Following our conversation at the Edge Conference in Berlin, here is our formal re-introduction.

Receive warm greetings from the World March of Women Kenya

We trust that this email finds you in the best of spirits, after the great Edge conference in Berlin which filled most participants with endless possibilities and the promise of positive change.

It brings us immense joy and excitement to present our concept paper for a possible International Feminist organizing school in Africa - IFOSA which was inspired greatly by the Berta Caceres International feminist organizing school IFOS. IFOS remains a political school which was developed in collaboration with members of the World March of women (WMW), Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), Grassroots International (GRI) and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ) with a very strong intersectional view of life of the grassroots feminist movements, experiences of struggle and strength that builds on our collective motivation. These four global grassroots feminist movements share political objectives of promoting the strengthening of grassroots feminist mobilization and movement building in the world. It also responds to the need for building the feminist political subject from cultures and political experiences. IFOS is a great expression of alliances between different organizations, movements and peoples.

The Berta Caceres International Feminist Organizing School is a testament to the unwavering dedication and collective impact that has been achieved together. The steadfast support of all the participants and the organizations involved has been the beacon guiding the efforts while illuminating the path toward transformative initiatives and meaningful progress. With all these great strides, Africa has been striving to be part of the school which mainly happened online, but there being numerous challenges, many participants from the African region dropped off unwillingly. This led to the very urge of having an International feminist organizing school for Africa in the region, with a localized agenda which would address

i) **Voice and safety** – the power and protection of women activists and human rights defenders and frontline communities

ii) **Feminist economy** – address the economic and environmental justice and the rights to land, water and territory –the common good

iii) **Body and sexuality** – health, mental wellness and well-being....

iv) **Systems of oppression** – the different manifestations of capitalism a s a system oppression

v) **Defense of mother earth and nature** – based on analysis and experiences

vi) **State and democracy** – feminism (s), democracy and citizenship
vii) **Movement building** – our history, memories, strategic alliances within the region and beyond

We hold in high regard the invaluable insights and perspectives your partnership will bring to our shared mission. Your encouragement fuels our determination, and we remain deeply appreciative of your commitment to our cause.

Please consider this an open invitation to engage with us; we eagerly anticipate your inquiries, questions, or feedback. Your contributions, both big and small, are cherished, shaping the very essence of our endeavors.

As we stand on the threshold of the coming months, teeming with potential and positive energy, we extend our heartfelt gratitude once more. Your presence in our journey will definitely be indispensable, and it is through our collective efforts that we can continue crafting impactful change, reaching far beyond the borders of our communities.

With profound thanks for your enduring support and belief in our vision, we eagerly anticipate the opportunities that lie ahead. The Edge Conference was true linking space, and as a grassroots feminist movement, we learnt a lot from what compatriots shared. We are so ready and happy to share our full concept for the school with you.

Warm regards and boundless appreciation,

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