

# The World March of Women in permanent action

The World March of Women is a global feminist action network supported by close to 6000 women's groups in 163 countries and territories throughout the world. Its primary objective is to fight poverty and violence against women. The World March is permanently on the move through the actions staged by grass-roots groups and national coordinating bodies. We are part of a broad movement fighting for another kind of globalization.

We participate in the struggle against the WTO and the power of transnational companies, against free-trade agreements and for cancellation of the debt of poor countries. We want to change the established order so as to change women's lives. That's why we draw up feminist economic alternatives and fight against

the commodification of life.

We work to do away with sexist violence and to build a world of peace, justice and equality. We denounce the exploitation of women's work and the trafficking of women and young girls. We fight against war and for the planet's demilitarization. We demand that governments and international and civil society institutions act to prevent and combat sexual violence in situations of armed conflict.

We fight to obtain public health services; food security; a higher minimum wage; pay equity; for women to have the right to make decisions about their bodies, their sexuality and their fertility; for all girls to have access to education; for women to participate in decision-making bodies; for the redistribution for wealth and the defence of natural resources such as water and gas.

## Join the World March of Women

Are you a women's group or a women's committee in a mixed group and want to join the World March of Women? Send the following information to [info@marchemondiale.org](mailto:info@marchemondiale.org): group name, contact person, complete address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, web site and language of correspondence (English, French, Spanish).

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# 24 Hours of Feminist Solidarity

October 17, 2005

## Women on the Move Change the World



The World Relay of the **World March of Women** has been circling the planet since March 8, 2005. On October 17 it will end in Burkina Faso, after having passed through some 50 countries. On that same day, women around the world will all be linked by a chain of actions, in pursuit of the sun, for 24 hours of world feminist solidarity. October 17 is therefore a very important date—so start mobilizing now!

The Women's Global Charter for Humanity describes the world that we, as women, want to build. It champions five values: equality, freedom, solidarity, justice and peace. The Charter and a patchwork quilt depicting the values contained in the Charter are part and parcel of the Relay. Both the

Charter and the quilt are collective creations: many women took part in drafting the Charter and many made squares that they sewed onto the quilt as the Relay progressed on its journey.

As the Relay has gone from place to place, women have organized actions in large cities, in rural areas, on borders between countries. You can visit the new part of our Web site web to find out more about the World Relay actions and see photos of them: <http://mmf.lecarrefour.org>

October 17 is just a stop to catch our breath before continuing our march, for as long as inequality and injustice exist, we will carry on the struggle. The World March of Women is an irreversible movement!

**On October 17,  
organize World March  
of Women actions  
where you live!**

