

WILPF International Programme



2026–2029



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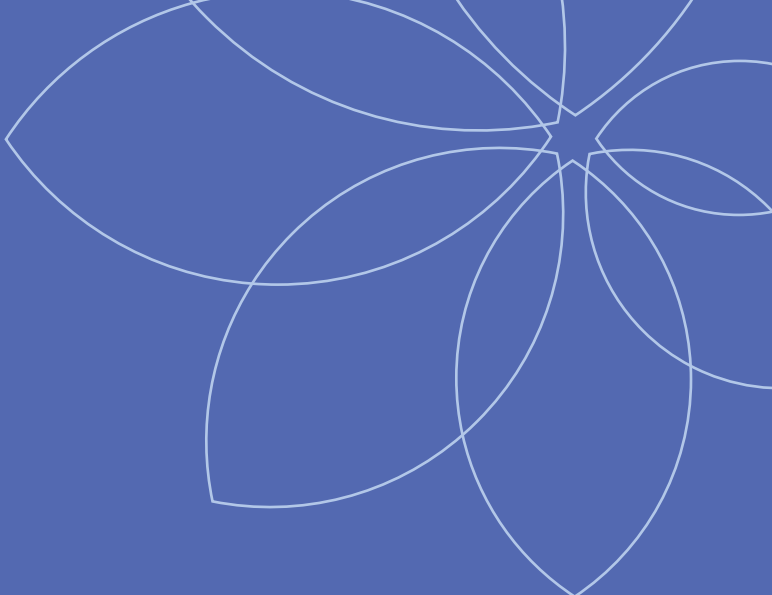
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Introduction

We are witnessing a profound shift in the global order — accelerating militarism, collapsing multilateral systems, deepening ecological crisis, and a relentless assault on women's rights. At the same time, the spaces in which feminist peace activists operate are shrinking, and the funding that sustains our work is under systematic attack.

And yet, WILPF remains committed. For over 110 years, since women gathered in The Hague in 1915 to demand an end to war while their governments waged it, we have worked for peace, even when it felt impossible. Today is no different: a recent independent evaluation confirmed what our members and partners already know — WILPF remains more relevant than ever. We see that in solidarity across the movement to support members as crises unfold and deepen in Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, Afghanistan and beyond — to advocate for climate justice, to prohibit nuclear weapons, to support women-led peace processes and transitions to democracy, and to focus on building systems and structures for non-violent conflict resolution.

We commit to being bold, brave, and different in our approaches. And we re-commit to the values of our Manifesto to achieve our ultimate goal of permanent peace.

Our WILPF International Programme (IP) is a response to the current moment, and unites us in a common strategic direction for the next three years (2026–2029):

- It guides the shared commitment of all bodies of WILPF, to advance a feminist approach to permanent peace built on the foundations of freedom, justice, nonviolence, human rights, and equality for all.
- It provides specific Global Priorities for the next three years, guiding us on what we need to do. NOW.
- It demands courage from all of us, while strengthening our community bonds of solidarity and support.

This IP includes our long-term vision, values, approach, and goals as developed in 2022, while sharpening our focus around five equal and interconnected Global Priorities for 2026–2029 which will guide our work at the local, national, regional and international levels.

Now is the time to connect, mobilise, and act. The world needs feminist peace more than ever.

THE CHOICE IS OURS.
WE CHOOSE PEACE.

What's in this document

CHAPTER 1: ABOUT WILPF

- A visual of WILPF's vision, values, and approach, establishing the foundation for our goals, priorities and actions. It includes a visual summary of our 2026–2029 Global Priorities. For more detailed information, please visit www.wilpf.org.

CHAPTER 2: OUR CURRENT CONTEXT

- Presents an examination of the present-day context and challenges in which the movement is operating, and to which our Global Priorities align.

CHAPTER 3: OUR VISION AND GOALS

- Establishes our collective long-term vision and goals for a future of permanent peace, with an explanation of what we believe our world will look like if our goals are achieved.

CHAPTER 4: HOW WE WORK

- Outlines our long-term approach to our work – what we believe we need to do – and how – to implement our priorities and achieve our goals. It provides an overview of how we work together, who we work with, and who we seek to influence, providing an overview of our work methods.

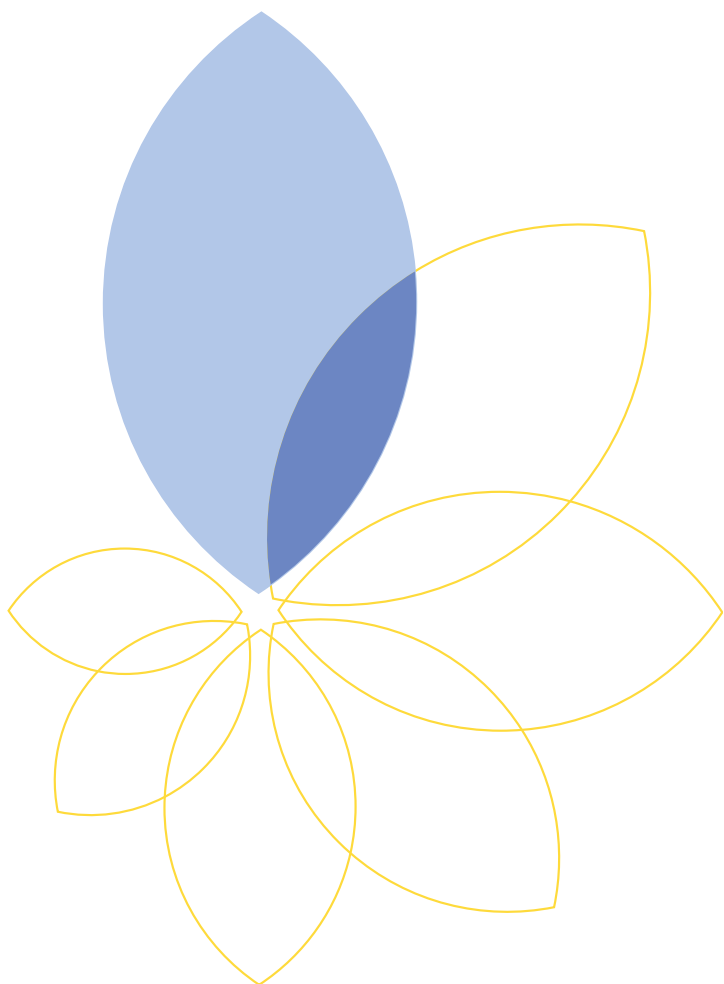
CHAPTER 5: STRENGTHENING WILPF

- Shares our long-term commitments to strengthen WILPF internally as a movement.

CHAPTER 6: OUR PRIORITIES

- Presents the five Global Priorities which we, as a movement, will focus on in 2026–2029. Under each priority is a series of Actions and specific activities which Sections can localise to their own contexts. The Global Priorities can be downloaded as a standalone document for ease of reference.

Finally, the conclusion shares guidance on how members can begin the process of adapting the International Programme and Global Priorities to their local contexts. This includes a suggested Action Plan template.



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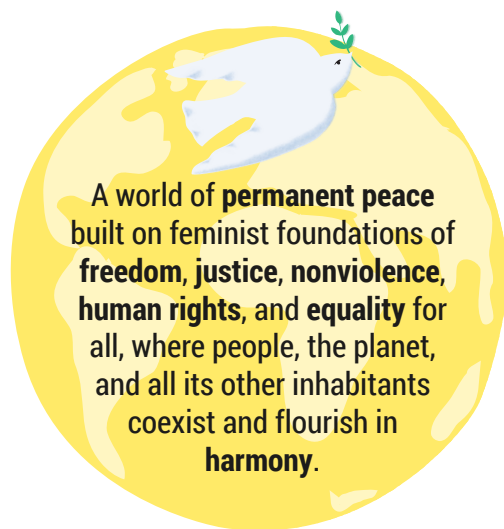
CHAPTER 1

About WILPF

WILPF is a global, membership-based organisation that works through feminist principles. We have member Sections and Groups in over 40 countries, and work in solidarity and partnership with sister activists, networks, coalitions and civil society organisations around the world.

Our evolution from 1915 to the present day has been defined by the growth of worldwide representation and cross-border and cross-cultural collaboration between diverse women activists and movements.

Our vision



A permanent peace means:

- Universal Human Rights
- Gender Justice
- Just, Inclusive Economic Systems
- Decolonised and Anti-Racist
- Environmental Justice and Sustainability
- Free From Violence
- Universal Demilitarisation
- Nuclear Free

WILPF's vision is reflected and embedded in both our **Constitution**¹ and our **2015 Manifesto**².

Our values

Our vision of peace is based on the values we have shared over time. These include:



¹ <https://www.wilpf.org/publications/wilpf-constitution-and-by-laws/>

² <https://www.wilpf.org/publications/wilpf-manifesto-2015/>

Our approach

To implement this International Programme, we are committed to a feminist approach to peace that is built on:

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02 STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY

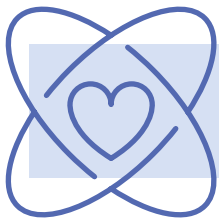
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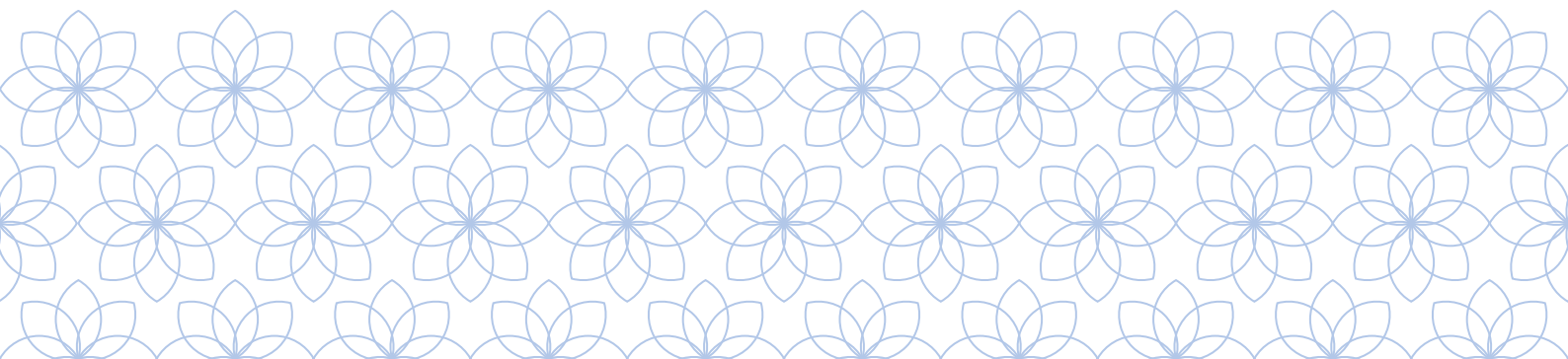
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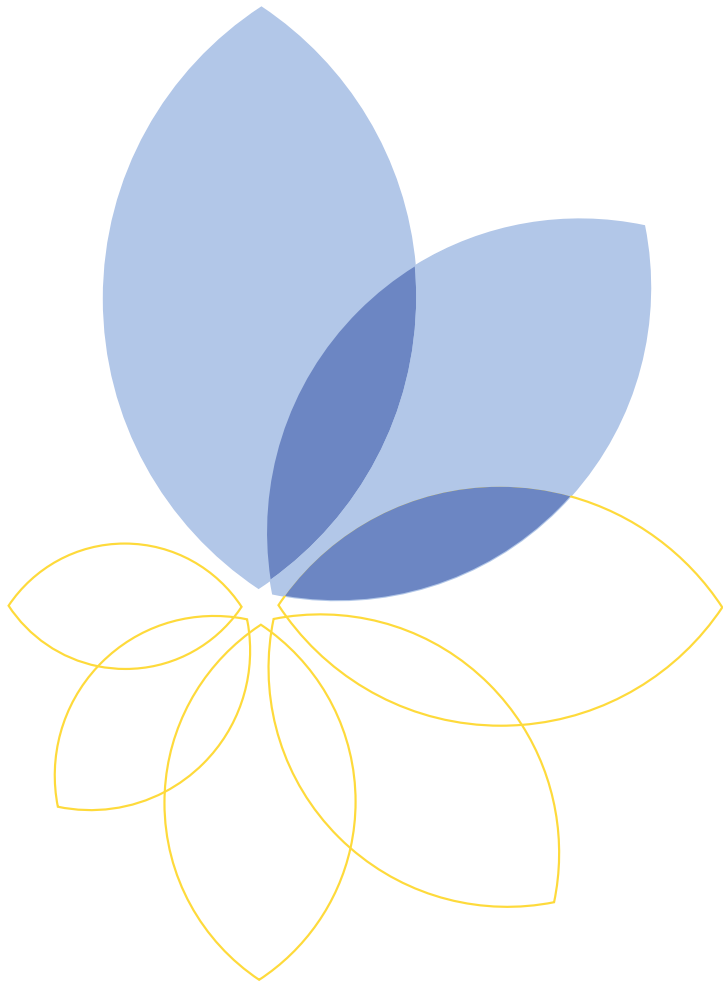
For more details on our vision, values, approach, WILPF structure and history, please visit www.wilpf.org.



Our Global Priorities 2026–2029

These five Global Priorities identify where we will concentrate our efforts over the next three years. These priorities will guide the work of all parts of WILPF, providing a shared focus for the IS, Sections, Groups, Regions, working groups, committees, and networks. Details on the priorities and actions can be found in Chapter 6.





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CHAPTER 2

Our Current Context

WILPF is committed to constantly evolving to understand, adapt, and respond to the rapidly changing context of the world around us. In this chapter we describe the key challenges WILPF is working to address. In the International Programme, our Global Priorities for 2026–2029 are crafted to meet the challenges of the moment – with courage, conviction and innovation.

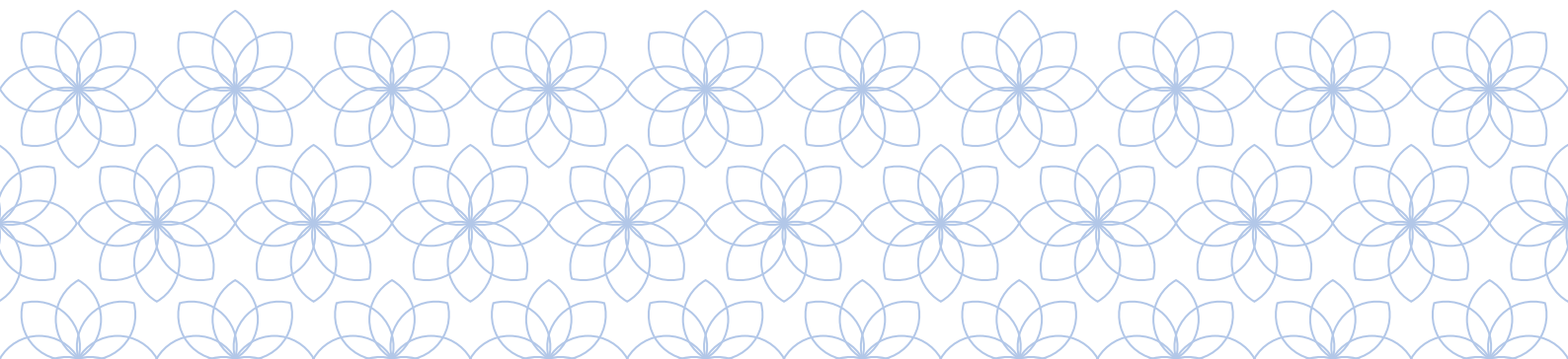
The growing threat and impact of militarism and conflict

Around the world, militarism and military activity are accelerating. Driven by global financial systems and war profiteers, governments are rapidly increasing military spending to record levels, developing new weapons, and resorting to militarised responses as a default reaction to many forms of insecurity and perceived threats. Some states are investing heavily in Artificial Intelligence (AI), which is increasingly being weaponised, in the absence of effective control and regulation. Nuclear weapons are now positioned as "usable" rather than unthinkable.

The narrative that militarisation equals security is false, and yet it continues to gain momentum. Under the guise of "security", States are diverting money from the social economy, ecological regeneration, international cooperation, and humanitarian aid into militarism. This continues to fuel violence in the name of security, deepening inequalities, and exacerbating environmental destruction. No living being on the planet is left untouched by militarism: its influence extends to our societies, our communities, our schools, and our homes. This trend repositions military solutions as a legitimate answer to intersectional global challenges, replacing diplomacy and non-violent resolutions to conflict which can build lasting peace.

European states have withdrawn from the landmark humanitarian disarmament treaties banning landmines and cluster munitions, directly risking civilian lives and undermining international law. Violations of the Arms Trade Treaty by Western arms exporters are rampant, while commitments of the Political Declaration on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas are undermined by those engaged in or arming ongoing conflicts.

The global rise of far-right politics and governments, rooted in nationalism, racism, and white supremacy is increasing polarization against those deemed to be "others". Central to this trend is a well-funded backlash to women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and democratic decision-making, and a rise in misogyny and online violence especially amongst young men. Even in contexts with higher levels of democratic governance, States are increasingly silencing dissident voices through criminalisation of protest and dissent, mass surveillance, "preventative policing" and other forms of repression — including against peace and anti-militarist movements — which disproportionately threatens the rights of marginalised communities.



A climate in crisis

The interconnectedness of militarism, colonialism, and imperialism on ecological destruction are direct and undeniable. This is clearly demonstrated by recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Not only does increased military spending directly reduce resources for ecological regeneration, but militaries and corporations enjoy impunity from their outsized contribution to the climate and environmental crisis. Meanwhile, the communities least responsible, and often most marginalised, frequently suffer the most severely.



At the very moment of intensified environmental destruction, biodiversity loss and resource extraction, global climate crisis commitments are being steadily rolled back. This combination threatens humanity's survival and requires urgent action.

A co-opted WPS Agenda

The WPS Agenda was created in 2000 to drive a transformative vision, yet its implementation has resulted in a narrow, securitised focus, amidst a wider context wherein peace negotiations have become transactional, instead of aiming to comprehensively address root causes of conflict and violence. The WPS Agenda's relevance and sustainability are under threat due to factors such as rising militarisation, anti-gender backlash, and weakened multilateralism.

For too many States, the implementation of the WPS Agenda has focused predominantly on the presence of women in security structures that are unjust and perpetuate patriarchal militarised systems, interests and power, rather than transforming the patriarchal and militarised structures that shape decision-making. Consequently, the WPS Agenda's potential to build on civil society mobilisation and peacebuilding expertise has not been realised. Critically, the lack of monitoring and accountability mechanisms both perpetuates this focus and impedes peacebuilding efforts capable of breaking cycles of conflict by addressing its root causes.

Today, the political choice to skyrocket military spending, shift towards transactional, patriarchal dealmaking, and simultaneously defund women peacebuilders' work and international cooperation is a direct regression on the obligation to implement the WPS agenda. More critically, the only pillar of the agenda capable of leading to lasting peace – prevention – is the most overlooked: this renders the WPS Agenda as a tool for managing conflict, not resolving it sustainably. Feminist civil society, who have championed this agenda and used it to claim space, power, and voice, must not be abandoned by the international community that has repeatedly recognised the necessity of their work to achieving lasting peace. The WPS Agenda must be reclaimed as a feminist agenda, with prevention – not militarised response – as its foundational pillar.



Failings and dismantling of the multilateral system

Today, the need for non-violent conflict resolution through diplomacy, demilitarisation, disarmament, dialogue, and solidarity is more urgent than ever. Yet, the multilateral system is in crisis, and under direct and deliberate attack. Its collapse would undermine decades of progress on human rights, gender equality, disarmament, the environment, and international peace and security.



Driven by geo-strategic power interests, a handful of heavily militarised actors are actively dismantling multilateralism – violating international law and committing international crimes with impunity, undermining the relevance and agency of global institutions, and reproducing gendered harms on a global scale. From genocide in Palestine, to the international escalation of militarism following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, to inaction in the face of the Taliban's system of gender apartheid in Afghanistan, to wars of imperialism and occupation – including flagrant violations of international law in Latin America – to wars by proxy in Africa: the list grows longer, not shorter.

Countries violate international law with impunity, even as the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) face non-cooperation, threats of retaliation, and efforts to delegitimise investigations. Law and principles are being surrendered to geopolitical interests at the expense of people and the planet. The destruction of international law is a political choice, and it demands a political response.

The flagrant lack of global leadership for peace demands us to work for an alternative, positive vision in which the systems and structures for non-violent conflict resolution enable permanent peace.

Declining resources and space for civil society

In the face of these compounding challenges, civil society movements – the people and organizations working for change – face existential threats, rapidly contracting resources and funding, shrinking space for activism and the backsliding of progress.

Women human rights and environmental defenders are experiencing increased violence, surveillance, harassment, and intimidation – both in person and online – because of their leadership. This is facilitated and exacerbated by States' tolerance of growing resistance to civil society spaces and women's rights, and the absence of meaningful human rights protection mechanisms.

Declining donor support, particularly to WPS, feminist peace, and women's rights sectors, threatens the entire peacebuilding ecosystem. Funding is competitive and scarce – not because of a lack of resources or austerity, but because of deliberate political choices to choose weapons over wellbeing and divert funds accordingly. Accompanying this, is the trend to direct remaining funding to larger international entities rather than to grassroots, movement-led communities and entities capable of changing realities on the ground.

Strengthening WILPF's own resource mobilization, and intersectional, intergenerational approaches is therefore not an internal matter alone – it is a direct response to the hostile environment in which feminist peace work must not just survive but also grow and thrive.

Finding hope and strength in activism

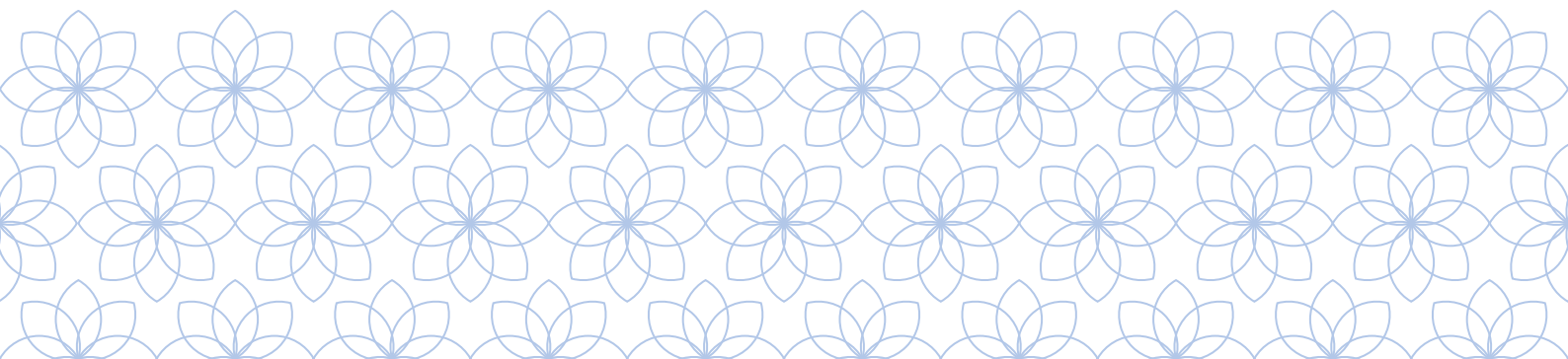
The convergence of crises we face today is not simply a difficult moment to endure – it is a moment of reckoning – and there are reasons for hope.

While we are living through a profound rupturing in the global order, glimpses of a more multi-polar world are emerging – one in which countries are increasingly coming together to lead bold initiatives, often outside the established, and undermined, multilateral structures. Feminist peace movements must engage with this shifting landscape – building solidarity across the Global Majority and Minority, finding common causes and partnering more closely with emerging coalitions, and identifying how a revived multilateral system can uphold non-violent conflict resolution and centre the rights and voices of women, girls, and marginalised communities.

Crucially, people are rising up. In city after city, across continents and cultures, people are taking to the streets – protesting war, occupation, authoritarianism, and the dismantling of their rights. The feminist peace movement is a vital community in this antidote to the global rise of far-right movements and systems that seek to divide and dominate.

WILPF is a widely recognised and deeply respected critical voice in this landscape, and our message and our work are more relevant than ever. We will continue to advocate in multilateral institutions and on the streets, in formal advocacy and in direct action. We offer a feminist alternative vision – a better way of organising the world – grounded in the belief that peace, freedom, justice, and equality are achievable commitments.

**We will continue to speak truth to power.
We will continue to celebrate and be
strengthened by our solidarity as we
pursue a future of feminist peace.**





CHAPTER 3

Our Feminist Path to Peace

We are continuously working towards our collective, long-term vision of permanent peace. We believe that IF:

- We Strengthen Feminist Peace Activism
- We Challenge Systems and Structures of Oppression
- We Promote Inclusive and Peaceful Solutions to Conflict

THEN we will achieve our long-term goals to:

- Transform Mindsets
- Prevent Violence
- Provide Feminist Alternatives
- Create a Powerful Movement

We recognise that these goals are long-term and not something that can be achieved in 3 years, however we endeavour to work towards these, making small steps in progress which we believe will lead to change over time.

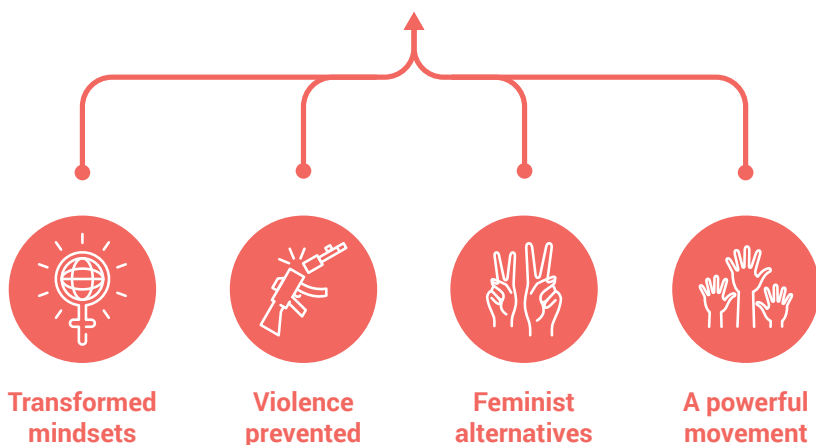
In 2026–2029, we will focus on our Global Priorities in order to address the current global challenges and make progress on our long-term goals. This relies on the leadership and work of WILPF Sections, Groups and Members around the world to adapt the priorities to our respective contexts.

Our progress towards our vision and goals will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goal #5 on Gender Equality and Goal #16 on Peace and Justice. We also believe that our work towards a permanent peace intersects with and contributes to the achievement of all other SDGs.

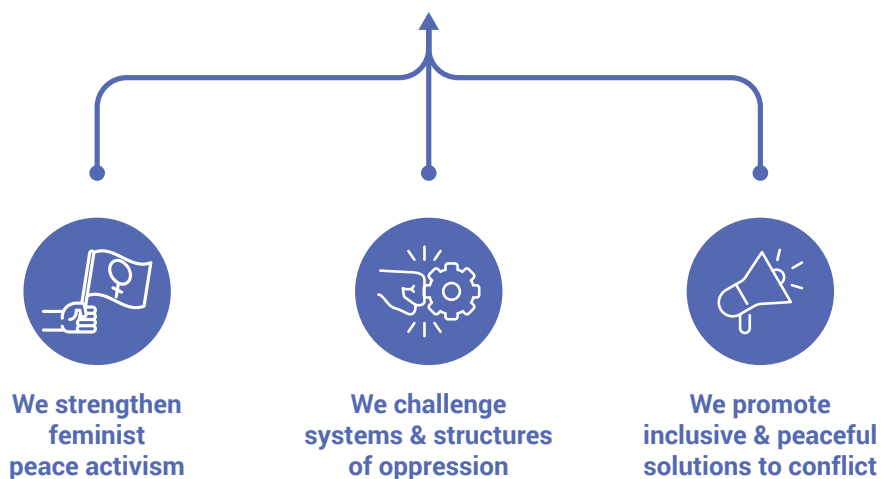
OUR VISION



OUR GOALS



HOW WE WORK



OUR GLOBAL PRIORITIES 2026-2029



Our vision

A world of permanent peace built on feminist foundations of freedom, justice, nonviolence, human rights, and equality for all, where people, the planet, and all its other inhabitants coexist and flourish in harmony.

Our goals

To achieve our vision, we will work towards four interconnected goals:



**Transformed
mindsets**



**Violence
prevented**



**Feminist
alternatives**



**A powerful
movement**



Transformed mindsets

We envision a future where militarised mindsets are transformed, where we have shifted dominant attitudes and beliefs that champion discriminatory and destructive forms of power.

What this looks like:

- Concepts of security are shifted from violence and militarism to human security, which is grounded in systems that offer true peace, including a world free from weapons and well-resourced community and social services.
- Public attitudes about militarism are shifted through raising awareness of the devastating costs of war, conflict, and institutionalised violence.
- Systems and structures exist at all levels to support non-violent conflict resolution.
- Destructive gender norms are transformed from harmful power relations to equal partnerships; from militaristic notions of masculinity to men and boys as active allies of peace; and from rigid male versus female stereotypes to the acceptance of more complex gender realities and identities.
- Racist systems, practices, and patterns of behaviour, and colonial mentalities are addressed, repaired, and dismantled.
- Deliberate obscuring and greenwashing on climate issues is replaced by transparent systems and actions designed to mitigate damage to natural environments – land and oceans – and people's lives.

“We reaffirm our determination to end, now and forever, the patriarchal relations of power, control, and abuse that have deformed the lives of women, children, and men for millennia, and which contribute to violent societies.”

WILPF Manifesto (2015)



Violence prevented

We envision a future where violence is prevented through peaceful and gender-responsive means that address root causes of conflict.

What this looks like:

- Gender-based violence is eradicated in all its forms, both in times of conflict and peace.
- Conflict is addressed and resolved through nonviolent, inclusive means, including gender-responsive dialogue, mediation, and diplomacy. Social justice and gender equality are at the heart of conflict prevention, resolution, and relief and recovery.
- The use and circulation of small arms in public life and communities is halted and dismantled.
- Weapons – including nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction – and their manufacturing is stigmatised, prohibited, and ultimately eliminated through the universal ratification and implementation of multilateral disarmament instruments.
- The arms trade, at the local, national, and international level, is ended along with the development of new weapons systems and technologies.
- Military alliances are dismantled and military budgets – in particular those supporting colonialist, occupying, or imperialist forces and militarised borders – are redistributed towards the public good.
- Governments, corporations, militaries, and other actors are held accountable for human rights violations and abuses. Human rights and justice are secured, including through accountability to address and prevent armed aggression, oppression, and occupation, and to provide remedy to victims.

“Violence is not inevitable. It is a choice. We choose non-violence, as means and as end. We will liberate the strength of women and, in partnership with like minded men, bring to birth a just and harmonious world. We will implement peace, which we believe to be a human right.”

WILPF Manifesto (2015)



Feminist alternatives

We envision a future where systems of oppression are replaced with feminist alternatives that champion human rights, demilitarisation, accountability, and restitution, and where a just, ecological transition has been achieved, led by economic policies that prioritise the well-being of people and the planet.

What this looks like:

- Crisis and security responses, including responses to issues related to climate change, health crises, and migration, are demilitarised and will instead be led by properly trained and resourced civilian disaster response efforts.
- The original principles of the United Nations to guarantee peace, justice, and human rights are restored and reformed, with a more equitable mechanism to maintain international peace and security that is decoupled from militarised power and rooted in the UN General Assembly. Global action agendas for a better world will be pursued and implemented to their fullest extent.
- State and non-state actors will uphold human rights norms and legal instruments, and there are effective laws and public policies to the benefit of rights-holders.
- Corporations and exploitative businesses are reined in and held accountable to communities impacted by climate change and the environmental crisis. Environmental drivers of conflict – such as resource scarcity and land degradation – are addressed through regenerative policies and practices. The human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment is respected and upheld.
- Neoliberal economic policies are replaced with a “degrowth economy” and investments focused on public resources, basic human needs, and community and social infrastructure in order to ensure human security and the sustainable well-being of people and the planet.
- Decolonisation is achieved through the acknowledgment and transformation of unequal power relations rooted in colonisation and imperialism. Laws and policies that welcome and protect asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants are implemented and upheld.

“We will shake the foundations and topple the structures of power that foster it: capitalism and its class system, patriarchy with its gender hierarchy, and nationalism with its racist ranking of diverse peoples.”

WILPF Manifesto (2015)



A powerful movement

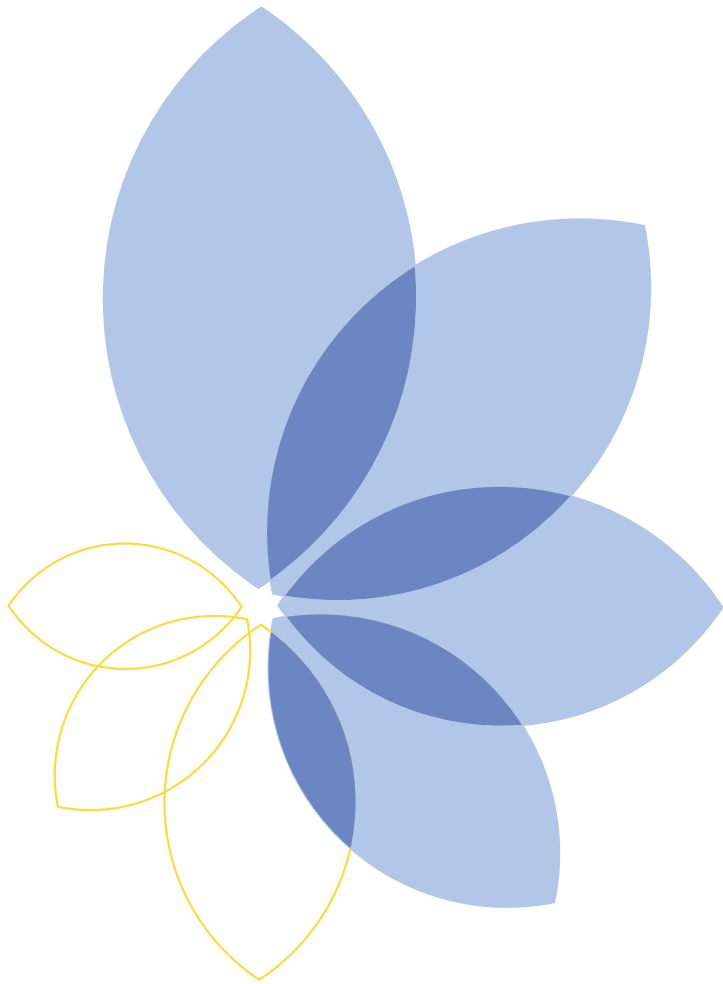
Feminist activism underpins the success of each of our first three goals. We envision a powerful, inclusive, and intersectional feminist movement that connects peace activists and other social justice movements across borders building a global and social movement for permanent peace.

What this looks like:

- Feminist organising at the local, community, and grassroots level is strong and vibrant. Contributions and exchanges by activists are local, collaborative, and participatory, and mutual support is provided.
- Women and other feminist activists are connected across borders and acting in solidarity for peace, to demand an end to systems of oppression and to participate fully in economic, social, political, and environmental/land decisions in any territory in the world.
- Women and other feminist activists have real and effective opportunities to bring the realities of conflict from a gender perspective to the attention of decision-makers, including at peace tables and as part of long-term peacebuilding strategies, and have their solutions for peace heard and acted upon fully.
- Across the movement, we learn from, listen to, and support and encourage the ideas of individuals in all their diversity.
- The achievement of a safe and supportive environment in which activists feel heard, valued and respected, without fear of harassment, threats or attacks.
- Women's and feminist organisations are widely supported and properly resourced.

"We are determined that WILPF shall grow and become more effective, that we will engage, mobilise and amplify the energies of women worldwide to do away with militarism as mindset, militarisation as process and war as practice."

WILPF Manifesto (2015)

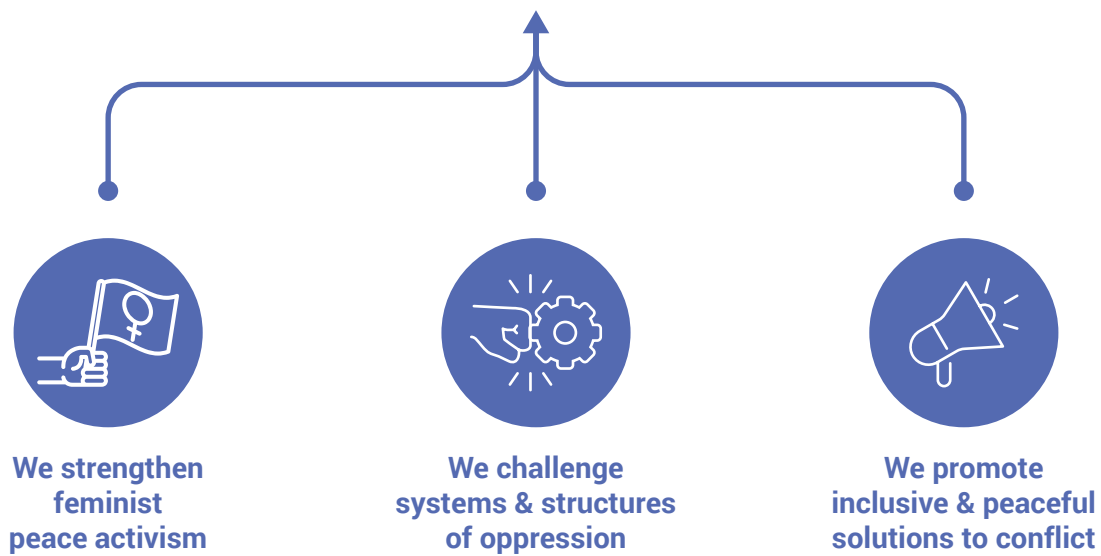


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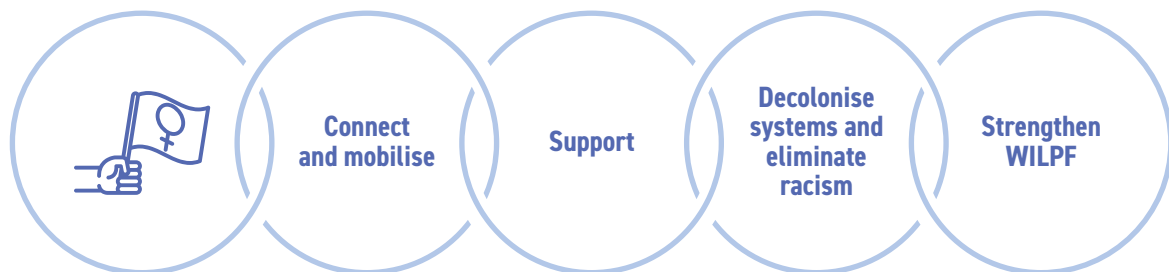
How We Work

This chapter outlines the long-term approach to our work – what we believe we need to do, how we approach it, and the methods we use, to implement our Global Priorities and make progress on our goals. This guides our approach to work at the local, national, regional, and global levels.



We believe that by strengthening feminist peace activism, challenging systems and structures of oppression and promoting inclusive and peaceful solutions to conflict, we can make progress on our goals.

We strengthen feminist peace activism



We connect and mobilise feminist peace activists and allies from local to global, fostering dialogue and collaboration to advance feminist leadership in peacemaking. We support feminist activists by advocating for their protection, collective care, and proper resourcing. We work to decolonise systems and eliminate racism by confronting colonialism, centering Indigenous and marginalised knowledge, and embracing diverse feminist perspectives. Together, these commitments will strengthen WILPF as both an organisation and a global movement, holding ourselves accountable and living our values in all we do.

We challenge systems and structures of oppression



We expose, disrupt, and challenge the systems and structures of oppression – patriarchy, militarism, nationalism, capitalism, racism, and colonialism – by demonstrating how they are interconnected. We organise against militarism and war, and advocate for peaceful solutions to conflict. We mobilise for human rights, gender justice and environmental justice and sustainability by pressuring states and corporations to fulfil their obligations and to protect and expand civic space. We promote policies that prioritise human wellbeing over profit, making clear the inseparable links between gender justice and socioeconomic justice. We use human rights and intersectional gender analysis, informed by people impacted by violence, and promote feminist alternatives.

We promote inclusive and peaceful solutions to conflict



We mobilise for peace, promote violence prevention and support inclusive, peaceful solutions to conflict at all levels of society. We engage men as active partners in feminist peace and gender justice. We respond to crises through feminist diplomacy and solidarity, while demanding global to local accountability on WPS and Youth Peace and Security agendas (YPS) rooted in human rights and prevention. We leverage international law and champion inclusive multilateral systems. We advance transformative peace and violence prevention through peacebuilding, peace education, and advocacy on the continuum of violence and gender-based violence at every level. And we continue to demand the reduction and redirection of military spending toward care, community infrastructure, and the rights that truly keep people safe.



Our methods

We bridge and link the experiences of women and feminist activists between local realities and international forums, and use a number of methods to pursue our actions:

Activism and organising

Working together as peace activists all over the world, we undertake nonviolent activism. This includes public campaigns, protests, boycotts, peace art, and political rallies. WILPF organises locally and globally.

Analysis and reflection

We use different analytical approaches to better understand and study the causes of war, conflict, and violence and their interconnections. For example, we develop and promote intersectional analysis and feminist political economy, historical, and socio-cultural analysis.

Awareness-raising

Through cross-cultural communication, community-level discussions, media relations, and peace education, we reach wider groups of people to deepen reflections on and transform mindsets related to systems of oppression.

Advocacy

We use advocacy to advance concrete changes in practices, policies, laws, norms, programmes, and systems for permanent peace and to promote human rights and accountability. Advocacy work focuses primarily on governments, parliamentarians, the United Nations, regional institutions, and other actors to stop violence and work to abolish the causes of war. We also conduct advocacy with others, including non-state actors and civil society, to help create a favourable climate for feminist peace.

Alliance-building

We build bridges and join and form alliances with like-minded communities, organisations, movements, policymakers, diplomats, and politicians.

Solidarity dialogues

We create spaces to bring women and feminist activists together to mobilise, learn from each other, and strengthen our collective power.

Mobilising and resourcing feminist peace

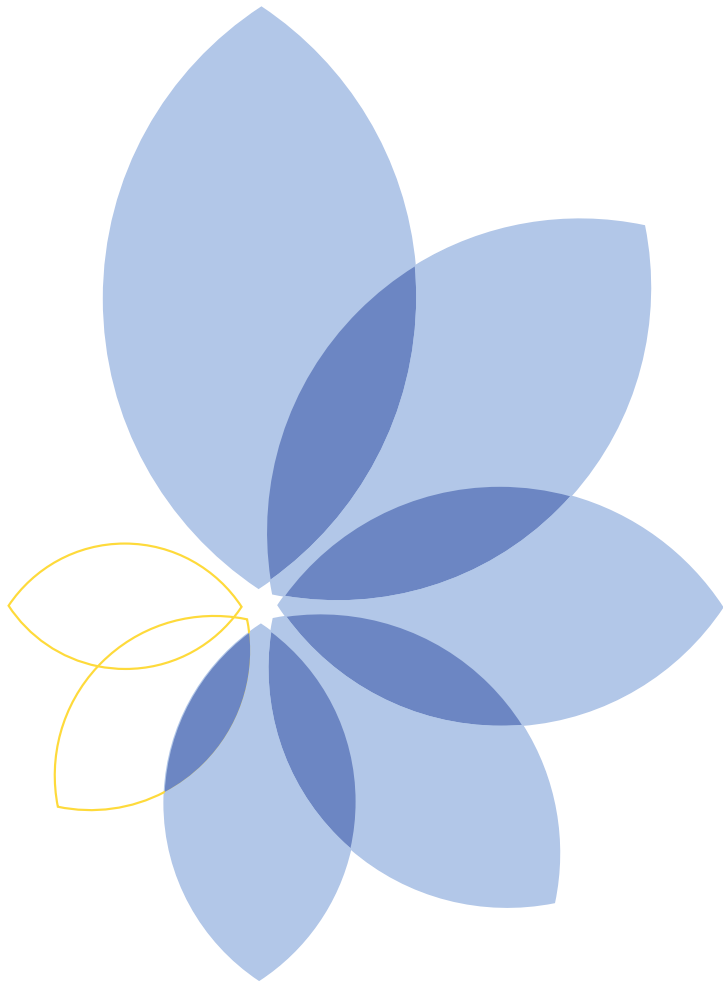
We mobilise resources and mutual support to strengthen and enable local, national, and global actions of WILPF Sections, Groups, and partners, and advocate for feminist activism to be effectively funded and resourced.

Who we work with

As a global network of feminist peace activists from diverse contexts, we work with fellow activists, local communities, and like-minded organisations and social movements.

Who we seek to influence

We seek to influence and hold accountable those who make policy, those who create and promote systems and structures of oppression, and those who act against our vision. This includes governments, multilateral government bodies (including regional institutions), individual decision-makers, companies, and warring parties, as well as people and communities worldwide.



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CHAPTER 5

Strengthening WILPF

We believe that the work we do to strengthen WILPF is a long-term, ongoing, participatory process with Sections, Groups, the IB and the IS. It will contribute overall to our goal of a powerful movement, which in turn supports us to make progress on our goals to transform mindsets, prevent violence and provide feminist alternatives.

Significant challenges such as funding shortages, security risks, psychological stress and activism burn out, membership sustainability and backlash against feminist movements are real, but so is our collective capacity to resist and grow.

Together, we can build a powerful, inclusive, and intersectional feminist movement that has the power to bring about systemic change.

Better align practices and actions with our values

We will:

- Create spaces for dialogue to reconcile diverse opinions, strengthening foundations of trust, transparency, and accountability across all bodies of the organisation.
- Build a culture of learning that shares expertise horizontally, promotes equality and intersectional collaboration, and supports current and future leaders to embody our values in all they do.
- Deepen our organisation-wide commitment to eliminating systemic racism and discrimination, fostering empathy, restoration, and inclusivity as we build a movement that celebrates our global diversity.
- Apply WILPF's Feminist Integrity Framework to internal conflict resolution, ensuring we learn from our own differences and grow stronger through them.

Ensure a future WILPF

We will:

- Mobilise and invest in young and emerging leaders, strengthening intergenerational cooperation through the Young WILPF network.
- Enhance fundraising capacity in alignment with feminist principles of accountability, flexibility, and movement building.
- Build strategies to better mobilise the full range of human and material resources within our global membership.

Strengthen governance and accountability

We will:

- Improve transparency in decision-making, roles, and responsibilities across the organisation.
- Enhance funding transparency through ethical fundraising practices aligned with our feminist values.
- Establish a collective understanding of and commitment to tackling structural racism, ableism, ageism, classism, and all other forms of discrimination within WILPF.

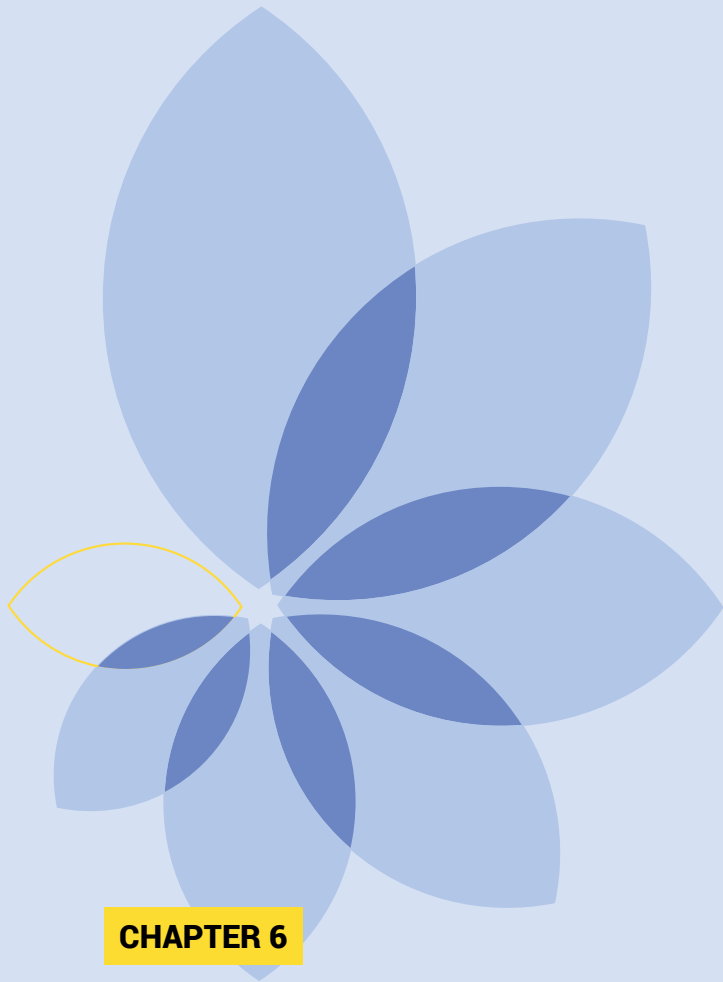
Ensure we can all relate to our systems, structures, processes, and practices

We will:

- Strengthen horizontal organisational structures – such as communication pathways, advisory bodies, regional resourcing, and collective learning – so that all parts of WILPF contribute to setting our strategic direction.
- Improve our collective approach to decision-making, movement building, and leadership.
- Ensure our growing and diversifying membership is supported, heard, and kept connected through strong organising and communication practices.

The Global Priorities show which aspects of strengthening WILPF will be of focus in 2026–2029.

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CHAPTER 6

Our Priorities

The unprecedented challenges of our time demand urgent action, and in the context of shrinking resources, we must sharpen our focus to prioritise the work that will have the greatest impact over the next three years. Now is the time for action.

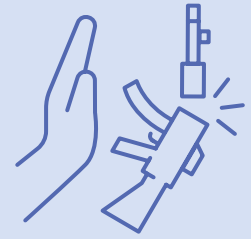
These priority actions, developed collaboratively, will guide the work of all parts of WILPF, including the IS, Sections, Groups, Regions, working groups, committees, and networks. WILPF recognizes that all Sections, especially those working in conflict-affected or conflict zones, or politically unstable or repressive contexts, face different realities, risks and capacities. Accordingly, these priorities offer a shared focus that Sections can adapt based on their national priorities, while aligning with the IP Global Priorities and Goals.

The priorities are interlinked, reflecting interconnected systems of oppression. Progress in one priority will contribute to progress in others. Collectively, our work across all five priorities will advance WILPF's long-term IP Goals.

We encourage joint planning and regional coordination and cooperation among Sections to advance these priorities at the regional level. Across all Priorities, it will be important to focus on building relationships with other relevant organisations, movements or coalitions for joint advocacy work and campaigns.

Through this work, we will continue to challenge systems and structures of oppression, promote inclusive and peaceful approaches to conflict, and strengthen feminist peace activism.



GLOBAL PRIORITY 1**Challenge militarism and advocate for demilitarisation and disarmament**

Disarmament and demilitarisation are fundamental to permanent peace and to the achievement of WILPF's vision. Advocating for disarmament and demilitarisation has been core to WILPF's work since its founding in 1915.

In the current moment of unprecedented escalating militarism, we must urgently redefine security as human security, rooted in justice, equality, and the wellbeing of people and the planet: and we must reject the false narrative that increasing militarism makes us safer and advocate for building the systems and structures for non-violence conflict resolution. Since the time of WILPF's founding, we have learned that militarism does not deliver peace, human rights, women's rights, or environmental protection. On the contrary, militarism actively destroys the conditions necessary for peace, justice, and sustainability.

WILPF's intersectional approach grounds disarmament advocacy in feminist, decolonial, queer, and anti-racist perspectives, and integrates political economy, human rights, and environmental justice.

Our priority actions**01 Publicly advocate to challenge the dominant narrative that increased militarisation increases security**

- Campaign to "Move the Money" to redirect military spending towards peace initiatives, social services and the public good.
- Advocate for whole-of-government demilitarisation (incl. the police, immigration, etc.) to promote human rights and human security.

02 Advocate for nuclear abolition

- Promote the ratification and implementation of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and the fulfillment of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty's (NPT) nuclear disarmament obligations.
- Advocate against nuclear weapons testing, modernisation, and expansion.
- Raise awareness of the current threat of nuclear weapons to humanity and the historical harms on people (including the disproportionate harms on Indigenous Peoples, poor communities and communities of colour, and women and girls) and on the planet.
- Communicate the dangers of using nuclear power, on the environment and human security.

03

Advocate against the military-industrial complex and for the effective control and regulation of small arms and explosive weapons

- Monitor and advocate to challenge weapons manufacturing, the global arms trade and war profiteering.
- Monitor and hold states to account for violations of the Arms Trade Treaty, the Political Declaration on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, and other relevant human rights and international humanitarian law mechanisms.
- Oppose militarisation of Artificial Intelligence and other technologies and make known the risks and harms of AI more broadly (environment, gender, surveillance, state violence, etc.).

04

Challenge militarised masculinities and mobilise men for feminist peace

- Expose and raise awareness of the links between violence, masculinities and militarism, challenging the gender norms, identities and institutions that normalise control and the use of violence, and promote alternatives to end such forms of 'militarised identities'.
- Elevate feminist, queer, anti-racist, and anti-imperialist perspectives and analysis of weapons and war.
- Grounded in feminist leadership, work collaboratively in communities to directly engage with and mobilise men and boys as accountable allies for Feminist Peace.

Inspiration for localisation of Priority 1

Building on the 2021 research *Confronting Militarized Masculinities*, LIMPAL and its partner – the Collective Action of Conscientious Objectors (ACOOOC) – implemented 22 “Confronting Masculinities” workshops in 2023–2024, reaching 1,430 young people in schools and universities across some of the most conflict-affected regions of Colombia. The agenda on masculinities, youth, and violence has expanded through research examining how violence operates across conflict and digital spaces. The report *Dispossessing Children: Gender Violence and Forced Recruitment in Colombia* explores how militarised logics shape young people’s lives and gendered experiences. Meanwhile, *The Manosphere as a Techno-Affective Device of Militarism* analyses misogynistic and antifeminist online discourses targeting youth, contributing to the reproduction of violent, authoritarian, and male-dominated narratives.





GLOBAL PRIORITY 2

Demand ecological justice

The climate and ecological crises are rooted and deeply intertwined in militarism, colonial legacies, and economic systems that prioritise profit over people and the planet, with disproportionate impacts on women, LGBTQIA+ communities, and Indigenous peoples who are often most exposed to ecological harm.

Demanding ecological justice is an urgent strategic priority to respond to escalating ecological destruction which is happening with impunity. It calls for a feminist political economic system that directly challenges extractive capitalist practices and reimagines our relationship with nature as one of care and interdependence rather than exploitation. Without a decisive shift toward ecological justice and degrowth, current models of development will continue to deepen inequality, and accelerate environmental collapse, and insecurity – making this focus not just urgent, but essential for a livable future.

Our priority actions

01 Publicly communicate the connections between militarism, colonialism, imperialism, migration, technology, economic growth, climate change, and conflict

- Conduct research and analysis, and public advocacy campaigns in collaboration with climate justice movements to raise awareness of the intersection of these issues and intensify peacebuilding.

02 Advocate to hold militaries and corporations to account for climate change and the ecological crisis

- Advocate for accountability of the climate and social impacts of militarism.
- Advocate in international climate spaces, including CoP meetings, Bonn Conference, and Fossil Fuel Phase-Out Conferences to shift priorities, dialogue and commitments.

03 Advocate for a gender and conflict-sensitive just transition away from fossil fuels

- Campaign for the development and adoption of a Fossil Fuel Treaty and lobby for commitments from councils, cities and countries.
- Advocate for degrowth and raise awareness of sufficiency policies.

Inspiration for localisation of Priority 2

WILPF Zimbabwe's community training on renewable energy led to 43 functional biogas digesters across rural wards in Kwekwe District, providing sustainable energy for households and schools. Leveraging its track record, WILPF Zimbabwe attracted Plan International to co-implement projects in climate-affected communities, delivering two classroom blocks and safe accommodation for girls from vulnerable and climate-affected communities. Pioneering research on climate change, militarism, and gender elevated WILPF Zimbabwe to global thought leadership – lead researcher Edwick Madzimure received the 2025 Nuclear-Free Future Award and represented Africa at the Tri-Lateral Conference on Nuclear Disarmament in Brazil.





GLOBAL PRIORITY 3

Reclaiming the WPS Agenda for feminist transformation

Amidst a rapidly shifting global order, it is imperative that the WPS Agenda be reclaimed by our movements and transformed for its continued relevance and impact.

WILPF critically shaped the advocacy for and design of the WPS resolutions, and of national implementation frameworks. It has mobilised civil society engagement for resourcing and implementation, and critiqued the securitisation of the WPS Agenda. In 2026–2029 WILPF will challenge the “business as usual” approach to WPS and mobilise to advocate for transformative impact. The record levels of military spending, armed conflict, displacement, and humanitarian crisis in our world today demand urgent systematic responses. Increasing women’s participation in unjust systems and processes will not shift power. Reclaiming the WPS Agenda as transformative tool for shifting power – and not just a checklist – means centering prevention as the most vital pillar, creating and implementing effective monitoring and accountability measures, and decentering security. The WPS Agenda must make prevention and accountability non-negotiable.

The current disruptive context is also an opportunity for reckoning: WILPF Sections, members, partners and the whole feminist movement must reimagine feminist collective ways of work, to create spaces for cross-border solidarity, knowledge-sharing and coordinated advocacy. The WPS Agenda provides a critical pathway for WILPF to ensure that the wisdom, needs and recommendations of feminist peace actors shape the global agenda for peace and security.

Our priority actions

01 Advocate to reclaim the agenda as a transformative, feminist, WPS Agenda

- Document and amplify the feminist peace work of WILPF at all levels, showing the evidence that feminist alternatives are already building sustainable peace.
- Create space for multi-stakeholder dialogue and exchange about a transformed and reclaimed feminist WPS Agenda at the local, national, regional and international levels, even when faced with exclusion.
- Challenge the current narrow, transactional, elite-driven, militaristic and capitalistic approach to implementation.

02 Advocate to prioritise and operationalise prevention as the foundational pillar of the WPS Agenda

- Advocate that states and other stakeholders address the root causes of conflict – such as poverty, inequality, patriarchy, extractivism and climate injustice – while demanding disarmament and demilitarisation in all aspects of life.
- Empower women-led movements that already prevent violence in their communities, such as early warning-systems and community-based peace networks.
- Work for the prevention of all forms of violence, including different forms of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and sexual violence in conflict (CRSV), including by exposing the ways in which militarism fuels GBV.

03

Hold the UN, regional bodies and national governments to account for implementation of the WPS Agenda at all levels, challenging institutional hypocrisy

- Connect local and national level demands to regional and global policy discussions by creating spaces for, and amplifying, local and national advocacy.
- Support independent tracking of WPS implementation, such as advocating for a system of shadow reports, and inclusion of civil society in National Action Plan monitoring bodies.
- Advocate for, contribute to, monitor, and evaluate National and local Action Plans (NAPs) on UNSCR 1325 and YPS, and advocate for NAPs to be funded, holistic, and transformative in their approach.
- Put pressure on governments and actors who are active in mediation to incorporate women's meaningful participation, agendas, and gender perspectives.

04

Mobilise in solidarity with women and feminist movements, particularly in specific conflict and crisis-affected contexts

- Support WILPF members and partners in existing conflict and crisis-affected contexts, including amplifying their demands in advocacy and WPS discussions.
- Continue to expose arms flows and human rights violations, contesting extractivist and privatised "reconstruction" policies, and proposing recovery paths rooted in feminist alternatives – investments in community, environmental repair, and social infrastructure.
- Engage in advocacy and WPS discussions on new and changing conflicts and global issues, centering and amplifying the priorities of affected Sections and partners.

Inspiration for localisation of Priority 3

In the DRC, WILPF supported grassroots implementation of UNSCR 1325 through community training, women's mediation initiatives, and localisation of WPS frameworks in conflict-affected eastern provinces. WILPF DRC contributed to strengthening women's participation in local conflict prevention and dialogue processes in areas where peace and security structures are traditionally dominated by armed actors and male political elites. Its advocacy and training linked conflict-related sexual violence to militarism, displacement, and extractive economies, helping shift discussions beyond protection alone toward structural causes of insecurity. WILPF DRC also helped sustain women-led peace networks and civic organising despite ongoing violence and chronic underfunding, contributing to continuity of feminist peacebuilding infrastructure in one of the world's most protracted conflict settings.





GLOBAL PRIORITY 4

Revitalise the multilateral system

At this moment, we must support an effective reformed multilateral system while advocating for new forums that genuinely recognise and respect the sovereignty of countries. By strengthening preventive and accountability mechanisms for serious human rights violations, WILPF will contribute to a revived global architecture committed to and capable of resolving international disputes. In the presence of a reformed and functioning UN, the need for, and value of, weapons for security falls away, as non-violent conflict resolution becomes the norm.

The current UN80 reform process is a critical moment for WILPF to advocate fiercely to resist the gender backlash and preserve gender equality architecture and standards, including across all UN programming and budgeting. This is also an opportunity for WILPF's critique of the structural inequalities of the multilateral system to influence systemic reform discussions to be more transformative.

We know that the vast majority of countries respect and believe in a system of international law that applies equally to all. That majority matters. WILPF's focus on strategic and complementary coalition-building will both isolate international norm violations and reinforce the majority approach to resist anti-rights political agendas and revive the multilateral system's capacity to promote peaceful cooperation, mutual trust, and non-violent conflict resolution.

We were present at the creation of the multilateral system and have spent over a century advocating from within it, challenging it, and recommending reforms so it can live up to its own promises. That history gives us credibility, legitimacy, and responsibility. Today, we must be both in the streets, at the table with governments, and wherever decisions are made — ensuring that feminist voices meaningfully shape the policies that determine our collective future.

Our priority actions

01

Advocate for accountability for international law and international human rights law violations, including through the UN

- Continue to advocate for and support accountability frameworks, including for gender persecution and gender apartheid; and protect space for feminist organizing and networks to support accountability mechanisms.
- Hold governments to account for violations of international law (including invasions, occupations and state destabilization efforts) and support the actions of the ICJ, ICC and the Hague Group.
- Remind governments of their commitments and responsibilities as members of the UN, treaties, and penholders on certain topics.
- Support actions for divestment and trade boycotts against any state committing genocide, war crimes or severe human rights violations.
- Support the development of new international laws to constrain violence and war and protect human rights and ecological wellbeing.

02 Expand alternative advocacy spaces by supporting alternative multilateral and regional alliances

- Advocate for more states to join the Hague Group or form similar cross-regional solidarity alliances to uphold international law and form counterbalances to the so-called superpowers or spheres of influence.
- Create spaces for dialogue between WILPF members to explore alternatives and solutions or consider alternative institutions that make states truly accountable for their violations.

03 Advocate for changes to reform the United Nations to build systems and structures for non-violent conflict resolution

- Advocate for the democratization of the UN Security Council (SC) and an end to veto power, while supporting long-term initiatives to abolish the SC.
- Engage with forward looking reform processes such as UN80, and the UN Declaration on Future Generations, and promote a non-violent multilateralism.
- Stand up against backlash against gender equality and advocate for a more feminist, decolonial UN.
- Continue to advocate for a larger role of civil society groups, especially feminist groups, in a revitalised multilateral system.

Inspiration for localisation of Priority 4

WILPF Afghanistan has consistently led advocacy initiatives for international accountability mechanisms for international law violations in Afghanistan. Collaborative advocacy with a network of partners led to the UN Human Rights Council resolving in October 2025 to establish the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Afghanistan. The mandate of this human rights body is to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of international crimes and the most serious violations of international law, including those that may also amount to violations and abuses of international human rights law, committed in Afghanistan.





GLOBAL PRIORITY 5

Strengthening WILPF

WILPF faces many collective crises in this moment – including shrinking civic space, reduced funding, security risks, psychological stress, increased division, activism burn out, and membership mobilization. We are committed to a collective response to respond, adapt and innovate to strengthen our movement to achieve greater, and more transformative, impact in the world. Our commitment to intergenerational and intersectional leadership is central to this. Supporting young feminist leadership through the Young WILPF network is essential to our survival and renewal as a movement.

We recognise that strengthening WILPF requires deepening our understanding of what true inclusion means in daily practice – building and adopting intersectional and intergenerational approaches, advancing anti-racism, and ensuring trans and non-binary inclusivity across our movement. We acknowledge that WILPF, like all organisations that have developed in the global minority, has colonial traditions and that any neo-colonial structures that persist need to be named, challenged, and addressed. This means being genuinely accountable – to our members, to one another, and to the global communities we stand in solidarity with. In the coming years, WILPF will practice accountability across the movement through our Feminist Integrity Framework. We know this will strengthen WILPF, and that a stronger WILPF is built on trust and collaboration: across and within all of WILPF's organs – National Sections, its governance bodies, and the Secretariat. That trust needs to be cultivated with dedication and consistency.

Our priority actions

01 Work towards sustainability through feminist resource mobilization strategies

- Fundraise in line with our ethics and values, for flexible funding to support our projects, activities and people who do the work, while growing and diversifying our funding strategies. Seek and advocate for flexible multi-year funding to cover core institutional costs.
- Mobilise non-financial resources including skills, knowledge, experience, networks, and connections. As a global membership organisation, we are rich in internal resources!
- Re-engage and attract new people into WILPF by strengthening collective identity and sense of belonging especially for young people and those in the diaspora, building visibility and engagement through communications, public campaigns, activism and grassroots work.
- Actively collaborate, cooperate and nurture relationships with other like-minded communities, networks and movements to build mutual support and support for the implementation of all priorities of the IP.

02 Strengthen WILPF feminist Governance, leadership and accountability at all levels

- Focus on sustainable, inclusive and accountable governance structures at all levels of WILPF (national, regional and international) .
- Build feminist leadership through power analysis, integrating intersectional and intergenerational approaches, horizontal or shared leadership models, and collective care.

- Strengthen mutual accountability across WILPF by applying WILPF's Feminist Integrity Framework, which includes establishing clear accountability lines and shared agreements, mitigating conflict through culture building and addressing conflicts or disagreements when they arise.
- Prioritise learning, sharing and mutual accountability on the joint implementation of the IP across WILPF bodies and members through Dialogue sessions, Section-to-Section support, etc.
- Build cultures of care and resilience by strengthening community, care practices, healing and support.

03 Strengthen connection and collaboration across Sections, regions, the IS, and thematic priorities

- Strengthen cross-border collaboration through regional and international collective action and campaigns.
- Strengthen regional coordination by enhancing regional communication channels, building accessible directories and creating spaces for collaboration. This is supported by stronger regional coordination roles and systems such as Section and Regional Liaisons and coordination groups.
- Strengthen our internal coordination on thematic areas through Working Groups (internationally, regionally and at Section level) to exchange practices, research, ideas, and strategies relating to Disarmament, Environment, WPS and Membership.

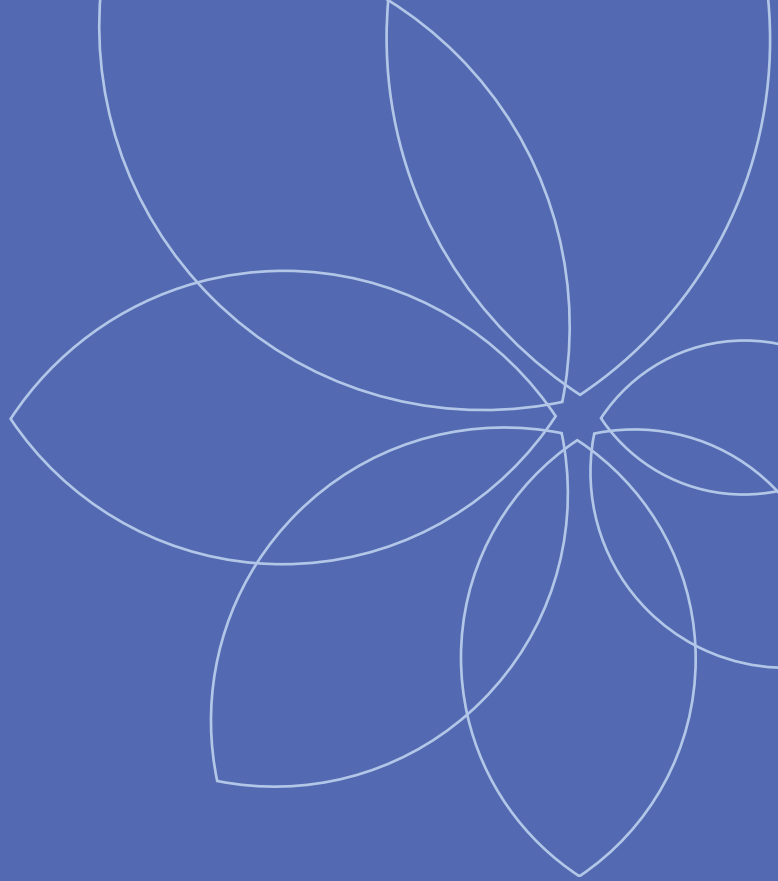
04 Building intersectional and intergenerational approaches

- Implement the Young WILPF Strategy 2026–2029 to build youth leadership and participation across WILPF.
- Strengthen intergenerational connection, collaboration and learning through mentorship and co-leadership.
- Support and welcome women in the diaspora of conflict affected regions, ensure their voices are represented in WILPF Sections and in Working Groups.
- Develop a unified statement on trans-inclusion and work together to foster inclusivity and raise awareness of how LGBTIQ+ people are essential to our cause.
- Work on disparities within WILPF affecting accessibility (including Visa challenges, internet and electricity issues) to ensure equal ability to participate in WILPF's work.

Inspiration for localisation of Priority 5

WILPF Sweden's ambassador programme has created valuable opportunities to engage and mobilise a new generation of young women. Through training, study visits, and outreach activities, the participants not only strengthened their own knowledge and leadership skills, but also contributed to spreading WILPF's perspectives to wider audiences, particularly in schools.



**CONCLUSION**

From Strategy to Feminist Practice

The WILPF International Programme, including the 2026–2029 Global Priorities, was developed through an extensive, participatory process involving members and IS staff from all over the world.

As a strategic document, it inspires the movement to take action and guides our collective work – through the shared Global Priorities and our common vision – positioning us to connect, mobilise and ACT.

To support each Section and Group begin the process implementing the Global Priorities and applying the International Programme to their own work, a suggested Action Plan template is provided in the Annex. This can be adapted to the specific needs of each Section and Group.

As part of our commitment to learning and sharing to ensure continuous improvement and impact, a collective results framework for the whole of WILPF will be developed, supporting our understanding of our progress and achievement of our goals.

Ultimately, WILPF will meet the challenges we face and will continue – as we have done for more than 100 years – to strive for a world of permanent peace, built on the foundations of freedom, justice, non-violence, human rights and equality for all.

Action Plan Template

The purpose of this template is to support WILPF National Sections, Groups (and even global working groups) to develop a simple action plan. While the International Programme is the strategic document that guides our movement, each WILPF National Section and Group need to create their own action plan to implement the International Programme in line with your local context, realities and priorities.

This action plan template is framed around the Global Priorities outlined in the International Programme. These provide a shared focus that can be adapted to local contexts, while allowing Sections to continue working on national priorities, which also align with the IP Goals.

Share your Action Plans by sending your filled in template (or Action Plan in your own format) to membership@wilpf.org! Plans are added to the 'Priorities and Plans' page on myWILPF so that we can all have visibility across the movement, identify synergies and strengthen collaboration and collective action.

1. **Context:** What are the main issues that your Section/Group/Working Group is working to address in 2026–2029?
2. **Priorities:** Which priorities help you address the issues raised above? Check all the priorities you will work on. Remember, you do not have to work on all 5 Global Priorities, and you can also identify additional priorities relevant to your specific context. Please refer to Chapter 6 for more information on the Global Priorities.
 - Challenge Militarism and Advocate for Demilitarisation and Disarmament
 - Demand Ecological Justice
 - Reclaiming the WPS Agenda for Feminist Transformation
 - Revitalizing the Multilateral System
 - Strengthening WILPF
 - Other _____ (add more lines if necessary)
3. **Actions:** For each priority you indicated above, what are the main actions/activities you will do? Include any other Sections/Groups/Working Groups or other organisations in your network that you plan to collaborate with. Add more lines or adapt this table as needed.

Priority	Actions / Activities	Who is responsible	Timeline	What result do you hope to see?

4. **Results:** What are the specific changes or results – in relation to the IP goals – you hope to see as a result of your actions? Please refer to Chapter 3.

Note: A Results Framework will be developed for the International Programme. This will support in mapping and measuring our collective work on the Global Priorities and understanding our progress on the IP Goals.

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