



WOZA MOYA

WOMEN OF ZIMBABWE ARISE (WOZA) March 2012

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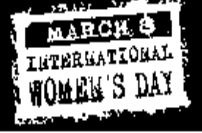
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WOZA means 'Come forward'. By women for women and with women, across race, colour, creed, class or political persuasion. Empowering women to be courageous, caring, committed and in communication with their communities.



International Women's Day 2012

Get ready ...



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Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) join the International Women Day 2012 march.

Our demands are simple:

- We **DEMAND** an end to and elite occupation of our constitutional reform process – we want a constitution that reflects our views!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our systems of government – we want devolved power and accessible local government and councils!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our economy as they are destroying it!
 - We **DEMAND** our full and equal citizenship - an end to gender discrimination, male occupation and domination of our lives!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our educational system!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our judiciary!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our right to earn a living!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our security forces!
 - We **DEMAND** an end to elite occupation of our streets – they are our streets and we will OCCUPY them exercising our right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly and expression!
- WE WILL OCCUPY!**

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Our members send this message to Zimbabweans:

- I Love what I do
- I Do Democracy
- I Do Development
- I Defend Human Rights
- I Do it in the name of love
- I Do it for the love of Zimbabwe
- WOZA let's Do it together
- Woza Zimbabwe Woza
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International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. Great unrest and critical debate was occurring amongst women. Women's oppression and inequality was spurring women to become more vocal and active in campaigning for change. Then in 1908, 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights. In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Woman's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on 28 February. In 1910, a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named Clara Zetkin (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day - a Women's Day - to press for their demands.

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on the last Sunday in February 1913. In 1913 following discussions, International Women's Day was transferred to 8 March and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. In 1914 further women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity. The new millennium has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation.

With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women's visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men. However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so the tone and nature of IWD has, for the past few years, moved from being a reminder about the negatives to a celebration of the positives.

World March of Women Declaration - International Women's Day 2012

This 8th March, we, women of the World March of Women, continue on the march, to resist, and to construct a world for us, for others, for our peoples, for all living things and the environment.

We are bearing the brunt of a crisis of the capitalist, racist and patriarchal system that, force us and our peoples to pay for a crisis that we didn't provoke: social service budget cuts, salary and pension reductions, the promotion of war and the increased commodification of all spheres of life. We women pay the highest price: we are the first to be made redundant and stimulate the advance of prostitution, the sale of women, and the increase of violence against women, trafficking and migration.

We denounce the continued imposition of free trade agreements that attempt to transform common goods such as health, education and water in merchandise, and create markets for the exploitation of cheap labour. We reject the consumer culture that makes communities poor and creates dependency by killing local production.

We denounce the advance of militarisation around the world as a strategy to control our bodies, lives, movements and territories, to strengthen neo-colonialism, and to guarantee a new round of looting and appropriation of natural resources, as well as the continued enrichment of the arms industry as a reaction to the crisis.

We stand in solidarity with all women who continue to struggle and confront the police, public services and the unjust justice system, as well as those who struggle against violence and its perpetrators. In the face of such situations, we are present in the streets, we create our alternatives, and we put them into practice. Once again, we demonstrate our resistance and our self-defence through our bodies and our territories. We strengthen our struggle for structural changes in our lives and we will continue on the march until we are all free! We call for the networking between our movements and the strengthening of alliances with other movements, for it is in this way that we will construct a free world.

Around the World, 8th March 2012

The RISING of the women means the RISING of the nation

No more poverty and starvation, many sweating for a few to benefit!

As we go marching, marching, we struggle for men too - for they are women's children and we mother them again!

You Strike a Woman and You Strike a Rock!

Uthinte Umfazi Uthinte Imbokodo – Warova Mukadzi Warova Dombo!

WOZA MOYA/ HUYA MWEYA (Meaning: Come Holy Spirit/ Cleansing Wind)