

Building *Connection* *Movement* *Activism* for ending Violence against Women



Connection

activists working on movement building convened in Kampala in February 2018 to share tactics, know each other, consider collaborations, and exchange challenges and ways of overcoming them.



Our diverse
strategies, contexts
and experiences are
held together by
shared values, beliefs
and goals

Honor every woman's story

Women are powerful and resilient

Activism is essential

Multiple oppressions shape women's
individual and collective experiences

All women, everywhere should be free and
safe

Safe space helps us explore our ideas
and grow

Together we are stronger

Movement:

Bold tactics shared builds powerful,
strategic community at
every level



Move to End Violence:

Five cohorts
strengthening 100
leaders in the US over
10 years to build shared
vision and strategy to
end violence against
women.



Grassroots

We Rise, JASS: an online toolkit with a collection of strategies used by activists in the Global South to build movement.

JASS' CYCLES OF MOVEMENT BUILDING

RISING UP

Critical Awareness and
Common Ground

SHAKING UP

Strategies, Solutions and
Sustained impact



BUILDING UP

Shared Issues, Organisation
and Leadership

STANDING UP

Mobilization, Alliances
and Action

Organizational

Get Moving!

GBV Prevention Network:
facilitating transformative
processes with member
organizations to
strengthen feminist,
values-based programming
and leadership.



National

National Feminist Forums, African Feminist Forum: using the Charter of Feminist Principles to build capacity and community of feminists through national and continent-wide forums where activists can deliberate on key issues concerning the movement.

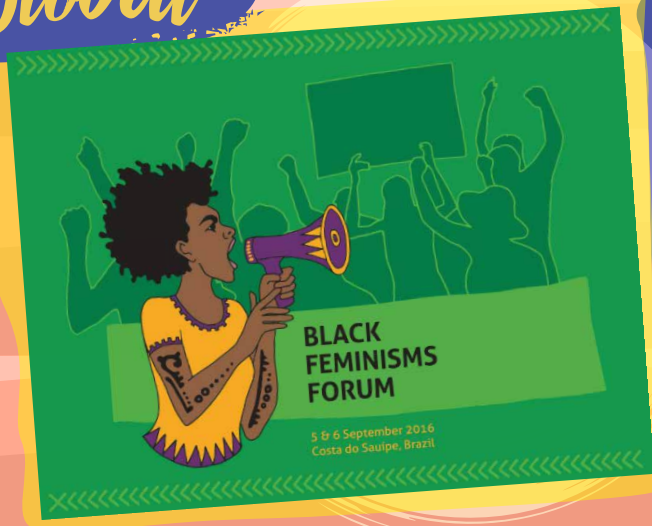




Regional

Feminist Leadership Institutes, CREA: helping women lead differently – with feminist values and ideology to advance social justice for all.

Global



*Black Feminist Forum,
AWID:*

building a community of love and mutual respect. Emerged from an initiative helping black women engage in the AWID Forum 2017, uses art and creative expression to increase inclusion and build community.

Activism

The room was
bursting with movement
building and violence
against women
prevention tactics,
explore.
Here are a few...



FAMM:



movement building across
30 providences in Indonesia
with cohorts of women.

*SASA, CEOGVIP
and Raising Voices:*



mobilizing communities
to prevent violence
against women.

Masimanyane



locally rooted and globally
connected NGO working with
communities for equality, social
justice and an end to VAWG

*Ethiopia
Women's
Circles,
Setaweet:*



reclaiming feminist
discourse for the
Ethiopian context

*USA Black Women's
Truth and Reconciliation
Commission, Black
Women's Blueprint:*



celebrating survivors
and providing space
for testimony and
transformative justice

*USA
Resonance*



a network that grew
out of Move to End
Violence focused on
transformation

Lebanon

*Institute for Women's
Studies in the Arab World*



using art and activism
to inspire commitment
to ending violence
against women among
students.

Consensus and Consternations



Deep and
challenging discussions
touched on critical
issues for feminist
movement
building.

Power and privilege within the movement-- such an important issue that can make the work so difficult and painful. So glad that people were willing to grapple with this and commit to coming up to address with tangible strategies, I can't see myself staying in this sector if it isn't addressed.

Meaningful
inclusion: ALL
women

Self-care is a
political act

Our organizations/
networks are
ground zero for
modeling the
change in power
dynamics that we
wish to see

Needed: a common grounded analysis of violence against women, patriarchy, gender, class, ability and the commitment to take care of our own privilege

What does it mean
to be an ally without
'othering'?

Consensus and Consternations

Holding ourselves and each other accountable when we come up short

Activists need safety planning and risk assessment support

Courage to risk losing 'friends' for speaking and acting our truth

Danger of replicating the privilege and elitism we say we are against

Context matters!

Activists in peril from secondary trauma, exhaustion, low wages, lack of long-term personal financial and health planning

We are all survivors yet you might not see me – we need to practice being intersectional and make visible the invisible

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The richness and value of the discussions was profound – and demands careful sharing. It was decided that dynamic materials will be developed on each topic so the energy can be harnessed and shared more widely. Watch this space!

Collective Activism

An intention of the convening was to exchange and build relationships rather than initiate a large new initiative. Each group shared their already planned activities for the coming 18 months and we discussed ways of collaborating, integrating ideas and supporting each other's work. Concrete areas of collaboration will include:

- Joint social media campaigns
- Materials produced from the Strategy Lab discussions
- Cross regional exchange visits
- Where possible, participation in each other's activities such as: We Rise webinars, CREA Institutes, GBV Prevention Network R&Rs, AWID's Co-creating Feminist Realities, 16 Days of Activism e.t.c
- Reviews, writing and dissemination of each other's materials such as FAMM's Safe Space publication, Setaweet's Bedrock Report, IWSAW's AL-Raida Journal



Needed more time
to discuss issues!

Wonderful experience,
loved the intensity
and honesty.

It's been a
deep rich
and
beautiful
past two
days.

Our Week Together

Fed my
soul.

Appreciated the variety of
facilitators the diversity and
interactive methodology
and how the facilitators
held difficult conversations
and moments



Amazing so much love, learning, solidarity, care, creating and not just talking about a new way of being – but being it!

Our Week Together

How to connect the movement at different levels, especially the local to the global / trans-Sahara; it came up a bit but I would have liked it to be explored further.

It ended really well by placing realistic cooperation strategies

Unsolved issues when it comes to inclusivity, broad spectrum of GBV, etc



Join the growing movement to end violence
against women.

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