

# GADN Members' Meeting

'From decolonisation to locally-led development:  
repoliticising the agenda'

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GADN's decolonisation work through the REFRAME  
Programme

## **GADN's Feminist Reframing of Macro-level Economics (REFRAME) Programme**

We aim to promote feminist economic alternatives by working with allies to support global feminist movements and influence international decision-makers.

### **Why does GADN work on macro-level economics?**

Decisions taken by national governments and regional and international institutions shape the way that our economies are structured, resources are raised and allocated, and so are therefore central to the perpetuation of patriarchy, inequality and the abuse of rights.

## What does GADN mean by decolonisation?

*“The practice of recognising, making visible and addressing the legacies that colonialism, empire, racism and patriarchy continue to have across the world”.*

## Why does GADN work on decolonisation?

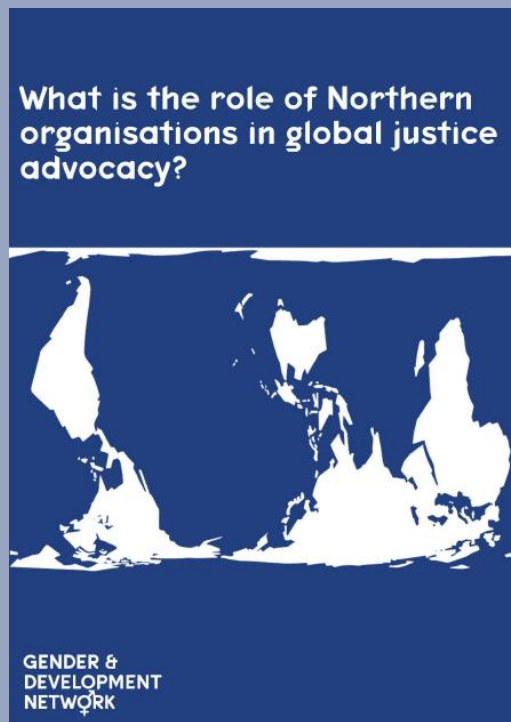
- We recognise that the UK’s colonial past has indelibly shaped the nature of aid and the power dynamics between the UK and countries in the Global South.
- Race and neo-colonialism continue to shape the current realities of all people, particularly women, across the Global South, as well as Black People and People of Colour in the UK.
- We recognise too that the UK international development sector is a product of colonialism and an active participant in perpetuating neo-colonialism.

What are the main ways that GADN works on decolonisation through the REFRAME programme?

- **What we do:** *our substantive programme work (“project deliverables”)*
- **How we do:** *our ways of working*

- Influencing the international norms of discourse on macroeconomic policy, especially with the UK government, given its disproportionate and historic influence in global economic decision-making:
  - FCDO,
  - Labour Party
  - G7
- Reparations

- Centring the expertise and analysis of Southern Women's Rights Organisations (SWROs).
- Seeking to address and correct epistemic injustices.
- Identifying spaces and opportunities for us to hear analysis from SWROs, rather than continued consultations.
- Always remunerating for their time.
- Supporting the work of global feminist movements and networks working on macroeconomic issues – GATJ, AFMA, GTC, WRC.
- Using our power and influence to amplify Southern analysis and perspectives with UK decision-makers and the UK government.



# GADN Strategy 2023–26: Aims and objectives




**Aim: To collaborate with feminist organisations and movements globally in challenging unjust international economic systems and promoting feminist alternatives.**

- Strategically influence and challenge the international decision-making processes, policy assumptions and practices that reinforce unequal international economic systems.
- Through mutual learning and cooperative working, support the building and promotion of positive feminist alternatives, recognising the intersectional nature of discrimination and oppression and the neo-colonial context in which we operate.

**Aim: To work cooperatively with members to deliver effectively on gender equality and the rights of women and girls internationally**

- To increase the effectiveness of members' advocacy by enabling collaborative strategising and joint advocacy, and facilitating access to UK decision makers.
- To support and encourage feminist working among our members by enabling the exchange of feminist analysis, learning and information and facilitating respectful collaboration with feminist organisations and movements globally.
- To act as a critical friend to member organisations, providing thought leadership and encouraging best practice and brave action promoting gender equality and women's rights including on anti-racism and decolonisation.



**Aim: To hold the UK government to account for its responsibility to promote gender equality and the rights of women and girls globally, and to atone for past and present harm**

- To shift UK political agendas in the long term towards support for transformative feminist policies, including decolonisation and atonement for past and present harm.
- To strengthen the UK government's commitment, policy and practice towards achieving women's and girls' rights and gender equality in its international work providing technical expertise and creating engagement space for our members and for feminists from across the Global South.

**Aim: To build a network capable of achieving our aims**

- Continue to become more actively feminist, decolonial and anti-racist in the ways that we work.
- Maintain and strengthen a membership base that works together cooperatively.
- Secure, and sustain sufficient resources including finances, staff and reputation and use them responsibly.
- Uphold an effective and transparent management and governance structure for the network.