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## A GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON A FEMINIST DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND ITS IMPORTANCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Why is it worth to have a look at democracy and sustainability from a feminist perspective? We will discuss this question and get impulses from speakers from different parts of the world. Furthermore, we will get to know the strategy of for feminist development policy of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). What are the hopes, what are the challenges, and how can we use the strategy to build just, democratic, and sustainable societies worldwide?

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## A global dialogue on a feminist development policy and its importance for democracy and sustainability

The world is facing multiple challenges. Climate change is a big threat, and we can already see effects of it. Social justice and a good life for everyone is still just a dream. And in many countries, we observe a political shift towards nationalism and right-wing extremism. Analyses such as those in the CIVICUS monitor show that more and more countries move from (open) democracies to closed systems. Human rights are restricted and spaces for civil engagement are shrinking. Marginalised groups suffer the most and many people are still not heard and can't participate in decision making processes. The biggest group who still has less rights and is often oppressed are women, but also indigenous people and LGBTIQ\*. What are the structural reasons? What are the effects? And can we allow ourselves to exclude people from shaping the future?

The past years, concepts of a feminist foreign policy and a feminist development policy became more popular, and some countries set up strategies build on those concepts. Germany has adopted corresponding strategies in 2023. The feminist development policy aims to eliminate discriminatory structures – for women and girls, and also for marginalised groups. The aim is to eliminate the structural and systemic causes of inequality and consider the intersections between diverse forms of discrimination. Stereotypes shall be addressed and an equal and self-determined participation by all people in social, political and economic life enabled.

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