

THE WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN IN THE AMERICAS

In the American countries, we are working on several issues such as sexist violence, legalized abortion, public health services, peace and militarization, citizen participation and government for the people, food safety, defence of natural resources such as water and gas, increase in minimum wage, feminisation of poverty

and the fight against the FTAA.

We have established our presence as the World March of Women at the World Social Forum that took place in Porto Alegre in 2001, 2002 and 2003, at the Social Forum of the Americas held in Quito in 2004, the Days Against the FTAA in Quebec City in 2001, in Quito in 2002, in Cancun in 2003 and



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JOIN THE WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN

You are a women's group or a women's committee in a mixed group and you want to join the World March of Women? Send the following information to info@marchemondiale.org: group

name, contact person, complete address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, web site and language of correspondence (English, French, Spanish).

World March of Women

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WOMEN'S GLOBAL CHARTER FOR HUMANITY

The global actions of the World March of Women in 2005

The World March of Women is a global feminist action network supported by close to 6000 women's groups in 163 countries and territories throughout the world. Its primary objective is to fight poverty and violence against women and was established as a tool to reinforce and uphold a vast solidarity movement of grass-roots women's groups as a symbol women the world over can identify with.

For us, feminism is a way of thinking,

a living movement, an alternative, a different way of seeing the world. It goes beyond being a simple observation of inequalities or a power struggle.

We have the strength to fight to undo the systems that perpetuate fear and hatred and that justify violence, more specifically patriarchy, as well as all systems that engender exclusion, reinforce domination, control our bodies and separate us from our dreams.



AGAINST CHAUVINIST
GLOBALIZATION, A
FEMINIST REVOLUTION

A TOOL WITH WHICH TO BUILD THE WORLD

On March 8, 2005, we launch the Women's Global Charter for Humanity to bring together our proposals and our aspirations for an anti-capitalist world, a world free of chauvinism, exploitation and prejudice.

The creation of the Charter is a collective process involving women's groups from around the world whose goal is to provide a common political vision, an identity that is already reflected in our actions, and to put into collective action our determination to change the world.

The Charter will be adopted during the 5th International Meeting of the World March of Women which will take place December 4 -12, in Kigali, Rwanda, in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. This is our way of honouring the women of

that region who are struggling to bring peace and mutual understanding to an area marked by genocide and war.

On March 8, 2005, the Charter will begin its world-wide journey in Sao Paulo, Brazil and complete it on October 17, in Burkina Faso, one of the poorest countries in the world. But it will only be a stopover for us to catch our breath before beginning to march once again, because as long as there are inequalities and injustices, we will continue to resist.

Between Sao Paulo and Ouagadougou, the Charter will make stops in over fifty countries, regions or territories: in large cities, in rural areas, on borders and so on. The national coordinating bodies and the participating groups in the March are already busy organizing activities to coincide with the Charter's

arrival. The Relay of the Charter is yet another proof that we are capable of linking and organizing throughout the world.

In the Americas, the Charter will stop in Brazil, the border area between Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, in Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Columbia, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti, Cuba, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, the United States, Canada and Quebec.



NATIONAL ACTIONS



As well as participating in the global actions described above, each country is autonomous in organizing initiatives based on its own aspirations, while respecting the objectives and values of the World March of Women. You are invited to:

- Organize a launch of the Charter in your country on March 8, 2005
- Organize a national relay march and popular education activities to promote the Charter
- Organize an hour of feminist solidarity on October 17, 2005 from noon to 1pm local time

If you live in one of the countries or territories hosting the Relay of the Women's Global Charter for Humanity, consider coordinating your activities with those of the national coordination body of the March in your country. For information on who to contact, consult the addresses listed in this flyer.

THE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY QUILT

As the Charter makes its way, each country or territory will illustrate its ideal world on a square piece of fabric that will eventually form a patchwork quilt. Assembled during the World Relay, the Global Solidarity Quilt will translate into images of the Women's Global Charter for Humanity in all its diversity.



24 HOURS OF SOLIDARITY

On October 17, 2005, we will be launching a call to action to all participating groups of the World March of Women and to all who want to join with us. The actions can take place in neighbourhoods, in local

communities or on a national level. As the sun moves through each time zone, we will be mobilized in its path creating 24 hours of global feminist solidarity, determined to follow our dreams and build a world of equality.

