



PeaceWomen Across the Globe
FRIEDENSFRAUEN WELTWEIT
نساء من أجل السلام عبر العالم
Femmes de Paix Autour du Monde
Женщины мира за мир на земле
MUJERES DE PAZ EN EL MUNDO
Mulheres pela Paz ao redor do Mundo
DONNE DI PACE NEL MONDO
ピースウーマン—国境を越え平和をつくる女たち
全球和平妇女

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Pressrelease

September 21st 2006 – Today on the International Day of Peace, PeaceWomen Across the Globe, an international network of women peacebuilders involving 1000 Nobel Peace nominees, is re-dedicating itself to the cause of a just peace. "Our network believes that with the extent of wars and violence, every day should be a peace day", says Co-Chair Kamla Bhasin from India. PeaceWomen Across the Globe is celebrating the International Day of Peace by launching a Partnership project and is seeking partners around the world to redefine peace and document more women peacebuilders.

The UN has designated September 21 as the International Day of Peace, and is calling for a global ceasefire on this day. PeaceWomen Across the Globe supports the call for an international ceasefire on this day, but will not be satisfied with that achievement alone. Peace is not attained with a ceasefire, but through building human security and justice. "We want every home to be a zone of peace. We want all forms of violence to cease. Most of all, we want an end to economic violence, exploitation and inequalities", says Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold, Co-Chair of PeaceWomen Across the Globe from Switzerland.

On this International Day of Peace, women belonging to the network are celebrating peace and justice in many countries around the world and are demanding an end to all wars, violence and injustice, particularly the wars in Iraq, Palestine, and Afghanistan. We call upon the UN and all governments to play a more proactive role to end these wars and promote political dialogue towards a lasting and just peace.

Today the network is launching its Partnership campaign: "We are inviting community groups and especially youth to join us by becoming PeaceWomen Partners; to challenge the way people think about peace and peacebuilding, and to find and document the women peacebuilders in their communities", says Vermot. The network is searching for Partners to each identify and document women peacebuilders over the course of the next year, so that on next year's International Day of Peace, another 1000 women peacebuilders can be recognized. "This campaign will make visible the peace work of women, which have kept communities alive, which have created and protected lives in the face of extreme violence", says Kamla Bhasin, "this partnership campaign opens up great opportunities for public debate, learning and public advocacy. We invite anyone interested to contact us."

The global network of women peacebuilders was created out of a unique project to collectively nominate 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2005. The PeaceWomen network focuses on increasing the visibility, recognition and support for women peacebuilders. For more information see www.1000peacewomen.org

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