

1998 – 2008



Ten Years of World March of Women Facts and Photos



1998



● October 17 – 18
First International Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, defines platform of demands and action for 2000.

● World March of Women activities

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October
Protests against the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) throughout the month led the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to suspend negotiations on the Agreement.

1999



● November 3 – 7
Meeting of the International Liaison Committee and the Coordinating Committee of the March to conclude the preparation for the International Action 2000.

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November 30
Protests in Seattle, USA, are marked by simultaneous actions worldwide, parallel to the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

2000



● March 8
Launching of the first International Action.

● October 15 – 17
20,000 women march in Washington. During audiences with the IMF and World Bank, WMW denouncements of the impacts of the policies of these institutions are delivered. In New York, the demands of the March are handed over to the UN with the 5 million signatures collected during the Global Action. While 10 thousand women march in the streets of New York, simultaneous actions take place in 40 countries.

● October 18
Second International Meeting: Participants decide to continue working together in a permanent movement.

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April
Demonstrations parallel to the ministerial meetings of the World Bank and IMF in Washington, USA.

September 26 – 28
More than 15 thousand protest against World Bank and IMF policies in Prague, Czech Republic. Simultaneous demonstrations take place in over 40 countries.

2001



● October 6
Third International Meeting during which it was decided to strengthen the presence of the March at anti-globalization forums. Peace was identified as a priority.

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January 25 – 30
First World Social Forum held in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

June
World Bank announces cancellation of its meetings planned for 2001 in Barcelona due to the public pressure from movements that denounce its policies.

July 21 – 22
Large demonstrations parallel to the G8 meeting in Genoa, Italy.

September 11
Attacks on the US are used as an excuse to accelerate militarism.

November 9 – 14
WTO meeting is held in Doha, Qatar, far from diverse social movement protests.

2002



The World March of Women is part of the movement struggling against neoliberalism and for the creation of alternatives based on equality, freedom, solidarity, justice and peace.

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January 31 – February 5
Second World Social Forum held in Porto Alegre. Focus on the struggle against war and imperialism.

April 19 – 22
Demonstrations against neoliberal policies, war, and the threat to civil liberties bring 200 thousand people to the streets in Washington DC, USA.

June 26 – 27
Demonstrations against the G8 in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.

August 31
More than 50 thousand people participate in a march parallel to the Sustainable Development World Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa

2003



● March 22
Fourth International Meeting is held in New Delhi, India. Approval of the WMW Declaration of Values.

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January 23 – 28
Third World Social Forum held in Porto Alegre.

February 15
Millions demonstrate around the world against the threat of invasion of Iraq by the USA.

March 22
The USA invades Iraq.

June 2 – 3
Counter-summit and demonstrations parallel to the G8 meeting at Evian, France.

September 10 – 14
Demonstrations against the 5th ministerial conference of the WTO at Cancun, Mexico.

2004



● September 26 – 29
International Seminar on peace and demilitarization in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, where violence perpetrated against women in situations of war was denounced.

● December 4 – 12
Fifth International Meeting held in Kigali, Rwanda. Women's Global Charter for Humanity adopted, synthesizing our common viewpoint: a world based on equality, liberty, solidarity, justice and peace.

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January 16 – 21
Fourth World Social Forum held in Mumbai, India.

July 25 – 30
First Social Forum of the Americas held in Quito, Ecuador.

2005



● March 8
Launching of Women's Global Charter for Humanity in São Paulo, Brazil. Beginning of the making of the Solidarity Quilt.

● October 17
After passing through 53 countries and territories in 5 continents, the Women's Global Charter for Humanity and the Solidarity Quilt arrive at their final destination in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. 24 hours of feminist solidarity: simultaneous actions in 35 countries – beginning in Oceania – in an East-West direction.

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January 26 – 31
Fifth World Social Forum held in Porto Alegre.

December 13 – 18
Demonstrations against the WTO in Hong Kong, China.



2006



● July 2 – 9
Sixth International Meeting held in Lima, Peru, defines the WMW strategic plan (in relation to four Action Areas) and the transfer of the International Secretariat from Quebec to São Paulo.

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January – March
Decentralized World Social Forums are held in Bamako, Mali (January 19 – 23); Caracas, Venezuela (January 24 – 29), and Karachi, Pakistan (March 24 – 29).

August
Actions against the bombing and invasion of Lebanon by Israel.

2007



● February 23 – 27
The March organizes Nyéléni, the Food Sovereignty Forum in Selingue, Mali, together with the Via Campesina, Friends of the Earth International, among others.

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January 20 – 25
World Social Forum held in Nairobi, Kenya.

June 2
Demonstration and alternative summit held before the G8 meeting at Rostock, Germany.

December 7 – 10
"Solidarity Village for a cool planet" held parallel to the Landmark UN Conference on Climate Change, Bali, Indonesia.

2008



● October 14 – 21
Seventh International Meeting of the WMW prepares the International Action 2010.

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January 26
WSF Global Day of Action and Mobilization.

July 4 – 9
Mobilization in Hokkaido, Japan, parallel to the G8 Summit.