



WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN
IS REPORT TO INTERNATIONAL MEETING

23, 29-31 Octobre, 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Secretariat was elected in the 9th International Meeting held in Brasil in 2013, hosted by Fórum Mulher, the National Coordination of WMW in Mozambique. It initiated a process of transition with support of the Former IS, which included the following processes:

- Preparation of a Draft Proposal and Negotiation of an initial Funding by Oxfam Novib;
- 2 Weeks Feminist Organizing School in Maputo, organized by Forum Mulher, facilitated by Miriam Nobre and Nalu Faria;
- Communications Training with Mozambican Activists Facilitated by Alessandra Ceregati
- Transition Forum organized by Forum Mulher in Mozambique, with Parallel IC Meeting.
- Continued mentoring process in many areas of activities

2. OVERAL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE COURSE OF MANDATE

The International Committee

During this mandate of IS we counted with IC members: Emilia Castro, Sandra Moran, Mafalda Galdanes and Nalu Faria (Americas), Judite Fernandes, Yildiz Temurturkan, Mariana Fernandes and Vania Martins (Europe), Awa Ouedraogo, Sophie Ogutu and Solange Kone (Africa), Ana Maria Nemenzo (Princess), Salima Sultana, Bushra Khalid and Francoise Caillard (Asia and Oceania), Souad Mahmoud and Ruba Odeh (MENA) and the following Substitutes – Chaba Seini, Africa; Marcela de la Peña, Europe, Alejandra Laprea, Americas, Khitam Saafin & Khadija Ryadi, MENA.

We started with Monthly Skype meetings that came to change during COVID 19 times, when we learnt to use Zoom Platform. Twice a year we have been able to host IC Meetings in presence in different hosting countries, where an NCB volunteered to host the IC, providing that there is some kind of local support with VISAs processes, organizing accommodation and local transport and food. In most of the case, the IC member took the responsibility to mobilize financial support to cover some of the costs or they would negotiate solidarity housing or meals.

Regular work was done as Working texts/documents developed and approved by the IC and circulated among NCBs to support their work at country level: 1) Call for the International Meetings and International Actions, 2) Call for the 24 hours of Solidarity Action; 3) Guidelines for the Actions. 4) Calls and orientations for regional meetings. 5) Call for applications for hosting the IS. Calls for solidarity actions or campaigns with alliances; All political documents are discussed and approved during IC meetings.



International Meetings

International Meetings are an important component of our organization and work as an international movement. That is the forum where political decisions are made and our common Agenda and strategy are defined. During this IS mandate we held:

- **10th International Meeting** held in Maputo in 2016, by Forum Mulher, focused on evaluation of the 4th International Action and Planning for the next period. This Meeting was initially validated to take place in Mali but the venue was changed after processes of dialogue with the NCB, due to the impossibility of addressing diversity, namely Lesbians and any topic evolving sexuality.
- **11th International Meeting** was held in Basque Country in 2018 where we set up the Concept for the 5th International Action. The Basque NCB played a very important and double role: They hosted an IC preparatory Meeting in April which helped to evaluate the map the needs for an international Meeting.
- **12th International Meeting** focusing on Evaluating our dynamics on movement building in current context exacerbated by the COVID19 pandemic, including Election of a new International Secretariat.

International Actions

Every 5 years we organize International Actions aiming to place WMW in convergence of struggles around the world.

2015 – 4th International Action, under the theme – *Bodies and Territories, we will march until our bodies and territories are free*. This action had main focus on national and regional contexts, mobilized for regional gatherings and Caravans. It was initiated with the Launch of European Karavan in Kurdistan that ended in Portugal; African Caravan with regional gathering in Kenya, MENA region Gathering in Tunisia and Closing in the Americas with the Regional Meeting in Peru.

2020 – 5th International Action, under the theme “We Resist to Live, We March to Transform” – Aiming to reinvigorate the WMW movement and reposition our voices and visibility at international and regional levels. This action took place in the pick of COVID 19 Pandemic and that prevented most of WMW from occupying the streets. Nevertheless, there was a great mobilization for alternative actions using social media, on the leadership of the International Communications team and Capiremov.org.

Regional Coordination



Regions have different dynamics of organizing and working together. The process of the 5th International action inspired NCBs to organize online zoom meetings and webinars. This also worked for the preparation for the International Meeting. While travel costs and logistics appear to be impediments for participation, in online activities women face challenges in getting a stable internet but also in covering the costs of air time and megabytes. We also saw solidarity initiatives, where those who have access to internet, they gather women in a place and they attend the zoom meeting together.

Communications

Managing international communications has brought some challenge for the IS. From the beginning we chose to hire a person with an international experience on feminist and gender work, including skills in multilanguage communications. That was Eva Anadon Moreno, who got illegally expelled from Mozambique in on 30 March 2016, by Migration authorities, after participating in a public demonstration to denounce girls abuse in schools. That episode marked not only our lives at IS, but the history of social movements in Mozambique, as we started to witness the shrinking of civic space as back to the communist times.

Decentralizing international communication and the disposition of Brazilian NCB to support organizing and managing communication opened a new window for reviving the name and face of WMW. Fortunately, we had always been able to mobilize resources to cover the main activities and as such, funding was split between IS and Brazilian NCB for covering communication costs (personal, translations and equipment). There is when Capiremov.org was created, in the course of the 5th international action. There has been some effort to provide financial support to regions – through a nominated NCB that should play a coordination role and support the IC members of that region in performing their duty.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The International Secretariat is responsible for mobilizing and managing financial resources for the implementation of decisions from International Meeting and IC meetings. Forum Mulher played an administrative role using the internal regulations and Annual Auditing procedures. In cases where resources were negotiated for supporting regional activities, the funder would sign a separate Agreement for the receiving organization.

Summary of Financial Statement