

INSATS MARCH 2023 (NR.2) ENGLISH SUMMARY

CALENDAR

March 8:th – 30:th Act for women's rights!

March 12:th, 19:th, 26:th Regional Youth Meetings

April 17:th Digital Conversation series on climate justice in Sweden

May 6-7:th Annual Meeting and National Youth Gathering

ACTIVIST-LED ADVISORY GROUP

Amnesty International's international secretariat are putting together an activist-led advisory group. See more info below. Last day to apply is the 15:th of March.

Are you an activist who has ideas about how we can do better activism at Amnesty International? We are looking for YOU!

We are so excited to open applications to join the "Activist-led Advisory Group"! This will be a group of 10 amazing activists around the world who get together to advise and influence Amnesty International's activism work at a global level.

[Application form](#)

ACT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS!

Femicide

The focus for this year's March 8 was changed from abortion rights in the US to femicide due to the lack of timely submission from the International Secretariat (read more about the work for abortion rights below).

Instead, we are highlighting the widespread problem of violence against women in Mexico, also known as femicide, as highlighted in the report, "Justice on trial: Failures in criminal investigations of femicides preceded by disappearance in the State of Mexico". The March 8 action focuses specifically on the state of Mexico and the responsibility of authorities to stand up for women's right to life and safety, as well as their families' right to legal protection and access to justice.

Many of you have already completed your activity but there is still time to act until March 31. Register [here](#) and materials can be sent or printed via the [activist portal](#).

Abortion rights

Despite the changed focus for March 8, we continue to monitor and promote abortion rights around the world. When it comes to the work with the United States, there is still an opportunity to act as we are expected to receive the documentation in mid-April.

In addition to the US, there is a lightning action regarding a case in Andorra where a female human rights defender, Vanessa Mendoza Cortés, may soon be put on trial for speaking out for women's rights in Andorra, including abortion rights, before a UN expert body in 2019.

Those of you who still want the opportunity to take action on abortion rights in the US and Europe can register your interest here and I will send you information and materials as soon as there is something to act on.

Registration of [interest](#).

If you have any questions, please contact me!

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AMNESTYS ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Amnesty's largest member event, the Annual Meeting 2023, will be held on May 6-7 at Hallunda Folkets Hus, Stockholm, in conjunction with the Youth National Meeting. The two-day program includes exciting speakers, workshops, discussions, and preparation of motions and proposals, as well as the selection of individuals for various positions of trust.

To introduce the digital meeting system, Suffra, which will be used during the Annual Meeting, there will be three beginner meetings, **the first session will be in English** and will also cover the documents of the meeting. If you need to borrow a digital device such as a computer or tablet, apply this information in the registration form for the Annual Meeting.

The Candidate Questioning, where members can ask questions to those nominated for positions of trust within Amnesty and the Amnesty Fund, will take place digitally on May 3rd, but will not be held in English.

The Annual Meeting is completely free of charge and open to all members. Registration is required by April 28th. If you want the section to pay for your travel and/or accommodation, require other aids, interpreter or other needs, you need to fill in the registration form by April 3rd. The registration form, the program and other important information can be found at amnesty.se/årsmöte

Any questions, please contact me Karin Ledin da Rosa, karin.darosa@amnesty.se

TIME TO NOMINATE FOR THE ACTIVIST PRIZES!

Before the 2016 Annual Meeting, the section established three prizes for activists and groups to highlight particularly strong human rights engagement. Now, as the Annual Meeting approaches again, we will recognize three new winners for their strong commitment during 2022! Be sure to submit your nomination!

The prizes awarded are:

THE GREAT CREATIVITY PRIZE

Awarded to organizers of the most creative activity of 2022 within one of the section's priority human rights issues. The prize should highlight creative ideas to spread within the movement, to inspire innovative and strong activism. The great creativity prize went to Collective Talks last year!

THE GREAT ACTIVITY PRIZE

Awarded to organizers of the best activity of 2022 within one of the section's priority human rights issues. A good activity focuses on impact, outreach, and engagement. Last year's winners were the student group in Uppsala and the Stockholm district for their fantastic action outside Friends Arena to highlight the campaign for the World Cup in Qatar.

THE GREAT COMMITMENT PRIZE

Awarded to an individual who has put their soul, heart, and time into Amnesty. The prize is not limited to 2022 but is a "lifetime award." Last year, this prize went to the district representative for Kalmar-Kronoberg, Ulla Lind, for her tireless work within the district but also for her great commitment to the Time for Change campaign.

NOMINATE MORE!

Do you know of an activist, group, or activity that is worth recognizing? Then submit your nomination! All nominations are to be sent to me by April 16th. A nomination should include the following:

- Name of the group/activist you want to nominate.
- Description of the activity and/or person's commitment.
- A brief explanation of why you think this activity/activist/group should be awarded the prize.

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UPDATE ON WRITE FOR RIGHTS

The global Write for Rights campaign is over for now! This fall we will start again!

This year we campaigned for five out of the ten global cases. *Shahnewaz Chowdury, Aleksandra `Sasha` Skochilenko, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, Dorgelesse N'guessan and Zineb Redouane.*

All letters, postcards and signatures from the 2022 campaign are now compiled! Each individual case has a specific strategy based on a theory of change decided by the Amnesty International Secretariat. All the collected material, i.e. letters, petition lists and postcards will be sent to the authorities and cases we worked for and with during the campaign.

In total, **52 groups**, including youth groups, and 38 partner schools participated in the campaign. Several different activities were carried out to raise awareness of the cases. A total of **81 978 signatures** were collected from groups, partner schools and digitally. A total of **3 205 letters** from groups and schools were written.

During November and December, Open Houses were also organized in Gothenburg, Malmö, Stockholm and Umeå, where each meeting was based on Write for Rights with the theme of the right to protest. Here, new and old activists were given an opportunity to gain an insight into how to get involved, with one of the cases serving as a framework for the Open House.

Together we have shown our support and demanded justice for people whose human rights have been violated!

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CLIMATE JUSTICE

Conversation series on climate justice in Sweden

The climate crisis is a human rights issue. It contributes to changes that threaten, among other things, our right to life, health, food, water, home and livelihood.

The failure of states to act, despite the clear research available, is in itself a massive rights violation. And it affects not only the current population of the world but also future generations.

In Sweden, the Sami people are one of the groups in Sweden most directly affected by the climate crisis today. Reindeer-herding Sami, as well as Sami engaged in hunting, fishing and other traditional industries, testify that global warming is already making their living conditions more difficult. At the same time, the Sami are greatly affected by the efforts made as part of the green transition.

Wind power is being developed on Sami land, which has a negative impact on reindeer husbandry and culture, as well as mines planned to extract minerals required for battery production, among other things. As wood becomes more attractive as a building material and waste wood is in demand as a biofuel, forests are being cut down at an increasing rate. This affects not only biodiversity but also the forest Sami villages that have lived in and off the forest since ancient times and the mountain Sami villages whose reindeer depend on the lichens in the forest during the winter months.

Climate and human rights are closely linked, and therefore we as a human rights organization must also follow and engage in climate issues.

Talking about climate justice

To be able to act and stand up for a fair green transition, we now offer a series of talks on what climate justice is, where we talk about the importance of a rapid green transition but not at the expense of human rights. At each conversation, one or more invited guests will participate in order to deepen our knowledge together in order to stand up for a just green transition. The plan is to offer some of the talks in English.

What: Conversation series on climate justice

When: April 17 6.30-7.30 pm

How: Digitally. Register your interest [here!](#)

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