WOMEN'S WORLDS 2026 XV International Congress Gernika-Lumo and Bilbao, Basque Country May 20-24, 2026



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Women's Worlds Congress is an international gathering that intertwines gender studies and feminist activism. Since its inception as an interdisciplinary space in 1981, it has held 14 editions in different countries.

The XV International Women's Worlds Congress 2026 (MM26) will be held in Gernika-Lumo and Bilbao, Basque Country, from May 20 to 24, 2026. It will be an opportunity to physically bring together women's* grass- roots organizations and collectives, activists, and researchers from different parts of the world who are working to build peace at local, national, and global levels. A space for people to meet, listen, and recognize each other who build peace in their daily lives, from the margins, from the territories, from collective action, from art, words, research, care, resistance, and trans- formation, in order to create networks that enable us to

imagine collective strategies for a culture of peace, in a world of peace with a feminist perspective.

This event is conceived as a global platform for dialogue amongst diverse communities, movements, and diverse wisdoms. We value both academic knowledge and knowledge that emerges from the territory, from experience, and from everyday life.

We invite women*, collectives, grassroots organizations, activists, researchers, students, artists, and communities from all corners of the world to submit their proposals to be part of this international event that seeks to rethink and reimagine peace from diverse, critical, and situated perspectives. Proposals are accepted in Basque, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, English, French, etc.

The program includes eight thematic areas of interest:

- » Common goods.
- » Feminist methodologies for peace.
- » Memory and guarantees of non-repetition of violence.
- » Care and everyday peaces.
- » Bodies-territories-peaces.
- » Sovereignty and autonomy.
- » Demilitarization, de-securitization, and global disarmament.
- » Migration, exile, and forced displacement.

Women*, with an asterisk—as an encompassing term that includes diverse gender identities, expressions, and dissidences.

What kind of proposals are we looking for?

We want a broad, lively, and diverse program that encompasses the multiple dimensions of the thematic areas we propose. That is why we are opening the call for proposals to different parti- cipation formats: panels, round tables, workshops, artistic actions, audiovisual screenings, talks, testimonies, and other creative formats.

How to participate?

Prepare your proposal in a short document (max. 500 words), including:

- » Thematic area
- » Title of the proposal
- » Type of format (panel, workshop, testimony, etc.)
- » Brief description of content and approach
- » Details of the person or group proposing the activity
- » Technical requirements (if any)
- » Country

MM26 will be a forum for reimagining peace from the perspective of women*, feminisms, territo- ries, bodies, and resistance movements. A space to recognize each other, challenge each other, and continue building, together, other possible worlds.

Key deadlines:

- » November 17 February 1: submission of proposals
- » February 1 March 1: review and selection of proposals
- » March 1 March 15: notification to selected candidates and confirmation
- » February 1 April 30: registrations

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL THROUGH THE SYSTEM ON OUR WEBSITE

DEADLINE: February 1, 2026

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