

Minutes of WAF National Coordinators Meeting

21 January 2021 Via Zoom

Participants:

1. Kausar S. Khan
2. Anis Haroon
3. Uzma Noorani
4. Nighat Said Khan
5. Naila Naz
6. Nasreen Azhar
7. Rashida Dohad
8. Huma Fauladi
9. Shahida Shah
10. Amar Sindhu

The main agenda of the meeting was:

1. To share the annual activity plan of Chapters with each other
2. To finalize the planning of 12th February Webinar & the Celebration of 40 years of WAF

Bunny had shared the planning of **Lahore Chapter** which is as follows:

Lahore planning its Webinars which will be open to all. The **12th February 2021** Webinar will have four stages of the Women's movements, beginning from 1947 to the present. Panelists will be from all the chapters, and will represent different age groups and discuss issues/challenges related to their own areas. Bunny will give the overview and Naila will be the moderator. Time will be slotted for Q & A's and overall the Webinar would be two hours.

Now the chapters have to nominate their representative / speakers and let Lahore WAF know as soon as possible as they have to design the invite and share the link with all WAF and other women's groups.

Islamabad Chapter nominated Eman as speaker for the 12th Feb webinar

Hyderabad Chapter nominated Arfana Mallah as speaker for the 12th Feb webinar

Peshawar Chapter has nominated Rukhshanda Naz to represent & speak on 12th Feb webinar. (Some queries were raised and Peshawar was requested to revisit the nomination.) Shahida said that she will discuss within chapter and will let us know soon.

Other Webinars also planned by Lahore WAF are:

28th January – Impact of Covid on Home Based Workers. This will be open for all and we will be sharing the link soon for this.

25th March: Bangladesh 1971 – 50 years of Bangladesh (National /Int. Webinar with the participation of some speakers from Bangladesh)

The proposed speakers for this webinar are Anis Haroon, Nighat Khan, Dr. Saba Khattak, Rubina Saigol (Moderator) Dr. Amena Mohsin, Khushi Kabir (Bangladesh). It was proposed that we should include some young speakers from Pakistan and Bangladesh to share their living experiences of the issue. The idea was highly appreciated by the members.

This will also be a public Webinar. We hope to be a part of the debate and reflection that others may also be involved in.

1st May: Workers – this will be a webinar with the participation of all workers including Nurses, factory workers etc and they will speak on their issues. The moderator for this webinar will be Rubina Jamil who is a founder member of WAF Lahore.

28th May: Militarization & Democracy – Pakistan conducted nuclear tests in May 1998, shortly after India's nuclear tests, declaring itself a nuclear weapon state.

We are going to discuss that how South Asia became a flashpoint of Nuclear weapons competition and how it impacted the democracy and the democratic processes in the country which were already weaken here. This event increased the militarization in society as well as in the region which impacted more vulnerability in the life of general public.

- A Calendar design by Bunny giving salient points of WAF's, history i.e. Minutes of First WAF meeting, Positions taken on Secularism, Bangladesh etc.
- There is a film on WAF
- Lahore has a montage on 40 years of WAF
- WAF YouTube to be ready by next week.
- We are in the process of working on our Website and should have it up and running over the summer. The website contains Lahore WAF archives.

Kausar S. Khan had shared the planning of **Karachi Chapter** which is as follows:

Karachi has prepared a list of issues on which webinars will be organized.... 8 webinars to be organized...one per month.

- a) Island issue – Anita/Anis/Kausar
- b) VAW –Nuzhat Shiri/Uzma/Atiya/Kausar/Sarah
- c) Harassment – Farieha/Afiya
- d) Child marriage – Sarah Zaman/Farieha

- e) RTI – Farieha, Shumaila
- f) 18th Amendment --
- g) Discriminatory Laws...Blasphemy
- h) Minorities – Anita/Anis/Hilda
- i) Connecting with women – Attiya/Kausar

A detail discussion was held and it was suggested that as most of the issues are National issues so we should include speakers from other chapters as well. Uzma Noorani suggested that we should include the Minors and children and elaborate the issue of VAW.

The other components of the planning are:

A video film be made on WAF for 12th Feb celebration. Abro to be requested. A discussion was held on it and it was suggested that we should ask some female filmmaker to made this video and also there is very short time left in 12 Feb so we should do it by the WAF Convention in October 2021. Kausar will talk with Attiya Dawood on this thing, later.

Kausar shared that Aurat March Karachi is planning their activities from 12th February – 8th March so WAF will collaborate with them in their activities.

Nasreen Azhar had shared the planning of **Islamabad Chapter** which is as follows:

1. Webinar on Religious Extremism
2. Webinar on Qisas & Diyat

(Need to add more here, Plz)

Huma Fauladi had shared the planning of **Quetta Chapter** which is as follows:

1. Working on the policy to be shared with the Press on the 12th February
2. Working on the planning of activities and will be shared soon with all

Peshawar and Hyderabad Chapters will share their planning soon.

Important: All WAF chapters to design the WAF logo with addition of 40 years of WAF and to share their designs so that the final design be approved and use in future onwards for all our correspondences and events etc.

All members assured their commitments towards the completion of the proposed activities over the year. Let's be unite to make the change !!!