

3rd International Women's Peace Conference
Law and Discrimination Plan of Action Workshop
Friday, July 13, 2007

Executive Summary

The purpose of this workshop was to:

- Create and implement actions that build sustainable communities and peace
- Create documentation that is distributed after the conference
- Commit to and implement one action by the end of 2007

After reviewing accomplishments to date in this arena, the participants identified their answers to the question, "As peace relates to Law and Discrimination, what do we hope to see in place by the year 2010." Their answers were grouped into the following arenas:

- Equal and Economic Rights
- Universal Individual Rights
- Justice in Laws
- Justice in Our Courts
- Equality in Education
- Equality and Proportional Representation

Once the participants identified the elements of the Current Reality they identified Strategic Actions to be taken to achieve the vision. The accomplishments fell into the following areas:

- Become Politically Active
- Take Strategic Action
- Learn and Teach
- Find Our Voice!
- Communicate, Collaborate, Connect

Each of the delegates selected an action that she would take before the end of 2007 and identified an accountability partner to whom she would report the completion of her action.

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Our work detail is on the following pages.

Past Accomplishments

What so we already know is going on, around the world, in terms of . . .

- Accomplishments
- Successes
- Breakthroughs

Putting one's story on tape, re: civil rights movement

Rape as a war crime, e.g. Kosova, Darfur

Defeating parental notification initiatives in California, protecting minor's confidentiality under State constitutional law

In Alaska we passed a State ERA

Labor union for support staff in legal services organization

Women are getting better education in Pakistan now then before. There are more high paying jobs for them

Have learned to except (accept?) others

A woman Speaker of the House of Representatives, a women candidate for president, a woman chancellor of Germany, had a women candidate for France

1954 – Brown vs. Board of Education ending racial discrimination in public schools

Women now have the right to choose to have a legal abortion, if they wish. This right is, however, in jeopardy – being challenged

Women are more willing to be educated in Azerbaijan

More gender sensitive laws

Civil rights are part of law in many countries. International negotiations often include human rights

Uniform civil code for Muslim women through lobbying

More equality in education opportunities

Vision for 2010

As peace relates to law and discrimination, what do we hope to see in place by 2010?					
Equal Economic Rights	Universal Individual Rights	Justice in Laws	Justice in Our Courts	Equality in Education	Equality and Proportional Representation
Equal rights for our elderly	Global equal rights for women and children	Make wars illegal	Global reconciliation	Universal education for women and children	Women in leadership in law
Global universal health care	Work place freedom from harassment	Laws that benefit all people	Courts allied with women's rights	An equally educated populace	Equal treatment and proportional representation of women at all levels
Economic justice, opportunity, equal pay law	Equal rights for women around the world	Respect for access ideas without discussion discrimination	Universal recognition of children's law		
Create an environment where women can work with dignity, safe, equally	Women have control of their own bodies	International gender equality law	Create an international women's court		
Every women must get educated	Secular harassment				
Create employment for all the women to make them independent					
Give more Give emphasis on women's health					
Ability to take					

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advantage of resources					
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Current Reality

Strengths	Weaknesses	Benefits	Dangers
Women power Strength in numbers	Resistance to change	Global collaboration and participation	Persecution Backlash Terrorism New war
Pooled financial resources	Lack of knowledge	Increase in women's participation benefits economic growth	Despair Indifference
Pooled natural resources	Lack of communication	A population of wanted and loved children	Ineffectuality Misrepresentation Lack of consensus
Pooled human resources	Element of fear	Healthy and safe communities	Overloading the systems without adequate resources and personnel leading to failure
	Apathy of citizens	Better use of our resources	
	Lack of resources		

Strategic Actions

What are strategic actions we can take in the coming year to achieve our vision?				
Become Politically Active	Take Strategic Action	Learn and Teach	Find Our Voice!	Communicate Collaborate Connect
Network with friends and organizations	Focus on active feminism	Educate and persuade	Write letters to the editor	Network voraciously
Work for and elect officials who believe in these priorities	Adopt a student in Africa	Educate about human rights	Become more vocal	Exchange of international vision of art expressing the world now
Legislative contacts	Try to integrate these goals and values into work plans	Educate women about their rights granted to them by law	Bring attention to talented, qualified women in male-dominated fields	
Vote for universal healthcare Reproductive health policy	Involvement in women's and children's issues in refugee detention centers	Mentor young women	Write more letters, articles, plans	
Voice concerns/ideas re: local fair elections	Donate money to groups	Research, learn, be informed and educated	Don't give up in the face of resistance	
Research and contact district representatives to identify their stand on women's issues	Participate in local women's organization with similar mission goals	Discuss these goals and values with our families		
Support good candidates	Volunteer with active groups	Support art education		
Empower and finance women candidates				
Vote for supporters of peace				

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