in permanent mobilisation. We develop actions that go beyond our international actions, with specific agendas at country, territorial and regional levels. This means that we are able to be present in diverse networking spaces among social movements struggling against capitalist, patriarchal and racist globalization. This was also the case in the second half of 2010, despite the heavy involvement of the International Committee and Secretariat in the preparation and carrying out of the Closing Event in the DRC. Please see below for a list of alliance processes in which the WMW was involved between August and December (*please see the June Newsletter, n.5, for activities in which we participated in the first half of the year*):

#### August

- IV Americas Social Forum, Asunción, Paraguay, from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

#### October

- Civil society meeting, parallel to the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Food and Agriculture Organization Committee for World Food Security (CFS / FAO), from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> October in Rome, Italy;

- World Social Migration Forum and "Cry of the Excluded" March, held in Quito, Ecuador, on the 12<sup>th</sup> October;

- 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Latin American Coordination of Rural Organizations / Via Campesina, under the slogan "Against Capitalist and Imperialist Plunder; for Land and People's sovereignty", held in Quito, Ecuador, from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> October. During this Congress, a Women's Assembly was held (on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>), whose final declaration affirmed that "without feminism, there is no socialism";

- "International Networking Workshop in support of Women Workers" seminar, organized by Women's Workers Worldwide, from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> October, in London, United Kingdom.

#### November

- Social Movements Assembly Seminar, from the 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November, in Dakar, Senegal: debate on the current socio-economic-political world situation, focusing especially on Africa; social movements mobilisation and preparation for the WSF 2011;

- Forum "Creating alternatives and resistances against neo-liberalism and for women's lives", in Seoul, Korea, from the 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November, as part of

the actions against the fifth G20 meeting (held on the 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> November). WMW activists from Pakistan and Philippines who should have participated in the forum were not permitted to do so: one had her visa denied and the other two (including Jean Enriquez, WMW IC member) were deported at the moment of their arrival in Seoul;

- WSF Liaison Group, Strategy commission and International Council meetings, held in Dakar, Senegal, 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> November;

- Peoples Forum against APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation), from the 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November in Yokohama, Japan;

- Demonstrations for peace and demilitarization held in the framework of anti-North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) counter-summit, on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, in Lisbon, Portugal.

#### December

- Activities parallel to the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP-16) on climate change, in Cancun, Mexico, between the 29<sup>th</sup> November and the 10<sup>th</sup> December. With Friends of the Earth International, we supported the Via Campesina call for "Thousands of Cancun" around the world: simultaneous protests and events against false solutions to the climate crisis. The WMW in several countries took part in the joint mobilisations, such as in Brazil, Korea, Peru and the Philippines. More than 100 activities were carried out around the world. To read more, please go to the [Thousands of Cancun](#) website.

- Actions and other activities in the Americas to mark the Hemispheric Day of Action against Foreign Military Bases, on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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