

Minutes of WAF Meeting
4th January 2023

Attendees:

1. Nighat Said Khan (Bunny)
2. Khawar Mumtaz (Rani)
3. Naazish Ataullah (Najji)
4. Samina Rehman (Meena)
5. Nighat Dad
6. Erum Kashif
7. Nyla Naz
8. Ambreen Fatima
9. Riffat Maqsood
10. Ume Laila

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Update on Convention / Position Papers, Preparations, arrangements etc.

Details:

1. The suggested theme/issues and members/groups from Lahore WAF are as follows:
 - I. Mechanisms of Control: National Narratives & Cultural Imperatives - Farida Shaheed is speaker. (Farida, Khawar Mumtaz and Bunny to work together to formulate WAF position). Farida already shared the draft in WC meeting which were shared with the whole group by e-mail.
 - II. Women workforce /Contract labour /Tenancy exclusions of women /Informal vs formal work – Ume Laila is speaker (Ume Laila, Jalvat Ali, Riffat Maqsood to work together to formulate WAF position). Ume Laila shared the points of the draft and will send to WC by next week.
 - III. Climate Change & Floods – Khawar Mumtaz is speaker (Khawar Mumtaz and Noni to work together to formulate WAF position). Rani will contact Noni and will share the draft with WC soon.
 - IV. Laws enacted & implementation - Sexual harassment, Anti-rape, cybercrimes, DV etc. – Nighat Dad is speaker (Nighat Dad, Sehar Bandiyal, Noni, Ambreen Fatima and Neelam Hussain to work together to formulate WAF Position). Nighat talked about her thoughts on the issue and asked members for their inputs. She will share her draft soon.

- V. Sexualities: controlled or autonomous – Nighat Said Khan is speaker (Bunny, Meena, Nazish and Neelam to work together to formulate WAF position). Samina will talk with Neelam and they will get back to Bunny to have their meeting.
- VI. Women's Movement - Criminalisation of feminist narratives & activists – Erum Kashif is speaker (Erum, Neelam Hussain and Bunny to work together to formulate WAF position). Erum to update here, plz

2. Meena shared that the Shirkatgah person Binyamin will be meeting with Popty, Najji and me and he will give us the final cost of both dinners. She shared that Noni and others gave some suggestions regarding the meals etc which we will discuss with the Cook and will decide about it.
3. Nyla shared that she talked with women's NGOs and made a list of the representatives. She will be sending them the invitation soon.
4. Bunny shared that she talked with the autonomous women's groups and they are appreciating the WAF efforts and very much excited to participate in our programme.
5. The backdrop design discussed and finalized. Nyla to give the soft copy of the design to Riffat for the printing of flex. Riffat to coordinate with Noni or to visit Shirkatgah for the backdrop flex size.

- ❖ Bunny raised a question that people (non-members) are demanding to come in our convention, do we allow them?
- ❖ Volunteers? Not attending the convention? The issue of confidentiality.

A detail discussion was held on these aspects and it was decided that:

- No last-minute entries in WAF
- People can come only in the open event which is already announced with specific groups, NGOs.
- We may can invite more people in open event, it depends.
- Convention (all sessions) are only for WAF members
- No dropping in / dropping out / members to attend the whole sessions for full time
- It was decided that our own members should Volunteer themselves for the different tasks, responsibilities.
- If we are having non-members as Volunteers, we should inform them nicely that they are not allowed to attend our sessions.

- ❖ Nighat Dad talked about the Social Media strategies to announce and to share specific detail of issues of the agenda in our Convention. The idea was appreciated and Nighat took the responsibility of WAF socials (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc)