PARTICIPANT’S GUIDE

GLOBAL SOUTH WOMEN’S FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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A. Background

International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW Asia Pacific) is delighted to host the Global South Women’s Forum on Sustainable Development under the theme ‘Border CTRL’, which spotlights conversations about challenging and dismantling border regimes. Our sessions will be built around lived experiences of migration, and center those who have been impacted by border regimes. Our goals for this year’s forum is to build capacity and solidarity around our shared and intersecting agendas to counter the violence caused by bureaucratic documentation, carceral measures, and disenfranchisement of non-citizens and stateless people.

GSWF 2023 includes transnational and cross-sectoral representation of movement actors and activists forging links across borders, highlighting common struggles and sharing experiences and strategies, with a pointedly Global South focus. This year’s forum will:

- share impacts of border regimes on the lived experience of people on the move and those facing detention, and strategies to counteract these;
- share analyses by NGOs of governments’ responses to the exposure of border violence and border-related inequalities and their impacts on the lives of marginalised people; and
- bring examples of possible or already implemented intersectional, intergenerational and inclusive feminist responses to border violence.

We look forward to collective organising and action across feminist and other justice-oriented movements, knowledge exchange, debate, strategising and joyful celebration of our strength, resilience, and gains.
B. Important notes for participants

Virtual safety guidelines and principles (1)

IWRAW Asia Pacific is committed to making GSWF 2023 as inclusive and productive as possible. We seek your support to ensure that GSWF 2023 is a safe and digital environment.

Participants are obliged to be respectful and to avoid replicating societal prejudices and inequalities, particularly on factors including, but not limited to, race, national and/or ethnic origin, immigration status, indigeneity, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, mental illness, physical appearance, class, religion, engagement in sex work, and engagement in drug use. For further information, please see our policy on addressing rights of marginalised groups of women.

IWRAW Asia Pacific will not tolerate harassment of any kind, including, but not limited to:

- deliberate intimidation;
- sustained disruption of discussion; and
- continued one-on-one communication after requests to cease harassment/disruption.
B. Important notes for Participants

Virtual safety guidelines and principles (2)

Thus, please adhere to the following safety guidelines and principles:

- honour confidentiality and respect GSWF 2023 as a safe space that is committed to open dialogue and transparency.
- show empathy towards other community members and respect one another. Listen, avoid assumptions, enable different opinions. Critique ideas, not people.
- allow everyone to participate, avoid dominating the conversation and honour time limits.
- respect the diversity of languages, opinions and expertise, while acknowledging that sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, Global North domination and other institutionalised forms of oppression exist.
- be positive and seek unity. Build people’s ideas up rather than knocking them down, and refrain from personal attacks.

If you have experienced any form of harassment, or encountered a hostile online environment in GSWF 2023, please report the experience to gswf@iwraw-ap.org. We welcome any suggestions you may have on ensuring that the virtual GSWF is a safe space for all of us.
B. Important notes for participants

Confidentiality and consent

Unless otherwise indicated on the session page, all GSWF 2023 sessions are held live on Zoom, will be livestreamed on the IWRAW Asia Pacific FaceBook page, uploaded to the IWRAW Asia Pacific YouTube channel and will be recorded. If you have any concerns, please email gswf@iwraw-ap.org. For more information on the Zoom platform, please refer to section E of this guide.

As all sessions are held live (unless otherwise indicated), we kindly request that you do not share your personal particulars on Zoom during the session should you not feel comfortable doing so - this could include, but would not be limited to:

- **Name**: Please note that you are able to change your username on Zoom prior to or during your attendance. If you attend a session that is livestreamed on FaceBook, you have to be logged in with a FaceBook account. Please note that your comment during the session will be associated with your FaceBook account username. Learn more about your privacy settings on FaceBook [here](#).
- **Personal Information**: Please do not share your personal information including mobile numbers, credit card numbers, etc., on any of the GSWF 2023 platforms.

Although sessions will be publicly accessible, please be mindful that information shared by others may carry a different weight on social media and elsewhere, which may in addition be exacerbated by lack of sufficient context. Please consider potential repercussions and take steps to avoid compromising the security or well-being of participants whose messages you wish to amplify.
C. Schedule and overview

There are a total of 16 sessions over four (4) days from 28 October to 31 October (1 November depending on your timezone) 2023 with partners across the Global South.

Sessions curated for GSWF 2023 include plenary sessions, panel discussions, workshops, creativity and cultural corners.

All session times are indicated in UTC time as well as your local time (based on the time set on your computer or mobile/tablet device) on the programme page of GSWF 2023.

Please check individual session pages for more information on each session. Each page will provide a short summary of the session, bios of speakers, and uploads of presentations when available. Please note that unless otherwise indicated, all sessions of GSWF 2023 will be held in English; session pages will indicate any language interpretation provided. All sessions will also be live captioned in English.
Please visit the GSWF 2023 programme page to register for ‘Border CTRL’.

Participants are able to register to attend any of the sessions at any point in time. Once you register, you should receive a confirmation email which provides you with all the Zoom links for each of the sessions. **Please note you are required to register again for each session via the Zoom links that are sent upon confirmation.** If you do not receive the email, please check your spam folder; if it is not there, please email gswf@iwraw-ap.org.
E. Conference platform

A Zoom account is not required to attend sessions for participants. However, a Zoom account is required for all panelists who are participating in sessions held on the Zoom Webinar platform. To register for a Zoom account, please click [here](#).

Once you have registered for GSWF 2023 and received the email with all the Zoom links, please ensure that you register to join each of the sessions that you are interested in. For information on how to register for the conference, please refer to Section D: Conference and session registration.

- Once you have registered for each of the sessions you are interested in via the link provided, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom with instructions on how to join the session.
- Please ensure that you provide the correct email address upon registration or you will not receive the instructions to join the session.
- Please also check your spam folder if a confirmation email is not received.
- If you still have difficulties please contact gswf@iwraw-ap.org

If you will be accessing spoken interpretation offered by the session organiser, please make sure that you have downloaded the Zoom client on your desktop or mobile/tablet device and are using it to attend the session. Please also make sure that you have updated your Zoom client to the latest version prior to the sessions.

All sessions of GSWF 2023 will offer live captioning.

Most sessions, unless indicated as closed sessions, will be available and livestreamed on the IWRAW Asia Pacific FaceBook page and YouTube channel. However, please note that interpretation will only be accessible if you join the session via Zoom.
F. Zoom etiquette

Sharing video: As the majority of the sessions are held on Zoom Meeting, please do not activate your share video function unless you are requested by the session organisers. All participants will have their video disabled and will not be able to activate their video in Zoom Webinar.

Interpretation: Only selected sessions will have interpretation offered. Please indicate in the chat box if you have any issues with accessing interpretation.

Raise hand: If this is enabled by the session organisers, during the discussion sections of sessions, please use the ‘raise hand’ function and wait for the chair/moderator of the session to invite you to speak.

Activating microphone: If you are attending a session on the Zoom Webinar platform, you will not be able to unmute your microphone. Your microphone will be unmuted by the session host only if you are selected to speak in the session during discussion and/or during a breakout group. If you are attending a session on the Zoom Meeting platform, please keep your microphone muted to help keep background noise to a minimum.

Asking a question or providing comments: Please use the Q&A function in Zoom to interact with each other and raise questions. You are able to ‘like’ or ‘upvote’ comments made, and comment on others’ questions and comments. For Zoom Meetings, the Q&A function will be unavailable, but you may use the public chat box to engage with one another.

Maintaining the bandwidth of your session: To ensure that your internet connection is maintained during the session, please minimise or close other applications that may affect the bandwidth of your engagement on Zoom.

Sharing of personal information: Please do not at any point in time share your personal information (bank details, passwords, etc) in the chat and/or Q&A. The session will be recorded and in most cases livestreamed; please be mindful not to share information that may provide personal identifiers.
We look forward to your participation and active engagement!

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