Welcome to the New Tools for Feminist Futures Workshop co-hosted by Changeist & IWDA

Today we'll be sharing a useful tool for considering preferable futures through exploring the possible implications of several important trends which may define our world in the post-Covid future.

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Wheel I

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Where there any unintended consequences that surfaced in your Futures Wheel?

- Increased backlash; decreased focus on GESI/intersectionality; emergence of conservative women's leadership.
- Increasing discrimination/segregation as backlash; breakdown in social cohesion; New inequalities reinforce.

Did any threads on your Futures Wheel surface a path to a more feminist future?

- Wave of separations leads to new norms about families.
- Increased backlash; accelerating new feminist approaches; localized/intertwined modes of leadership.
- More racially/caste equitable leadership/power/wealth distribution.

In that thread, what changed by 2030?

- Social norms; greater acceptance of "non-traditional" families.
- Policy design and economics by principles of social and racial justice.
- Diversity, feminist leadership that disrupts existing gendered and racialized power dynamics.

What feminist principles could help underpin a more equitable + just future?

- Trust, power sharing, localisation, courage.
- Intersectionality, Feminist governance.
- Non violence; accepting difference.

Are there any new feminist principles that may emerge in this future? Any that may grow less important?

- Feminism will need to evolve/reflect and reimage.
- Women leave violent relationships (implicit - women are able to leave).
Imagine yourself in the year 2030. A 180 degree shift has taken place and a more equitable, feminist future has been realized.

What does this mean, what does it look like with regards to your trend and more broadly? How is it radically different from today?

Create a short description or "snapshot". Your snapshot could reflect new beliefs, norms, practices, policies, or models.

Where does your organization’s work sit within this new system?

more feminist organisations - moves from the margins to the centre so the concepts of feminist leadership is integral to organisations. Not have to use the word feminism any more because we are a truly just and equitable world. See impactful engagement of all humans with autonomy, choice and agency. We use our energy to focus on achieving the full potential of everyone. We would honor diversity and intersectionality and diversity and would honour human rights and respect one another - would be radically different from today. Genitals born with not dictating your path - penis or vagina is not relevant. We wouldn't be so tired - because we would not have to fight all the time - we could just get to work. We would be redundant - and that would be fine.

A world in which 'whiteness'/caste is not at the centre of power. There are new practices of power in governance and in community organisations in which power is shared and principles of social justice are guiding. This means that second order impacts and inequalities, such as in health, education, and life outcomes no longer exist. There would be less prisons and policing, and more investment in social programs.

A world in which partner violence is rare; its easy to leave and people are supported to do so; more communal way of living - more support systems reducing need for partnered relationships. More fulfilling relationships based on love. Potential to decrease violence at other levels of society. Women's potential unleashed to live full lives - to innovate, take care of the environment, etc, etc.

We're able to concentrate our work on other forms of gender inequality / other inequalities. Continuing to work against backlash, to make sure gains are protected; sharing the benefits / good practice (especially if we see this trend in some countries but not others).