

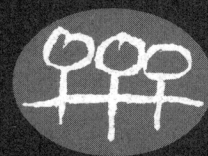
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# LEADING SOLUTIONS FOR **EQUALITY** AND **JUSTICE**

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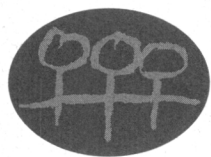
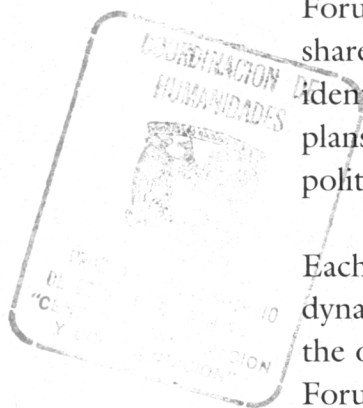
Since 1983, The Association for Women in Development (AWID) has been providing a platform for discussion and debate about gender equality and development in the context of global change. AWID's seven international Forums have brought together policymakers, development practitioners, scholars, and activists from around the world. The Forum has been a place to interact, share ideas and common concerns, identify critical issues, and forge action plans for change—social, economic, political, and personal.

Each Forum has been bigger, more dynamic and more international than the one before. In fact, the AWID Forum is now the largest regular international conference on gender equality in North America. At our last Forum, over 40 percent of the 1,200 participants came from countries in the global South as well as Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

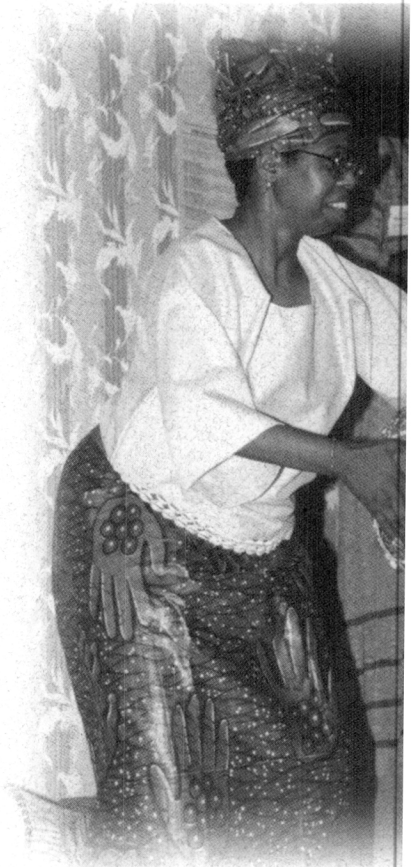
AWID's 8th International Forum: *Leading Solutions for Equality and Justice* is designed to be a conference for both old and new AWID members to communicate and generate action around our common and diverse goals.

A huge event is being planned: from thought-provoking debates about the politics of the global women's movement to practical skills building sessions; from a marketplace of the latest resources and publications to workshops on transforming development; from regional caucusing to coffeehouses for young women, AWID's 1999 Forum is designed to engage and enlighten everyone who attends!

We welcome your proposals for presentations. We invite your comments and ideas on what you would like to see and do at the Forum. We hope to see you November 11–14, 1999, in Alexandria, Virginia (just outside of Washington, DC), USA!



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## WHAT IS AWID?

The Association for Women in Development (AWID) is an international membership organization committed to gender equality and a just and sustainable development process. AWID facilitates a three-way exchange or "trialogue" among scholars, practitioners and policymakers in order to develop effective and transformative approaches for improving the lives of women and girls worldwide.

A dynamic network of women and men around the world, AWID members are working hard to make development a truly empowering, gender equitable and transformative process—from the grassroots to major policy institutions.

AWID provides a number of benefits that are designed to facilitate members' common vision:

- AWID *News*, our quarterly newsletter covering all AWID programs and member updates;
- *Triologue*, an in-depth, cross-cutting mini-newspaper dedicated to hot topics in the gender and development field;
- access to the AWID Membership Directory, an excellent resource for self-directed networking around the globe;
- access to our website at [www.awid.org](http://www.awid.org);
- discounts on all AWID publications;
- a discounted Forum registration fee (join now to get the discount!);
- and our newest benefit, access to AWID's E-mail Network, which allows you to choose to receive advocacy alerts, job and fellowship listings, and event announcements every two weeks. For more information, please send a blank E-mail to [awid.info@reply.net](mailto:awid.info@reply.net).

For those of you who are already AWID members, we hope to see you at the Forum. To those of you who are not yet members, we invite you to become part of our network by joining AWID. A discounted two-year membership is included in the Forum's registration fee. A one-year membership is included in the registration fee for students.

The world today is defined by the changing global economy, facilitated by trade and investment liberalization, deregulation, economic integration, and advanced technology. Governments around the world, spurred on by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, have taken a very active role in enabling a market-led economic strategy. The private sector is the dominant player. Private capital flows have increased five-fold during the 1990s, accounting now for more than 80% of the money flowing from industrial to developing nations. This dwarfs the relevance of foreign aid.

Globalization has also enabled corporations to become bigger than most sovereign nations. In 1995, sales of the world's five largest corporations exceeded the gross national product of China.

While globalization provides dramatic new opportunities for some, it means increasing hardship for others. Rapid economic changes reinforce differences between rich and poor, and, in many cases, between women and men. Economic security and rights are increasingly vulnerable. And with deepening insecurity comes violence and armed conflict. Women's human rights continue to be violated systematically on a daily basis. Gender discrimination with regard to employment, income, land rights, security, decision-making, health care, or technology is still pervasive despite almost three decades of programs and policies intended to improve women's lives.

The UN conferences of the 1990s, particularly the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, have highlighted the roles and responsibilities of governments towards the achievement of equality, development and peace. However, achieving gender equality and women's human rights will be dependent on the vision, leadership, and strategies within the global women's movement. While these strategies must translate into government action, that is not enough. They must also translate into action in the private sector, in international financial institutions, in civil society organizations and in society itself.

Therefore, what are the roles and responsibilities within the global women's movement? What new visions, ideologies or strategies are needed? What role for development practice? What role for men? Or for policymakers, practitioners, scholars, activists, and donors? Are there alternative strategies to guarantee gender equality and social justice? Where is the leadership? What are the solutions?

Based on the imperative to find answers, the 1999 AWID Forum is organized around the following six sub-themes and list of questions. We invite you to read the questions to stimulate and provoke discussion between you and your colleagues. Please use them as a guide for the design of your session at the Forum. Your session could address one or two of the questions, but don't be limited by them. Be creative! We want to build a program that is innovative, challenging and one that will lead to social, economic and personal change.

# IONS FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

## • **WOMEN TRANSFORMING DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMICS**

- Where and how have women been able to challenge and transform development and current economic policies? Is there a feminist model of development?
- Are gender equality and social justice ultimately achievable within capitalism as it is practiced today?
- How can the human rights of women living in transitional economies be guaranteed?

## • **TRADING WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS**

- Does the human rights framework provide an adequate model to achieve gender equality and social justice in this era of free trade?
- What do economists and human rights activists have to learn from each other?
- What are the links between fundamentalism and women's human rights?

## • **TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES AND CHOICES**

- What are the impacts of new technologies on women? How can technology be used to promote gender equality and social justice?
- How are new technologies undermining intellectual property rights and indigenous knowledge systems? How can these rights and knowledge systems be protected?
- How do we challenge the increasing North-South technological divide? How can we ensure that technology transfer promotes equality?

## • **POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S MOVEMENT**

- Can feminism address today's global problems?
- What have we really achieved and at what cost? Have we sold out? Where do we go from here?
- What does the women's movement need to do to challenge the global trend of economic and political conservatism?

## • **WOMEN ORGANIZING AND ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION**

- What is feminist about women organizing?
- How can we affect the way that power is exercised in organizations to promote gender equality and social justice?
- How can institutions, whether private, government, voluntary, or funding, be held accountable for gender equality and social justice?

## • **LEADERSHIP AND THE NEXT GENERATION**

- How can we foster and support leadership for equality and justice?
- What would it take for more young women to identify with and become active in the global women's movement?
- How do young women want to transform the women's movement or development practice?

**PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR PRESENTATION OPTIONS.**

# PRESENTATION OPTIONS

Program sessions for the 1999 Forum will be designed around five formats: workshops, skills-building sessions, debates, creative sessions or poster sessions.

**Workshops** are highly interactive sessions with a facilitator who encourages group participation. They may include up to four presenters, including the facilitator. At least one third of the session must be reserved for interaction with and among the participants.

**Skills-building sessions** provide opportunities for participants to develop crucial skills, such as advocacy, proposal writing, self-defense and more. There may be up to four trainers per session.

**Debates** take place between two presenters or two teams, are facilitated by a moderator, and encourage differing views and approaches to critical issues.

**Creative sessions** provide a space for a range of activities that tap into different tools for social change, including popular theater, role playing, games, video, dance, and more.

**Poster sessions** allow for individuals and organizations to display materials related to their work during a given time slot. Materials can include papers, photographs, publications, and more.

## STAY ON TOP OF THE MOST CURRENT FORUM NEWS:

- Check AWID's website frequently for Program updates and general information about the Forum. Visit [www.awid.org](http://www.awid.org).

- Access AWID's E-mail Network for Forum updates and ideas about how to raise funds. Send a blank E-mail to [awid.info@reply.net](mailto:awid.info@reply.net).

# HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR PRESENTATION

For every Forum, AWID receives hundreds of proposals for presentations, many more than the schedule can accommodate. Proposals, therefore, will be selected based on the following criteria:

The session:

- reflects one or more of the six Forum sub-themes;
- demonstrates originality or innovation, both in content and format;
- brings together presenters representing diverse backgrounds and experiences (across generations, researchers, practitioners or policymakers, regions, ethnicities, and so on);
- brings together presenters that represent different points of view (allowing debate or dissent);
- can address both problems and solutions, or both losses and gains; and
- is designed according to one of the five formats listed on previous page: workshops, skills-building sessions, debates, creative sessions, or poster sessions.

## SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

Proposals should be received in the AWID office no later than **December 31, 1998**. Please send only **one** copy of the proposal through post, fax or E-mail. Send to:

The Association for Women in Development  
Attn: 1999 Forum Proposal  
1511 K Street, NW  
Suite 825  
Washington, DC 20005, USA  
Fax: 1-202-628-0442

E-mail: [awid@awid.org](mailto:awid@awid.org) Please send proposal as a "rich text format" (.rtf) attachment.

The following information **MUST** be included in your proposal. Please type or print clearly. Only proposals submitting all of the following information will be considered.

1. Proposed title of session
2. Type of session (one of the following: workshop, skills-building session, debate, creative session, or poster session)
3. Brief summary of session (2-3 paragraphs)
4. Full details for each facilitator and/or presenter. **Please indicate clearly one contact person per proposal.**
  - Name
  - Mailing Address
  - Telephone
  - Fax
  - E-mail
  - One-paragraph biographical sketch for each member of the group
  - Geographic region (s)he represents
  - Age group (15-25, 25-35, 35-45 years, and so on)
  - Status as academic, policymaker, or practitioner
5. Financial assistance needed for each member of the group. **Only partial assistance will be available to a limited number of presenters.** AWID is not able to guarantee that all presenters will receive funding. It is the responsibility of each individual to provide the majority of her or his own funding. Please provide 2-3 examples of how each member of the group plans to raise funds to support her or his attendance at the Forum.
6. Any specific restrictions on the date when the group prefers to make the presentation during the Forum (there is no guarantee of date/time assignment, but this information is helpful if you have very specific requirements when the members of the group are available)
7. A cover summary page with the following:
  - Name, mailing address, telephone, fax and e-mail address of contact person
  - Proposed title of session
  - A BRIEF description of session (2 to 3 lines)

*The contact person will receive confirmation of receipt of your proposal.*

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR PROPOSALS

*December 31, 1998*—proposals must be RECEIVED in the AWID office. If you are submitting your proposal by post, please allow sufficient time for delivery of the proposal by this date.

*March 1999*—notification will be sent to the contact person regarding the acceptance or decline of the proposal.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED: YOUR FORUM CHECKLIST

- Reserve November 11-14, 1999 on your calendar. Make plans now to attend the Forum. Use the registration form included in this brochure to register.
- Begin raising funds to support your participation now. Visit AWID's website at [www.awid.org](http://www.awid.org) or send a blank e-mail to [awid.info@reply.net](mailto:awid.info@reply.net) for ideas.
- Visit our website regularly to learn more about the Forum activities as they progress. If you are not yet an AWID member, use this site to put your name on our Forum announcement mailing list. (AWID members are already on the list.)
- Write to us by December 31st, 1998, with your suggestions and visions of the 1999 Forum.
- Share this Call for Presentations with your colleagues and friends.
- Submit a proposal to provide a workshop, skills-building session, debate, creative session or poster session at the 1999 Forum.
- Volunteer at the Forum and get to know the key players.
- Use your advanced language skills by applying to be a volunteer interpreter.

## PROGRAM

Specific plans are underway to ensure that participants experience an accessible, invigorating and fun program in which to share and gain innovative ideas, skills, and information and have ample time to network with colleagues and meet new people from diverse backgrounds.

The 1999 Forum program will be designed to:

- **Involve young women.** The Forum's Young Women and Leadership Program will provide many opportunities for young women to have a great experience at the Forum. The Forum will offer formal job and career guidance counseling, mentorship opportunities, intergenerational dialogues, and more.
- **Overcome language barriers.** AWID is committed to making the Forum a global environment and therefore more accessible to people from diverse backgrounds. The organizers are working to provide more simultaneous translation and interpreters, and to increase participation from the global South as well as Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia.
- **Foster effective networking.** Time will be set aside in the program for social and cultural events, impromptu sessions, and regional and thematic caucus meetings.
- **Build practical skills.** Sessions will be designed so participants can develop and share practical skills in the gender and development/women's human rights field or learn about the newest methodologies and programming tools.
- **Actively engage participants.** Many of the sessions will be led by experienced facilitators to ensure that debate and dialogue are stimulated among the diverse participants.





## 1999 FORUM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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Canada

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please complete the Registration Form in its entirety. Submit your registration **only once** by mail, fax or internet. **Registration Forms received without payment information will NOT be processed.** Meeting Masters, Inc., (the official Forum registrars) will confirm your registration and send information on reserving hotel accommodation. **Please wait at least two weeks before contacting them about your registration.** The deadline for receipt of your registration and payment is November 1, 1999. After this date all additional registrations will be processed on-site at the conference location if space is available.

- Mail to: *AWID Forum, c/o Meeting Masters, Inc., 4111 Plaza Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033, USA.* Please pay registration fees in US\$ by check, money order, credit card, or send proof of wire transfer.
- Fax to: *AWID Forum, c/o Meeting Masters, Inc. Fax: (1) 703-968-5872.* Faxes will only be accepted if the registration fees are being paid by credit card or wire transfer.
- Visit AWID's website at [www.awid.org](http://www.awid.org), where you can submit the registration form directly on-line. You will be asked to submit your credit card information for payment of the registration fees.

**Registration fees** include access to all Forum sessions, program materials, Forum receptions, and access to the exhibit area/marketplace. Meals, housing, travel, visas, and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

Early registration is encouraged. Seating is limited and while every effort will be made to accommodate late and on-site registrations, AWID cannot guarantee there will be enough space available for late registrations.

**Payment of Registration Fees.** All payments must be in US\$. Payments must accompany the Registration Form. Registrations will not be processed without payment. If paying by bank/wire transfer, please include a copy of the bank's remittance advice.

	Fee, if received no later than Sept 1 1999	Fee, if received AFTER Sept 1 1999
New Member Rate	(US\$300)	(US\$345)
AWID Member Rate	(US\$200)	(US\$230)
Student Rate	(US \$140)	(US \$160)
One-Day Rate	(US \$160)	(US\$160)

**New Member Rate** includes registration plus two (2) years of discounted AWID membership dues.

**AWID Member Rate** is reserved for current AWID members whose Membership Benefits include a 15% discounted Forum Registration Fee.

**Student Rate** is for students attending any institution of higher education. Proof of enroll-

ment (such as a student identification card) is required to pick up a name badge at the Forum. The Student Rate includes a deeply discounted Forum Registration Fee and one (1) year of discounted membership dues.

**One-Day Rate** is for participants who are attending only one day of the Forum. Please indicate on your registration form which day you will be attending.

**Credit Card.** Please fill out the credit card information on the Registration Form. Be sure to include your signature and card expiration date.

**Check/Money Order.** Checks or money orders in US\$ should be made payable to The Association for Women in Development (AWID). Do not send cash.

**Bank/Wire Transfer.** Wire transfers must include an additional US\$20 to cover wire transfer costs. Be sure to attach a copy of the bank remittance to your Registration Form so the funds can be credited to your registration.

Account Name: Association for Women in Development  
 Bank Name: Adams National Bank  
 1627 K Street, NW  
 Washington, DC  
 20006, USA  
 Account No.: 0030589827  
 Routing No.: 054001314

**Refunds.** Full refund (less US\$25 processing fee per refund request) will be made on cancellations received by Meeting Masters, Inc. (the official AWID Forum registrars) in writing prior to October 1, 1999. No

refunds will be granted after October 1, 1999.

**Special Requests.** Please check the appropriate box on your Registration Form if you require any of the following.

**Letter of Invitation.** If you require a visa to enter the United States and you need a letter of invitation to the Forum, please let us know. (*This letter of invitation will be faxed to you or sent to you via E-mail. We will not send original letters to embassies or provide assistance in securing a visa.*)

**Interpretation Assistance.** All general sessions and some selected small group sessions will be in English with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and French. In specific cases, AWID will try to secure individual volunteer interpreters to help participants who need additional language assistance. *There is no guarantee of individual assistance.* Indicate on your registration form if you need individual language assistance if it becomes available.

**Volunteer Opportunities.** The AWID Forum is looking

for a limited number of volunteers who will work on-site during the Forum in exchange for a reduced fee of US\$80. Volunteers will provide assistance to the Forum management team such as passing out materials, registering participants, staffing the press room and conference offices, and performing other administrative tasks. In addition, volunteers fluent in languages other than English are needed to provide assistance to participants who need language assistance in the sessions where simultaneous interpretation is not available. Volunteers will be required to work eight (8) hours for non-language services and six (6) hours for language services. Check the box on your registration form to receive a volunteer application.

**Exhibits and Marketplace.** A special exhibit area and marketplace will be set up to provide space for organizations to display and sell their literature and products. If your organization is interested in receiving more information, check the box on your Registration Form. (Information on the exhibit area and marketplace will be sent out in Fall 1998.)

**Financial Assistance.** The organizers of the 1999 AWID Forum are working diligently to raise scholarship funds to assist some participants to attend the Forum. Primarily, these funds will be allocated to presenters. **Only partial assistance will be available to a limited number of presenters.** It is the responsibility of each participant to provide the majority of her or his own funding. After a limited number of presenters have been funded, and *if* there are additional funds available, individual applications for assistance may be accepted. More information on the availability of participant financial assistance and the procedures for applying will be posted on the AWID website in early 1999.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT all information. This information will be used to compile the final participants' list and your Forum name badge.

Check here  if you do NOT want to be listed in the AWID Forum Final Participants' List.

## 1. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Female  Male

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(include country and city/area codes)*

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a disability and require special accommodation in order to participate fully in this meeting, please let us know your specific needs. You will be contacted to discuss how your needs will be met.

Physical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 3. OTHER REQUESTS

*(Please see facing page for further details.)*

- Letter of Invitation.
- Volunteer Interpretation needed for \_\_\_\_\_ language.
- Volunteer application.
- Exhibit and Marketplace information.
- I am interested in finding a roommate to share the costs of hotel accommodations. Please send me, in September 1999, a listing of other participants whom I might contact to find a roommate.
- I am interested in participating in the Forum Young Women and Leadership Program as a  young woman or  mentor. Please send me more information.
- Send me \_\_\_\_\_ additional copies of this announcement to share with my colleagues.

## 4. REGISTRATION FEES

Check the registration category for which you are paying. A description of the registration fees is on the facing page.

	<i>Fee, if received no later than Sept 1 1999</i>	<i>Fee, if received AFTER Sept 1, 1999</i>
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Student Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$140	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$160
One-Day Rate*	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$160	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$160

\* Please check desired day: November  11  12  13  14

## 5. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Credit Card:
  - American Express
  - Mastercard
  - VISA

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Check or Money Order enclosed (US\$ only). **Do not send cash.**
- Bank Wire Transfer. (Please see facing page for details.)

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Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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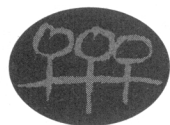
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