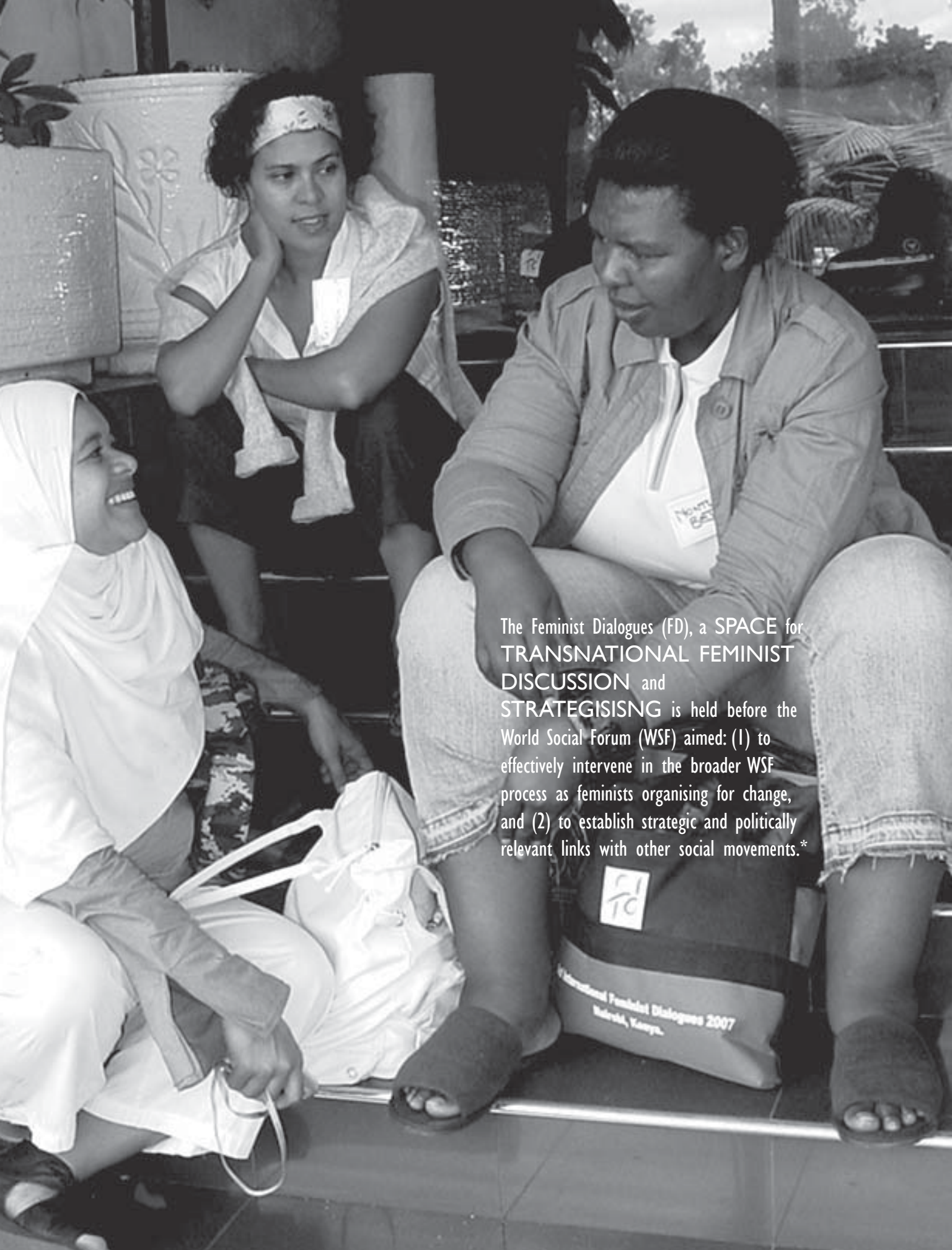


Feminist **Challenges** at the **World Social** Forum

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The Feminist Dialogues (FD), a SPACE for TRANSNATIONAL FEMINIST DISCUSSION and STRATEGISING is held before the World Social Forum (WSF) aimed: (1) to effectively intervene in the broader WSF process as feminists organising for change, and (2) to establish strategic and politically relevant links with other social movements.*

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As feminists we need to develop a **DEEP** and **PROFOUND CRITIQUE** of **DEMOCRACY** that will enable its transformation and radicalisation, in collaboration and partnership with other social movements.*

FD Nairobi 2007:

Exposed the contradictions, limits, and **blurred realities** of **LIBERAL DEMOCRACY** ...and proposed a **RADICALISATION OF DEMOCRACY**





Members of African LGBT organisations found their space to speak of their experience.

Ma. Cecilia Triol

In a **RADICAL DEMOCRATIC FRAME**, **gender identities are seen** not in and of themselves, but rather **in a permanent interaction and articulation with other identities** and discriminations of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, geographical space, as expressions of one over-arching system of domination.*





The RE-ARTICULATION
OF DEMOCRACY in a
radical and transformed form
enables us to re-visit our
understandings of the **nation-
state**, of **sovereignty**, and of
the re-construction of the
notion of citizenship.*

*A laundry list of grievances and calls to action
hung from the balconies of the WSF venue,
Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi, Kenya.*



The **FEMINIST POLITICS** within which we position ourselves generates a new political culture and new frameworks of understanding that articulate the strategies of social movements with the project of social transformation. Through this we enter a **process of overcoming all forms of exploitation, domination and discrimination** in each of our societies and at the global level, **confronting the hegemonic forces of neo-liberalism, militarisms and fundamentalisms** that exclude, violate and dehumanise us, together and separately.*

Security detail from the Kenyan armed forces meant to keep out "unwanted" elements from the gathering only reinforced the perception of exclusion.



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