



In Focus



From September 8-11 2016, WEDO is excited to join thousands of fierce activists for the **13th AWID International Forum** "Feminist Futures: Building Collective Power for Rights and Justice". During the 4 days of the Forum, WEDO will focus on cross-movement building around women's rights, environment and climate justice, exploring a feminist framing around ensuring a just transition and reclaiming power in our energy systems and in society. See details of our events below and follow our updates via [social media](#)!

7 Events



UMBRELLA SESSION: Climate and Environmental Justice

Thursday, 8 September, 2:30 to 6:00pm

Organized by: Women's Environment and Development Organisation (WEDO) and AWID In partnership with Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJA) and World March of Women (WMW).

It is more clear than ever that reverting a catastrophic climate crisis requires deep systemic change, as well as strong climate and environmental justice work that places the sustainability of life, and economic and social justice at the core. This session will bring together and foster engagement between women's rights and climate justice activists in recognition of the gendered impacts of the environmental and climate crisis, its intersections with socio-political and economic upheaval, violence and militarization, and the need to search for common feminist alternatives to the current system.

CRITICAL READING: In preparation for the Forum, WEDO, AWID, and IDS hosted an eDiscussion on Umbrella Issue Climate and environmental justice from April 5th to 7th 2016. The summary paper can be [downloaded here](#). The aim of this e-discussion was to contribute to increased awareness and exchange on relevant issues and strategies, and eventually a stronger engagement between feminists and women's human rights activists and climate justice activists – small-scale farmers, grassroots, Indigenous, Black and islander's communities, among others. Participant reflections on current climate and environmental realities pointed to the deep connections between climate chaos, environmental degradation, gender inequality and patriarchy, stemming from a broader political and economic systemic crisis.

Umbrella issue sessions have been designed to highlight core challenges and the need for integrated and coherent approaches that cut across diverse locations and strategies. These sessions will provide a much-needed space to dialogue about how to build alliances for cross-movement engagement on key issues.

OTHER EVENTS



How to Hold your Government's Feet to the Fire: Accountability

Friday, 9 September, 4:30-6:00pm, Bahia 3: Women's Major Group will lead an AWID Forum Session, How to Hold your Government's Feet to the Fire: Accountability, on on September 9, 2016 during AWID 2016 International Form.



What We Feminists Need to Know about Climate Finance

Saturday, 10 September, 7:50 am - 8:50am, Bahia 2: This event aims to create discussion and conversations about how the Green Climate Fund would reach communities in the frontline of a changing climate, as well as women's voice and leadership play a significant part in the Green Climate Fund's decision making process so that this money will be most effectively spent.



Women Strike for Climate Justice

Sunday, 11 September, 9:00am - 10:30am, Capitania Porto Seguro: The session will examine a feminist vision for a just, peaceful and healthy planet, in the context of the interlocking crises of climate and inequality. Civil society must unite and use our collective power to demand and shape a new and sustainable future, particularly through mobilizing for a global strike.

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WE ARE EITHER GOING TO HAVE A FUTURE WHERE WOMEN LEAD THE WAY TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE EARTH OR WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE A HUMAN FUTURE AT ALL.

-VANDANA SHIVA

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SO THE NEED FOR ANOTHER ECONOMIC MODEL IS URGENT, AND IF THE CLIMATE JUSTICE MOVEMENT CAN SHOW THAT RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE BEST CHANCE FOR A MORE JUST ECONOMIC SYSTEM, THAT CREATES MORE AND BETTER JOBS, GREATER SOCIAL EQUALITY, MORE AND BETTER SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC TRANSIT, ALL THESE THINGS THAT IMPROVE PEOPLES DAILY LIVES, PEOPLE WILL BE READY TO FIGHT FOR THOSE POLICIES.

-NAOMI KLEIN

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