

**INVITATION TO CROSS-COUNTRY LEARNING AND STRATEGIZING  
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# **BUILDING INCLUSIVE WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA**



The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation is a Swedish non-profit organisation that explicitly has, as one of its objectives, to contribute to strengthening the women human right defenders' movement to effectively organise for change in conflict affected areas to increase women's power and influence. A recent trend globally, is that feminists are finding new ways to mobilise/ methods for organising pushing a transformative, feminist agenda. For example, young women involved in building feminist movements today do not necessarily choose to establish, or join, an NGO as their basis of their organising but work as loose networks using social media and information contacts to organise and advocate for their agenda. Kvinna till Kvinna is now exploring new ways of strengthening an inclusive women's movement reaching out both to formally and informally organised women.

To find out more of the needs and strength of women's activism and movement building, Kvinna till Kvinna will organise a meeting for women human rights defenders from a selected number of conflict affected countries in Africa to share learnings related to an inclusive women's movement. The meeting participants will bring perspectives working on informal initiatives as well as through more established organisations in order to exchange knowledge on what has worked and what hasn't in a safe space with a diverse group of intergenerational women human rights defenders. The participants will discuss what is needed to strengthen women's movement and learn from each other's best practices and challenges.

Are you interested in participating? Please carefully review the criteria on the next page, and apply by providing the information and responses to the questions by clicking on "apply here".

We are looking forward to your application!

**DATE:** The meeting will hopefully, pending the development of COVID-19, be taking place 10-12 November and the participants are expected to arrive on the 9th, and leave on the 13th. In the case of postponement of the meeting, selected participants will be offered the opportunity to participate on the new date.

**PLACE:** Nairobi, Kenya

**APPLY:** Welcome to submit your application no later than Aug 24th, 2020.

The meeting is open to applicants from the following countries: South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi and Sierra Leone.

About 25 persons will be selected and the meeting will be conducted in English. Kvinna till Kvinna will cover the cost of travel, hotel, visa and other travel related expenses of the selected participants.

**Q&A:** If you have any questions, please send them to the following email:  
**[NairobiEvent@kvinna.se](mailto:NairobiEvent@kvinna.se)**

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

For the purpose of having a diverse and relevant group of women human rights defenders at the meeting we are now reaching out to women activists with experience in areas of movement building, activism, conflict resolution/transformation, women's rights, LGBTQ activism, media, public advocacy, and other related fields. **Kvinna till Kvinna will make a selection based on the following criteria:**

1. Diversity of backgrounds and experiences of participating activists and civil society representatives, including geographical location, age and types of engagement
2. Openness to meet participants with different perspectives and viewpoints to discuss challenges and opportunities
3. Experience in areas of movement building, activism, women's rights, community-based activism, conflict resolution/transformation work, SRHR, among others
4. Interested in being part of movement building nationally and/or regionally
5. Having reach to other women in their settings/communities
6. Self-identifying as a woman
7. Fluent in English
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We will also look at the composition of the group to make sure to have participants from different generations, some more connected internationally and regionally than others, and with different strengths. We especially welcome individuals from organisations/activism that, as of today, might not feel included in the women's movement.

[APPLY HERE](#)

