

## APPEAL TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH WOMEN



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« With women, let's build a sustainable world for all.

The world is currently confronted with an unprecedented global crisis; a social, economic, environmental and identity crisis which leads us to rethink our progress. In the coming years we will have to take crucial decisions for the future of our planet. We will have to make ecological and energy choices, solve conflicts on access to natural resources and food and improve access to health and education...

We need to think now about ways to change our daily world for the better, if we want to protect the future for the next generations.

Today, women are essential drivers of change in our human societies. All around the world, women are at the forefront on the fundamental issues of health, education, peace, food security and respect for nature.

And yet, women are still the first to suffer discrimination, violence and poverty and are still under represented at major political and economic decision making levels.

This is why we urgently need to strengthen the role of women as catalysts for change in our society, so that we, women and men, can build together a more sustainable world for all.

- Worldwide 1 in 3 women has been beaten or sexually abused at some point in her life.
- 530 000 women die every year during pregnancy or childbirth.
- 140 million young girls under 14 are forced to work outside the home.
- Of the 342 Heads of State and governments, only 14 are women.

70 % of children not attending school are girls.

But when mothers are better educated, child mortality decreases.

In Africa, for example, if all girls had access to primary school, child mortality could be cut by 25%.

Countries with more women politicians take more account of public health, the environment and economic development.

WE, women from all nations, involved in the community, artistic, economic and political life,

- ⇒ APPEAL to all the governments of every EU country and the European Commission to launch a world action plan, in order to:
  - 1. Strengthen the role of women in society
  - 2. Struggle against all kinds of discrimination against women
  - 3. Improve the access of women to basic services (education, health, food) and resources (water, land, sustainable energy) and contribute to their financial autonomy
- ⇒ APPEAL to each citizen, women and men, to take part in this Appeal, to sign it and spread it around.

## More information on: WWW.with-women ord

This appeal, launched in France, will spear around Europe and be presented to the European Parliament in March 2010,

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