

International Antiimperialist United Front against Fascism, War and Environmental Destruction



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Dear friends of the United Front!

The Zimmerwald Conference 2.0, which will take place on September 6, 2025 in Zurich/Switzerland, is approaching! Meanwhile, the armed conflicts around the world are intensifying. Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu wants to take over the entire Gaza Strip and the famine is taking on unimaginable proportions. Solidarity greetings to the port workers in Greece, Italy and France, who have prevented arms deliveries to Israel with blockades because they do not want to soil their hands with the blood of the genocide against the Palestinian population! The rulers Trump and Putin are talking about the war in Ukraine, territorial cessions are an issue. Neither the Ukrainian nor the Russian people will be liberated in this way. Rwanda and Congo have signed a peace agreement in the USA. However, the latest news from the Congo confirms the fears: the areas, towns and villages that were conquered are still occupied and the civilian population continues to be abused. An imperialist peace is a betrayal of the masses. The objective situation in the world therefore makes it more than necessary to raise the peace movement to a new level. The Zimmerwald Conference 2.0 can be an important step in this direction.

Therefore, here are some hints and further information about the conference:

1. As you know, the conference will take place hybrid, i.e. both in presence and online. Take part yourself and make sure you use the remaining time for advertising! This applies above all to advertising among all international friends! Rarely is there such a good opportunity to discuss with each other in such a broad spectrum, connected worldwide.

Online participation via ZOOM as well as registration for **participation in the open discussion** for each block, whether online or in presence, is open until the end. Anyone who would like to submit a contribution for the open discussion in advance is very welcome to do so. This will help the translators! The speaking time is limited to two minutes, so that proper discussion and, if necessary, multiple speeches are possible. This proved very successful at the last United Front webinar!

2. Registration for **participation in presence** was open until August 15. If you have not yet done so, please register very quickly: Please send all information to unitedfrontsecretariat@protonmail.com: first name, last name, possibly organization, country, participation in Lenin walk yes/no, possibly contribution to the evening program. Arrival is already possible on Friday, when the ATIK will kindly make its room in Zurich available to us (address: ATIK, Kultur Fabrik, Binzmühlenstr. 405, 8046 Zurich).

3. Your **speeches** are particularly valuable and important for the conference. A few days ago we sent you the list of speakers for the keynote speeches for each block - an impressive line-up that promises an exciting discussion! We ask all speakers with **keynote** speeches to submit their contributions by **August 20**, exactly limited to the six minutes speaking time, so that they can be translated as usual. We will have translation by volunteer interpreters in six languages!

4. As you know, we want to organize a **joint evening program** at the end of the conference. As many people as possible should contribute to this, we are convinced that the culture of the international peace movement is diverse! Perhaps there are songs, dances, poems, performances of other kinds that you can contribute to the evening program? Of course, this applies to the participants in attendance, but you are also very welcome to send us videos of your dance groups, choirs, music groups, bands, which we can then include in the evening!

5. At this point we would also like to advertise again for participation in the **walk “In Lenin's footsteps” on Sunday**, which the comrades of MLGS Switzerland, who will be our hosts alongside ATIK, have prepared!

So much for today, feel free to write to us with further questions, perhaps there will be another newsletter in the final spurt.

Best wishes and solidarity,
on behalf of the Consultative Committee
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