

Urgent Action Funds
On Crisis & Care

**A Global Convening
on Feminist Crisis Response**

12-15 May 2025
Hotel Jequitimar, Guarujá, São Paulo, Brazil

AGENDA



CONVENING OVERVIEW

Convening Purpose

This is a global, yet intimate, gathering to reimagine crisis response through an intersectional feminist lens that centers collective care and healing. It brings together frontline defenders, feminist activists, artists, and healing practitioners with representatives from donor institutions and multilateral agencies. We hope this gathering will build and strengthen connections across borders and create a container for transformative conversations, idea exchange, and collective strategic dialogue that will nourish feminist movements. As we engage with complex realities, we seek to co-create a space for rest, healing, and coming into presence and community with each other as we explore practices of collective care and healing as a response to crisis.

Convening Themes

The gathering is informed by four themes that will frame our conversations. They are not meant to be exclusive but are prompts to invite deliberation and exchange.

Finding Care and Healing in Crisis

Feminist activists and their communities are at the forefront of defending human rights and climate justice within increasingly hostile environments, compounded by multiple challenges. Their bravery and commitment to building a more just world is what has made it possible for movements and communities to adapt, survive, and thrive. In the crisis context, the need to center care is more urgent than ever. Through this theme, we recognize, witness, and honor the journeys that feminist activists are on – how they are experiencing crisis and how they understand and practice care at this time. Together, we will appreciate the uniqueness of the different regional contexts of crisis and care while feeding our imagination of a global feminist crisis response framework.

Imaginations of Feminist Horizons

Laughter, love, and belonging are at the center of our imagination of feminist futures because what's the point of the revolution if we can't dance? Inhabiting the horizons that we are calling forward is an important way for us to practice care while walking boldly towards the futures we need. We will learn from existing creative and diverse strategies of resistance and how feminist activists are using these to walk towards transformative futures. We will nourish the seeds of the new technologies and models of feminist community-led crisis response that are emerging in our multiple contexts.

Stories of Our Resistance

Our understanding of crises is both shared and divergent, encompassing immediate, acute, and long-term experiences. We recognize crises as an interconnected web across diverse experiences and geographies, rooted deeply in structural, systemic, and historical realities (colonialism, capitalism, white supremacy, ableism, patriarchy, and heteronormativity, among others).

This theme explores how multiple stories of resistance, each unique to their contexts, come together into a collective picture of feminist crisis response that centers care. Together, we will share and strategize the resilience and resistance practices we use to prepare for and respond to crises and foster transformation.

Resourcing Feminist Crisis Response

Rooted in the multiplicity and wealth of our experiences, we will investigate how feminist movements are building and sustainably resourcing crisis response and care infrastructures, including considerations beyond financial resources. As the funding landscape changes dramatically in real time, we will highlight critical gaps and explore opportunities to strengthen the funding ecosystem for feminist crisis response that centers collective care. Grounded in our interdependence and the complex realities we face, we will discuss how to sustainably resource feminist movements' responses to crises and bold visions for a more just world.

Day 1 – Monday, May 12

Activists Only

Theme: Finding Care and Healing in Crisis

8:50 am	Gathering Call: Please make your way to the main gathering hall (Jequitibá 1-3)
9:00 - 9:45 am	Opening Welcome Ceremony, Urgent Action Fund Latin America and the Caribbean (Jequitibá 1-3)
9:45 - 10:15 am	Drum and Dance with Ilú Oba De Min (Jequitibá 1-3)
10:15 - 11:15 am	Multaqa The Peace of Wild Things: Navigating Crisis with Care (Jequitibá 1-3)
11:15 - 11:30 am	Transition
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Setting the Scene & Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Africa: Jequitibá 1-3• Asia and Pacific: Ipê 3• Latin America and Caribbean: Jequitibá 4• Middle East, Europe, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia, Russia, United States, Canada: Figueira II
12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch	
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Pachotos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping Our Healing: The Role of Healers in Times of Crisis (Jequitibá 1-3)• Navigating the Storm: Collective Approaches to Protection and Safety (Jequitibá 4)• How to Accompany a Crisis and Not Stop Dreaming in the Attempt? (Figueira I)• Existence as Resistance: Gender, Queerness and Sexuality in Media and Pop Culture (Figueira II)• Samba Reggae with Ilú Obá De Min (Coqueiral)• Where in Nature Can You Find Trans-Nonbinary Experiences: Reflection on Self-Determination, a Journey through Photography, Music, and Writing (Mar Casado)
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Film Screening Climate, Crises and Care: How Can Film Activism Spur Feminist Action? (Jequitibá 1-3)
7:00 - 9:00 pm Dinner	



Day 2 – Tuesday, May 13

Activists Only (Donors join in the afternoon)

Theme: Imaginations of Feminist Horizons

8:50 am	Gathering Call: Please make your way to the main gathering hall (Jequitibá 1-3)
9:00 - 9:30 am	Daily Welcome & Opening Ceremony, Urgent Action Fund Asia and Pacific (Jequitibá 1-3)
9:30 - 10:30 am	Multaqa A Phoenix First Must Burn: Imaginations of Feminist Horizons (Jequitibá 1-3)
11:00 - 12:30 pm	Pachotos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building and Sustaining Feminist Crisis and Care Infrastructure (Jequitibá 1-3)• Dreaming, Building, and Inhabiting Ecologically Just Futures (Jequitibá 4)• Tools for Navigating Toxic Communication (Figueira I)• How Transforming Ourselves Can Change the World (Figuera II)
12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch	
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Pachotos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practicing Organizational Wellbeing and Exploring Alternative Organizational Models for Governance (Jequitibá 1-3)• Digital Security, Care, and Feminist Technology (Figueira I)• Resisting Erasure: Feminist Archival Practices in Collective-Led Knowing and History-Making (Figuera II)• Collaborative Storytelling and Talanoa: Two Cultural Workers on the Power of Food and Music to Uplift Marginalized Communities (Mar Casado)
2:00 - 5:30 pm	Donor-Only Session: Weaving Connections (Spa Terrace)
7:00 - 9:00 pm- Activists/Donor Mehfil: Welcome Dinner	



Day 3 – Wednesday, May 14

Activists and Donors

Theme: Stories of Our Resistance

9:00 - 10:50 am	Program Break for Activists Donor-Only Session: Funding When the Whole World Is a Wildfire (Jequitibá 4)
10:50 am	Gathering Call: Please make your way to the main gathering hall (Jequitibá 1-3)
11:00 - 11:30 am	Daily Welcome & Opening Ceremony, Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism (Jequitibá 1-3)
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Multaqa To Never Simplify What is Complicated: Stories of Our Resistance (Jequitibá 1-3)
12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch	
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Pachotos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigating the Storm: Collective Approaches to Protection and Safety (Jequitibá 1-3)• Keeping Civil Society Movements Alive in Shrinking Civic Space (Jequitibá 4)• #Femdefence Workshop (Ipê 3)• Nobody is Free until Everybody is Free: Safety and Resistance in Fascism (Figueira II)• Feminist Care and Resistance Archives (Mar Casado)• Rebalancing Through Plants, Recognizing, Recovering, and Sharing Individual and Community Practices (Coqueiral)
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Donor-Only Session: Pod Debrief
7:00 - 9:00 pm Dinner 5:00 - 8:30 pm: Night Market (Coqueiral)	



Day 4 – Thursday, May 15

Activists and Donors

Theme: Resourcing Feminist Crisis Response

8:50 am	Gathering Call: Please make your way to the main gathering hall (Jequitibá 1-3)
9:00 - 9:30am	Daily Welcome & Opening Ceremony, Urgent Action Fund Africa (Jequitibá 1-3)
9:30 - 10:30 am	Multaqa Instructions on Not Giving Up: Resourcing Feminist Crisis Response (Jequitibá 1-3)
11:00 - 12:30 pm	Pachotos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building and Sustaining Feminist Crisis and Care Infrastructure (Jequitibá 1-3)• Dreaming, Building, and Inhabiting Ecologically Just Futures (Jequitibá 4)• Strengthening Narratives to Resource Collective Care (Figueira I)• Alternative and Creative Resourcing Models (Figueira II)• Bridging the Divide: Feminist Crisis Response and the Humanitarian Sector (Ipê 3)
12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch	
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Pachotos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feminist Intergenerational Care and Knowledge Sharing in Times of Crisis (Figueira I)• Beyond Ableism, toward Allyship (Jequitibá 1-3)• The Stillness Within Chaos: A Dance of Breath, Presence, and Connection (Ipê 3)• Tools for Navigating Toxic Communication (Figueira II)• #Femdefence Workshop (Ipê 2)
	Donor-Only Session: Rooting in Radical Possibility (Jequitibá 4)
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Closing Ceremony and Ritual (Jequitibá 1-3) Music Performance: Mia Kami, Pacific Storyteller/Artist
7:00 - 8:00 pm - Closing Dinner 8:00 - 11:00 pm - Festa (Coqueiral)	





Escuchar de forma holística

Écoutez de manière holistique

Hacer espacio, ocupar espacio

Faites de la place, prenez de la place

Make space, take space
Dê espaço, ocupe espaço

Listen holistically
Ouça de forma holística

Honorez toutes nos vérités

Honremos todas nuestras verdades

Honour all our truths
Honre todas as nossas verdades

Las palabras dan forma a nuestros espacios

Les mots façonnent nos espaces

Words shape our spaces
As palavras moldam os nossos espaços

Crítica Amorosa

Critiquer avec amour

Critiqua Amorosa
Crítica Amorosa

Acesso es amor

L'accès, c'est un acte d'amour

Access is love
Acesso é amor

"Mi ojo se agudiza, pero mi tacto se suaviza"

"Mon œil s'aigüise, mais mon toucher adoucit"

"My eyes grow sharper, but my touch softer"
"Meus olhos ficam mais afiados, mas meu toque mais suave"

El cuidado es un ritmo compartido

Le care, c'est un rythme partagé

Care is a shared rhythm
O cuidado é um ritmo compartilhado

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COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

1. Care is a shared rhythm.

Practice collective and self-care; no one person is responsible for the group's well-being. Let's listen to ourselves and our body. We strive to create an environment where people can check in with themselves and name what they need to engage in a brave space.

2. Access is love.

Every person has essential skills, knowledge, resources, and talents. We strive to make spaces as accessible as possible.

3. Words shape our spaces.

Use inclusive language: use simple terminology, and gender-sensitive words, and display and respect pronouns. Avoid discriminatory language and derogatory terms that target anyone's identity, ideas, or behaviors. Be mindful of word connotation, especially in relation to historical oppression.

4. Critiqua Amorosa.

Engage with openness and a willingness to learn, offering respectful but direct feedback. Ask questions if something is not clear to you, that's how we learn. Assume best intentions, but acknowledge and address harm with care and accountability.

5. Make space, take space.

Step in and step back, with awareness of the group's dynamics. Let's show up fully, with our lived experiences and full identity, not just our "institutional selves". All roles hold equal value in our ecosystem, whether as artists, healers, activists, academics, donors, or the organizing team.

6. Listen holistically.

Listen with heart and intention. Engage purposefully, avoid interrupting, and honor interpretation and access needs. Slow down, and remember that not everyone speaks the same language. We can't be articulate all the time.

7. Honor all our truths.

Push past binary thinking; multiple truths exist at once. Honor different perspectives while acknowledging privilege. Let's make space for our multiplicity and allow ourselves to sit with discomfort. Move past opposition to collaboration, building collective power.

8. "My eye gets sharper, but my touch softer."

Embrace softness; we can be gentle with each other without sacrificing rigorous thinking and clear and direct communication.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

MULTAQAS


Multaqa (pronounced mul-ta-ka) is an Arabic word referring to a meeting place or gathering point where people come together physically or symbolically for dialogue, exchange, and engagement. A Multaqa typically emphasizes the convergence of people from different backgrounds, fostering mutual learning, shared purpose, and co-created understanding.


For this gathering, Multaqas are a daily moment of togetherness for us all. The purpose of each Multaqa is to inspire and spark connection and collective learning. There will be one Multaqa daily, highlighting the theme and providing framing and provocation for the day. All Multaqas will have live interpretation in the four languages of the convening: Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English


PACHOTOS


Pachoto is a Shona/Zimbabwean word meaning “by the fireside” where stories are told. It symbolizes that there is no top end of the table and no hierarchy. For this gathering, Pachotos are smaller, more intimate spaces for participants to be in dialogue and strategize together, learn skills, experience care practices, and deepen relationships and networks.

There are four types of Pachotos, which center different ways of learning and engaging with the themes and content of the convening. Pachotos are held daily; some repeat twice over the convening’s four days. Live interpretation is available for some Pachotos; others use the Wordly app. The Pachotos on Days 1 and 2 and the afternoon of Day 4 are for activists, while those on Day 3 in the afternoon and Day 4 in the morning are for activists and donors together. Pachotos are 1.5-2 hours long. The four types of Pachotos are:

 **Praxis Pachotos** - Praxis Pachotos are designed for knowledge building and political education, bringing together theory and practice about feminist crisis response that puts care at the center. Hear from speakers across regions about their tactics, learn how diverse communities build resilience and practice collective care, and engage in dialogue to inform our collective analysis and movement responses.

 **Strategy Pachotos** - Strategy Pachotos create space for dynamic transnational dialogue about the challenges we face and the solutions we generate to address them. How are we adapting, surviving, and thriving amidst our complex crisis landscape? How are we resourcing our resilience and resistance? Come ready to exchange, share, learn, and strategize.

 **Skill Building Pachotos** - Looking to learn a new skill or add to your feminist superpowers? Skill Building Pachotos are designed to create space for collective learning and sharing. Whether you want to sharpen your knowledge of digital security and essential self-defense techniques or learn how to practice organizational well-being, the Skill Building Pachotos are packed with many tips and tricks.

 **Care and Healing Pachotos** - The Care and Healing Pachotos invite and offer participants the opportunity to experience care and healing practices from different regions. Participants can learn and experience how artists and healers create spaces of healing and care utilizing various techniques, knowledge, and approaches. These experiential sessions allow participants to feel and understand on a sensory level what care and healing are.

Day 1 – Monday, May 12

Activists Only

Theme: Finding Care and Healing in Crisis

MULTAQA | 10:15-11:15 am

The Peace of Wild Things: Navigating Crisis with Care

Jequitiba 1-3

Ven
En esa gota que trae la lluvia
Y colma la tierra
Ven
En esas gotas
Que toda la lluvia son
Ven en esta tarde que agua
Quiero ser
-Luce

Come
In that drop that brings the rain
And fills the earth
come
In those drops
That make up the rain
come this afternoon that water
I want to Be
- Luce

This conversation explores how feminist movements and communities are developing collective care and healing strategies to sustain through multiple and intersecting crises. Speakers will share strategies and practices they are applying in their communities to center collective care and healing in a time of polycrisis. Pairing experiential and theoretical learning, this conversation will address how we heal with a political lens, how care and healing interlink with other resistance strategies, and the interplay between healing justice and collective care.

Languages: Spanish and English

PACHOTOS | 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Mapping Our Healing: The Role of Healers in Times of Crisis

Jequitiba 1-3

An interactive dialogue co-created and facilitated by healing practitioners working within movements. Participants will collectively reflect on what defines healers and what it means to be a politicized healer accompanying movements. We will map the roles that politicized healers play in responding to entrenched and acute crises across regions and contexts. Participants will also learn and share the lineage of their practices and medicine. Are you doing healing work with a movement, organization, collective, or in your community? Would you like to connect and learn from other healing practitioners from different regions? If you answered yes, then join us.

Languages: Spanish and Portuguese

Navigating the Storm: Collective Approaches to Protection and Safety

Jequitibá 4

Feminist movements have long been innovating approaches to keep activists, communities, and movements safe through crisis. This Pachoto will explore the diverse ways this has been done across regions by unpacking strategies activists use to support collective safety and wellbeing. What does care look like within your community? In what ways does crisis complicate care? How does care manifest in spite of crisis? What kinds of resourcing are needed to support movement-led strategies for collective protection and safety?

Language: English and French

How to Accompany a Crisis and Not Stop Dreaming in the Attempt

Figueira I

In this workshop, we will work on providing accompaniment in crisis from a psychosocial perspective to human rights defenders or those in social processes of resistance through creative tools from drawing and painting. We will also find ways to design possible futures and make our support book to accompany and cross crisis processes, using collage and fanzine tools.

Existence as Resistance: Gender, Queerness and Sexuality in Media and Pop Culture

Figueira II

What role does laughter and humour play in feminist resistance, care, and healing? How can storytelling, humour, and art in popular culture represent intimacy, desire, and queer bodies in playful ways that create pleasure-positive, inclusive, and celebratory language and cultures around queerness? How do these forms shift cultures and perspectives over time while responding to their immediate contexts? This session takes a lighter approach by exploring gender, queerness, and sexuality through artistic expression, humour, and pop culture.

Language: English

Samba Reggae with Ilú Obá De Min

Coqueiral

This Samba Reggae workshop with Ilú Obá De Min offers an immersive experience in Afro-Brazilian rhythms, movement, and ancestral knowledge. Participants will engage in dynamic dance practices and learn to play traditional instruments such as agogô, xquerê, djembe, and alfaia. Rooted in the vibrant cultural expressions of the African diaspora, this workshop blends music and body movement, fostering collective energy and connection through rhythm, percussion, and expressive choreography.

Languages/Capacity: English/Portuguese, 20-30 participants maximum

🌿 Where in Nature Can You Find Trans-Nonbinary Experiences: Reflection on Self-Determination, a Journey through Photography, Music, and Writing

Mar Casado

We will explore self-portraiture as a healing practice, using photography, music, and writing to reconnect with our bodies and emotions. Through guided exercises, we will reflect on our identities, express our inner worlds, and create visual self-representations that honor our stories. No prior photography experience is needed—just an open heart and a willingness to explore.

FILM SCREENING | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Climate, Crises and Care: How Can Film Activism Spur Feminist Action?

Jequitiba 1-3

This film screening and discussion invites participants to explore how feminist activism can inspire action and solidarity in the face of environmental and social crises. Through three short films from Laos, Senegal, and the Caribbean, we witness stories of resistance, survival, and care, each deeply rooted in place and community. The films draw powerful parallels across the multidimensional impacts of the climate crisis, offering localized insights into how communities are navigating ecological change, economic pressures, and shifting social roles through various coping strategies and frugal innovations.

Language: French/English

Day 2 – Tuesday, May 13

Activists Only (Donors join in the afternoon)

Theme: Imaginations of Feminist Horizons

MULTAQA | 9:30-10:30 am

A Phoenix First Must Burn: Imaginations of Feminist Horizons

Jequitiba 1-3

“...that duty, that responsibility, that transcends settler notions of time and space, that calls on us to re-engage with the ancestral obligations we have to each other, to our futures, and to ensuring that we always have a place in this world.” – Dr. Emalani Case Kanaka Maoli

Change is the one unavoidable, irresistible, ongoing reality of the universe. To us, that makes it the most powerful reality and opportunity. In the words of Black feminist science fiction author Octavia Butler, “In order to rise from its own ashes, a phoenix must first burn.” Even as we perceive the world burn around us, we thrive because of the work of feminist activists who dedicate their lives to envisioning and creating a new world with justice, joy, safety, and belonging at its core. We invite you to a space that offers new imaginations and asks of us - what do we bring from our pasts and what are we seeding today, as we build our feminist futures?

Languages: Spanish and English

PACHOTOS | 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Building and Sustaining Feminist Crisis and Care Infrastructure

Jequitiba 1-3

How are feminist activists responding to the impacts of interwoven crises on their lives, communities, and movements? This transnational exchange will explore the diverse tactics that feminist activists are innovating from the ground up, with care as the bedrock supporting them all. Together, we will explore the forms of feminist crisis response infrastructure, how these initiatives provide care to activists in times of crisis, how they challenge the structural harms that give rise to crises in the first place, and the kinds of resourcing needed to sustain them.

Language: English

Dreaming, Building, and Inhabiting Ecologically Just Futures

Jequitiba 4

Amidst interconnected and escalating environmental and climate crises, feminist activists are caring for and protecting land, water, and territories, innovating solutions, and fighting for justice and accountability. Many are doing this work in ways that reconnect body, mind, spirit, land, and nature, drawing on Indigenous, Black, and Afro-descendant ancestral practices to heal, regenerate, and develop feminist, community-driven, and sustainable alternatives. Join this space to find common threads, exchange knowledge and strategies, and build on local wisdom to cultivate transnational solidarity.

Language: English

Tools for Navigating Toxic Communication

Figueira I

This pachoto offers an interactive space for anyone wanting to feel clearer, safer, and more confident in emotionally charged conversations—whether with loved ones, colleagues, or your community. We will explore practical, body-based tools to recognize harmful patterns, stay grounded, and respond with care and clarity.

Language: English

How Transforming Ourselves Can Change the World

Figueira II

The trauma we experience and the wounds we carry are often the entry points for our feminist activism. It moves us to organize for change, healing, and liberation. However, when we don't tend to those wounds, it can compromise our social change work in the long term, particularly our responses in times of crisis. How does engaging in personal and collective healing better position us to survive and thrive through crisis? What are the risks if we don't? Why is tending to our inner selves connected to the transformation of the collective? We will hear from healing practitioners who have long supported activists in their journeys toward healing and explore the criticality of this work for social change.

Language: English

PACHOTOS | 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Practicing Organizational Wellbeing and Exploring Alternative Organizational Models for Governance

Jequitiba 1-3

In this pachoto, we will build a manifesto for healthier collectives inspired by experiences in the room with models and practices around decision-making, communications, financial management, and human resources.

Languages: English and Spanish

Digital Security, Care, and Feminist Technology

Figueira I

In today's digital age, protecting personal information and ensuring online safety are essential for feminist activists and movements. This pachoto will provide a space to explore a holistic approach to digital security and care, rooted in feminist principles of technology. The workshop will emphasize the importance of community-driven and inclusive approaches to technology—where safety and care are central, and are practiced through collective protection strategies. We will share key insights on how to confront online gender-based violence by understanding how common attacks are carried out, and how we can protect ourselves and support others who may be affected by these forms of violence.

Languages: English and Portuguese

Resisting Erasure: Feminist Archival Practices in Collective-Led Knowing and History-Making

Figueira Il

We will present two distinct strategies that position archiving at the intersection of social justice and collective resistance. This workshop will map the history of visual culture in Malaysia, offering a critical perspective that challenges Western-centric canonical narratives in design history.

Language: English

Collaborative Storytelling and Talanoa: Two Cultural Workers on the Power of Food and Music to Uplift Marginalized Communities

Mar Casado

This workshop highlights the vital role of community kitchens during public health crises, offering food and support to vulnerable groups. It also explores the power of melodies focused on healing and reclaiming narratives. These two cultural practices share the same goal: to uplift communities through collective care and resilience.

Language: English

DONOR-ONLY SESSION | 2:00 - 5:30 pm

Weaving Connections

Spa Terrace

Join fellow donor participants for welcome, orientation, and community-building as we kick off donor engagement at the On Crisis and Care Convening. We will mark the opening of our journey through the convening's activist-donor dialogues with ritual and grounding in the Brazilian context and hearing updates from the first two days of the convening. From there, we will set intentions for our participation and learning and situate our discussions in the current and emerging realities for the funding sector. Do not miss this opportunity to build and weave relationships that we will deepen through this convening and lean into on the other side to get us through complex times.

Language: English

Day 3 – Wednesday, May 14

Activists and Donors

Theme: Stories of Our Resistance

DONOR-ONLY SESSION | 9:00-10:50 am

Funding When the Whole World Is a Wildfire

Jequitiba 4

We will gather at the start of the first full day for activists and donors together at the convening to deepen our shared knowledge of the drivers and impacts of interwoven crises and the unique crisis response strategies that feminist actors are leading. Grounded in stories and practical examples, we will explore how funding at the intersection of crisis and care creates opportunities for transformation and plays a powerful role in protecting civic space, defending democracy, and advancing climate justice. Throughout all our discussions, we will continue to reflect on how we can be stronger advocates for feminist movements in times of interlocking crises, including in the philanthropic and humanitarian sectors.

Language: English

MULTAQA | 11:30-12:30 pm

To Never Simplify What is Complicated: Stories of Our Resistance

Jequitiba 1-3

“To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never to forget.” – Arundhati Roy
This Multaqa is our opportunity to acknowledge the power in the room. The crises we experience are tightly bound together, and tighter still is our interdependence and solidarity. We will explore the structural causes of compounded immediate and long-term crises, the multiple faces of resistance across feminist movements, strategies of protection and care, and opportunities for transformation – all to create a collective picture of resistance and call for solidarity that embraces difference, diversity, and interconnectedness.

Languages: Portuguese and English

PACHOTOS | 2:30 - 4:30 pm

🚨 Navigating the Storm: Collective Approaches to Protection and Safety

Jequitibá 1-3

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Language: English/French

Keeping Civil Society Movements Alive in Shrinking Civic Space

Jequitibá 4

As we confront interwoven crises across the globe, our responses must account for shrinking civic space – not least because feminist and LGBTQI+ activists are often first in line to be attacked. We see states use acute crises like pandemics, coups, or climate disasters to crack down on civil society, limit civic space, and further entrench authoritarian practices - often under the guise of national security. Come to learn and strategize: How are activists and movements addressing these multilayered crisis realities and responding to a closing civic space? What are some stories of hope and success? How can donors most effectively support movements and activists facing criminalization and operating in increasingly hostile and repressive civic spaces?

Language: English

#Femdefence Workshop

Ipê 3

This pachoto will teach participants to understand stress responses, practice confident body language, develop assertive communication, and learn essential self-defense techniques to navigate risks and defend themselves in various situations. It will involve movement, so please dress comfortably!

Language/Capacity: English, 20 participants maximum

Nobody is Free until Everybody is Free: Safety and Resistance in Fascism

Figueira II

This Pachoto is a transnational exchange on the rise of fascism and the lessons that can be exchanged about staying safe and surviving these regimes. What possibilities do our diverse experiences open? Are we making peace with the unacceptable? How can we surface the connections between our struggles and crises in ways that open possibilities for solidarity and collective action? How can donors share risk with activists and sustain support to movements living and working amidst fascism?



Language: English and Spanish

Feminist Care and Resistance Archives

Mar Casado

Restoring and archiving our collective feminist histories is an act of resistance and has the power to reclaim, restore, and preserve a narrative of truth. Feminist activists and movements have been documenting and building archives around modalities and cultures of care. In times of war, crisis, and destruction, how are feminist movements documenting experiences so our legacy lives on, our stories are not forgotten, and we find healing in the memories of struggle and liberation? We will hear from activists from Palestine, Sri Lanka, and Argentina about the innovative ways in which they are using archiving and documentation to foster healing and care.


Languages: English and Spanish



🌿 Rebalancing Through Plants, Recognizing, Recovering, and Sharing Individual and Community Practices

Coqueiral

This pachoto shares plant-based practices for spiritual, physical, and emotional balance, focusing on how leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, sap, and roots can support human rights defenders. Participants will receive a digital fanzine with resources for plant-based individual and collective care.







Languages: English and Portuguese



DONOR-ONLY SESSION | 5:00-5:30 pm

Pod Debrief

After meeting up with your pod in Jequitibá 4, we invite you to stay in the room, go for a walk, sit on the beach, or choose any setting your group will enjoy for your debrief.



Day 4 – Thursday, May 15

Activists and Donors

Theme: Resourcing Feminist Crisis Response

MULTAQA | 9:30-10:30 am

Instructions on Not Giving Up: Resourcing Feminist Crisis Response

Jequitiba 1-3

“...Patient, plodding, a green skin
growing over whatever winter did to us, a return
to the strange idea of continuous living despite
the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then,
I’ll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf
unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I’ll take it all.”
- Ada Limón, Instructions on Not Giving Up

Just as activists and movements are facing heightened attacks and threats, formal funding for feminist movements is receding. What does this mean for how we resource feminist movements and their critical work in times of crisis? Given these new funding realities – and when the world is on fire – how do we change how we think about resourcing? There is no one answer to these questions. This Multaqa offers provocations about where we go from here.

Language: English

PACHOTOS | 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Building and Sustaining Feminist Crisis and Care Infrastructure

Jequitiba 1-3

How are feminist activists responding to the impacts of interwoven crises on their lives, communities, and movements? This transnational exchange will explore the diverse tactics that feminist activists are innovating from the ground up, with care as the bedrock supporting them all. Together, we will explore the forms of feminist crisis response infrastructure, how these initiatives provide care to activists in times of crisis, how they challenge the structural harms that give rise to crises in the first place, and the kinds of resourcing needed to sustain them.

Language: English

Dreaming, Building, and Inhabiting Ecologically Just Futures

Jequitiba 4

Amidst interconnected and escalating environmental and climate crises, feminist activists are caring for and protecting land, water, and territories, innovating solutions, and fighting for justice and accountability. Many are doing this work in ways that reconnect body, mind, spirit, land, and nature, drawing on Indigenous, Black, and Afro-descendant ancestral practices to heal, regenerate, and develop feminist, community-driven, and sustainable alternatives. Join this space to find common threads, exchange knowledge and strategies, and build on local wisdom to cultivate transnational solidarity.

Language: English

Strengthening Narratives to Resource Collective Care

Figueira I

What narratives are needed to protect and grow resourcing for collective care? As philanthropic and bilateral resources for feminist movements shrink, how can we make a stronger case for resourcing collective care as integral to responding to crises, protecting civic space, defending democracy, and advancing climate justice? We know that collective care is essential to sustaining feminist movements and building a more just world, and we also know that many donors continue to struggle to make the case for it. Come strategize how to strengthen our narratives to secure stronger resourcing for this work.

Language: English

Alternative and Creative Resourcing Models

Figueira II

We will surface the alternative resourcing strategies that activists, collectives, and grassroots organizations use to resource organizing and movement work, alongside an exploration of potential roles for donors in providing seed resourcing for these strategies. This session will pool the wisdom and experience of people in the room to identify how feminist activists can sustain themselves beyond external funding. Through the session, we hope to determine the types of support and infrastructure that feminist activists would like to strengthen, identify roles that donors can play, and facilitate a space for learning from one another's experiences.

Language: English

Bridging the Divide: Feminist Crisis Response and the Humanitarian Sector

Ipê 3

Local feminist organizations are first responders in every crisis context, playing a significant role in ensuring that crisis responses are inclusive, responsive, and transformative – yet they continue to be underrecognized as central actors in the humanitarian sector. One barrier is that we use extremely different language and frameworks to conceptualize and talk about our work. How can we adapt our messages to bring home to the humanitarian sector the critical leadership of feminist first responders and the necessity of resourcing them? What data and stories do we need? How flexible are we willing to be? What partnerships are we willing to consider? Join us for an open discussion among activists and donors about what it will take to join forces with the humanitarian sector with the goal of abundantly and flexibly resourcing feminist movements on the frontlines.

Language: English

PACHOTOS (for activists) | 2:30-4:30 pm

 **Feminist Intergenerational Care and Knowledge Sharing in Times of Crisis**

Figueira I

How do we honor the legacy and wisdom of our feminist elders while also nourishing the voices of young feminists? What does it mean to be in solidarity across generations? What are the shared experiences and tools we lift that remember the unique wisdom of every decade of our lives, whether we are 20 or 75 years old? In this interactive pachoto, we will engage in a vibrant and supportive intergenerational dialogue to share approaches to care and healing and how feminist movements have historically and are currently navigating crises.

Language: English

 **Beyond Ableism, towards Allyship**

Jequitiba 1-3

In times of crisis, people living with disabilities often face disproportionate challenges. What are the tools and strategies that feminist activists can/are using to create a crisis response centering people living with disability that is rooted in the principles of disability justice, collective care and healing. We'll reflect on key questions like: What does it mean to show up with care? How can we design support systems that are sustainable, accessible, and affirming? And how can cultural knowledge, mutual aid, and collective care shift how we prepare for and respond to moments of rupture? This space will offer practical frameworks, storytelling and an opportunity for collective dialogue.

Language: English/Spanish

 **The Stillness Within Chaos: A Dance of Breath, Presence, and Connection**

Ipê 3

As artists, healers, and activists, we often feel the weight of the world's crises. Through dance, movement, and shared presence, this workshop invites you to feel deeply, express fully, and sit with the discomfort of global challenges like war, climate crisis, injustice, and loss while standing in solidarity. Rather than suppressing our emotions, we honor them as vital to healing. Here, we come together to feel connected in our grief and rage, using communal dance to embody these experiences and open to a renewed sense of possibility.

Language: English

 **Tools for Navigating Toxic Communication**

Figueira II

This pachoto offers an interactive space for anyone wanting to feel clearer, safer, and more confident in emotionally charged conversations—whether with loved ones, colleagues, or your community. We will explore practical, body-based tools to recognize harmful patterns, stay grounded, and respond with care and clarity.

Language: English

#Femdefence Workshop

Ipe 2

This pachoto will teach participants to understand stress responses, practice confident body language, develop assertive communication, and learn essential self-defense techniques to navigate risks and defend themselves in various situations. It will involve movement, so please dress comfortably!

Language/Capacity: English, 20 participants maximum

DONOR-ONLY SESSION | 2:30-4:30 pm

Rooting in Radical Possibility

Jequitibá 4

"You have to act as if it were radically possible to transform the world.
And you have to do it all the time" - Angela Davis

As we prepare to close our time in Guarujá, we will reflect on the journey we have been on for the last two days, capture and consolidate our learnings, and fortify our commitments to taking action to strengthen the funding landscape for feminist crisis response that centers care. We will look ahead to opportunities to stay connected and in community, post-convening and beyond.

Language: English

EXHIBITION GALLERY

Here, you'll find visual and mixed-media artwork, as well as installation offerings, from artists, organizers, and healers throughout the gathering. Visit the gallery at your leisure and interact with the art and the artists. This is also the space where we will exhibit any creations that emerge from convening sessions.

Card Reading and Circle

This interactive session combines the Yorùbá concept of Orí with restorative circle practices, using the Sacred Ori Affirmation Card Deck to connect with ancestral wisdom and promote healing. Participants will engage in breathwork, storytelling, and community building to explore their connection to Olódùmarè and activate liberation pathways.

Language: English

Immersive Sound Installation: Nanay to my Anger, Nanay to my Grief Nanay a mi rabia, nanay a mi pena

Through virtual reality cinema (a short six-minute film) and sound installations, we will navigate a sensory journey towards hope and the practice of imagination from ancestral poetics. We will ask ourselves: How does justice feel? How does it feel in our bodies/territories? What is justice for our heart, for our nervous system? How do we live justice in our collective tissues, in the web of life? How do we co-create our justice outside the state or hegemonic institutions? This installation is a pause to travel sensorially and to feel our justice in the here and now: to inhabit the worlds we dream of, for which we dream so much.

Language: Spanish, with English subtitles

Photo Exhibit: "Does disability influence my photography? You tell me."

An intimate photographic exhibit invites us to witness the world through a lens shaped by constraint, resistance, and quiet insistence.

Language: English

Threads of Struggle

A series of textile pieces done through a technique called latch hooking, providing an insight of land scale comparisons between haciendas, plantations, and urban cities. This series is an ongoing counter-mapping project by SAKA (Sama-samang Artista para sa Kilusang Agraryo / Artist Alliance for Genuine Agrarian Reform and Rural Development).

ONGOING OFFERINGS

In addition to the structured offerings in the agenda, our convening includes open spaces available to access anytime. These spaces do not have designated facilitators or guides besides mental health support. As such, participants are invited to use these spaces however it feels right—to engage, spend time quietly, or not engage at all.

No / Low Sensory Zone: A designated room to minimize sensory input, offering a calm environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities or those seeking a break from sensory overload. Use this room for unprogrammed space/time for quiet reflection, prayer, relaxation, or a quick nap.

Wellbeing Support: Two counselors can offer preemptive or reactive mental health support through private counseling sessions. Support is available throughout our time together in the four main languages of the convening. Come to the Support Desk to sign up.

Digital Security Corner: A dedicated space to drop in with questions about protecting your devices, data, and online presence. Whether you're curious about secure messaging, password management, navigating digital threats, or simply need to talk to someone about a digital security incident, this is a space for open dialogue and learning. Come explore approaches to digital care from a critical perspective, guided by feminist facilitators.

Feminist Resource Hub: An exchange space of resources, books, zines, and objects. Bring materials you would like to share with others, whether from your own life or your practice within a collective or organization. Explore other people's and collectives' worlds through their shared materials.

Support Desk: The Support Desk is available throughout the convening for any questions or concerns.

Outdoor Oasis: Our venue is located on the Guarujá seafront and is surrounded by the Atlantic Forest, providing many peaceful spaces perfect for quiet reflection, conversations, and small gatherings. During the convening, we invite you to pause, unwind, and connect with yourself and others to enjoy the beauty of Guarujá.

Informal Touchpoints: During the gathering, we encourage you to use the non-programmed time to self-organize and converse with each other. Non-programmed time includes:

- **For activists** | Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-7:00 pm, Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am, and Thursday 6:30-7:00pm
- **For donors** | Tuesday 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm, and Thursday 6:30-7:00 pm