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Disrupting Macroeconomics: A Forum to Learn, Strategise, and Celebrate Feminist Visions for Economic Justice
VOICES FROM PREVIOUS GSWFS
We, the women from the Global South ... reaffirm our commitment to women’s human rights in the implementation of the sustainable development agenda ...

We remain concerned that structures (such as neoliberalism, neocolonialism, patriarchy and androcentrism) only create inequality and social, cultural, political, economic and environmental crisis for all. For this reason, we call for a paradigm shift.

Global South Women’s Declaration – 2016
Fundamentalist projects strive where democracy is denied; where human rights are denied; where people are denied the right to participate in decision making ... And if such projects are gaining ground in the world at large it is because there is no democratic world order.

Savitri Goonesekere, former CEDAW Committee member
We need to acknowledge that human rights are universally applicable for everyone, including refugees.

Women’s rights activists from Jordan.
Donors are not taking any measures to address and end an occupation that is not allowing any sustainable development.

Women's rights activists from Palestine
Corporate power is one that we should focus on as much as we focus on state power. How would we ground the rights around enabling conditions without a state that is actually empowered to deliver them?

Audrey Lee, Senior Programme Manager, IWRAW AP
2020 - AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR

We face significant threats to the rights of women, marginalised groups and the planet, from those eager to maintain the status quo.
But collective organising and action continue across feminist and other justice-oriented movements where feminists are sharing knowledge, debating issues, strategising, and joyfully celebrating our strength, our resilience, and our gains. We are calling for transformative action, justice, and reparations.
Macroeconomic policy plays an important role in maintaining, deepening, or alleviating these inequalities.
This role is sometimes hard to see, and the connection to feminist and women’s rights movements is hidden behind technical language and closed-door processes that weaken accountability and democratic participation.
The Global South Women’s Forum 2020 brings together diverse Global South women’s groups from several regions of the world to discuss how macroeconomic policy decisions impact every aspect of our lives - and how we can impact them in return.

Global South women are linking the local to the global, and the global to the local.
During #GSWF2020 you can join these different groups as they share their experiences and their visions for a different kind of macroeconomics – through conversations, through poetry, through music, through art.
And as we did in Cambodia, in Rwanda, in Jordan and in Malaysia, we will co-create and reinforce our collective feminist dream for equality, non-discrimination and a sustainable future for ourselves and for the generations that come after us ...