Reclaiming Financing for Gender Justice and Structural Transformation: A High-Level Feminist Event

1 July 9-12pm and 2:30-6pm

Auditorium 1, FIBES

**Background and Rationale**

As the world faces converging crises of inequality, accelerating ecological breakdown, and economic instability, civil society (including NGOs, grassroots movements, trade unions, and more)– anchored and led by the Global South– has been at the forefront of articulating transformative alternatives. This has certainly been the case in the leadup towards the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4). In particular, feminist analysis, activism, and advocacy across FfD thematic areas has yielded breakthroughs in understanding the experiences and needs of women, especially women in the Global South, that should shape global development financing agendas.

Yet, looking at the FfD4 Outcome Document, many aspects of feminist analysis and demands are not adequately reflected, including women’s burdens of care work, human rights, and labor rights. This High-Level Feminist Event will bring together members of civil society and High-Level Representatives to take stock of what has and has not been achieved in the FfD4 process from a feminist perspective and chart a course ahead based on shared ambitions. The event will feature provocative and honest conversations which elevate structural feminist analyses, ensuring that feminist voices— particularly from the Global South— shape global development financing agendas beyond FfD4.

**Timetable**

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| **9:00 - 9:45 AM** | Opening: Feminist Priorities for Just and Inclusive DevelopmentWelcome: Anita Nayar, Regions RefocusReading of the Feminist Forum Declaration: Nicole Maloba, African Women’s African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET), and Mabel Bianco, Women’s Major GroupReading of the Civil Society Forum Declaration: Lidy Nacpil, Asian Peoples’ Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD)Keynote addresses: * Dr. Caren Grown, founding member of the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)
* Maria Fernandes Espinosa, former President of the United Nations General Assembly and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador
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| **9:50 - 10:25 AM** | Health Break |
| **10:30 - 11:55 AM** | Fireside Chat 1: Feminists Against Debt, Trade, and Financial InjusticeModerator: Kamal Ramburuth, Institute for Economic Justice Civil society discussants: * Diana Mochoge, African Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)
* Erica Levenson, Regions Refocus
* Bhumika Muchhala, Third World Network

High Level discussants:* Mariama Williams, Distinguished Expert on UNDP’s EQUANOMICS Global Learning Lab
* Roberto Bissio, Social Watch
* Nela Porobić, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
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| **12:00 - 2:25 PM** | Lunch Break |
| **2:30 - 3:45 PM** | Fireside Chat 2: Beyond Hegemonic Domestic Resource Mobilization and Private Finance: Envisioning a Feminist FutureModerator: Everlyn Muendo, Tax Justice Network AfricaCivil society discussants: * Jeannie Manipon, Asian Peoples’ Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD)
* Maria José Romero, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD)

High Level discussants:* Daniela Gabor, International Commission of Experts on FfD and SOAS
* Isabel Ortiz, Global Social Justice and former Director of the Social Protection Department, ILO
* Celine Tan, University of Warwick
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| **3:50 - 4:10 PM** | Health Break |
| **4:15 - 5:35 PM** | Fireside Chat 3: Equitable Ecological and Development Cooperation as Feminist JusticeModerator: Flora Sonkin, Society for International DevelopmentCivil society discussants: * Emilia Reyes, Équidad de Genero
* Jennifer del Rosario Malonzo, IBON International

High Level discussants:* Tarcila Rivera Zea, President of the International Forum of Indigenous Women (FIMI) and National Coordinator of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)
* Attiya Waris, United Nations Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights
* Leo Atakpu, Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice
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| **5:40 - 6:00 PM** | Reflections and Closing* Ranja Sengupta, Third World Network
* April Porteria, APWLD
* Imène Cherif, MENAFem

Closing: Civil society representative  |