

MANIFESTO – FEMINIST RESISTANCE VIGIL CIRCLE

Algeria - Tunisia - Morocco

We, feminist activists and allies from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco, gathered on 13-14 February 2026, take a clear stand against the backlash intensifying across North Africa. This anti-rights, anti-gender offensive is not a temporary phenomenon. It is an organized politics of fear, cruelty and division targeting our bodies, our freedoms, our organizations and the very space of civil society.

We are witnessing a rise in violence and discrimination in both public and digital spaces: the normalization of feminicides, sexual violence, harassment, doxxing, hate campaigns, the criminalization of dissenting voices, and arbitrary interpretations of the law. This backlash relies on religious instrumentalization, moral panic rhetoric, security narratives, and gaslighting. It shrinks civic space, weakens organizations, drains funding, and seeks to isolate us.

We affirm that gender justice is social justice. Our bodies and identities are not political bargaining tools. Struggles are universal and cannot be hierarchized. Our regional solidarity is a direct response to division.

Our principles are clear:

- Adelphity, vigilance and resistance against any attempt at isolation.
- Autonomy, integrity, and consent, against all forms of social control over bodies and sexualities.
- Zero tolerance for violence, which is systemic violence, not incidental.
- Commitment to universal fundamental rights and freedoms and to the effective implementation of international obligations.

We call on public authorities, judicial institutions and all duty bearers to:

- Guarantee equal and effective reforms, including family law reform, and repeal the liberticidal provisions that penalize individual freedoms under the pretext of “public morals.”
- Implement a genuine policy against violence based on prevention, care and support, protection of victims, and prosecution of perpetrators.
- Protect activists and organizations, ensure freedom of action, and provide sustainable funding for civil society.
- Hold regulators and digital platforms accountable for preventing and moderating hate speech.

We refuse to disappear from public spaces.

We refuse to allow fear and hate to prevail over justice.

We refuse to remain silent.

From Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco, we will continue to watch, resist and raise our regional feminist voice, a voice that is united, determined and rooted in our cultures.