

GCOMS Newsletter, April 2018

GDAMS 2018 is starting!

We are happy to announce that our annual GDAMS is about to begin! This year, the IPB Global Day of Actions includes the period from April 14 until May 3, 2018. Additionally, we are delighted to inform that we plan a simultaneous press conference on May 2nd (information forthcoming!). In Italy, international high school students are organizing demonstrations (with selfies!), in United States activists are organizing rallies, public speeches and many other actions, and in the U.K., vigils provide a powerful and valid way to express our feelings. Actions will take place across the globe, as [listed here](#). For inspiration, never hesitate to check the [website](#) or [contact](#) us!

The GDAMS Statement can be found [here](#) in addition to an international scientific statement on the need to reduce military spending to face climate change effects worldwide. The full text of this statement can be [read and downloaded here](#).

GDAMS Resources 2018

Remember that *GDAMS resources are available* on the [GCOMS website](#), including guides on events preparation, help and material for social media campaigns, and the 2017 report that can give you creative ideas on what is possible!

New infographics material will be released at the beginning of GDAMS, on April 13th! These infographics will and can be used in any way you see to be effective throughout GDAMS 2018!

USA | 686 billion defense request for 2019 Fiscal Year

"My first order as President was to renovate and modernize our nuclear arsenal. It is now far stronger and more powerful than ever before"

Donald Trump
President of the United States of America

10% of Global Military Expenditure is all we need to reverse climate change and end poverty and hunger by 2030

Fund welfare, not warfare!
#MoveTheMoney

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GDAMS Events

As mentioned, GDAMS events are spanning the globe and connecting activists from Australia to the Americas! Planned events are updated on the website and interactive map, which can be found [here](#). Additionally, you can find all GDAMS



2018 Actions [here](#). It is important to remember that public awareness is currently very high! With new militaristic policies springing up internationally, planned events should be prepared for increased participation compared to previous years.

If you want to add your events or have questions, [please contact us](#) at <mailto:coordination.gcoms@ipb.org>

GDAMS Selfie Campaign

This [2018 Selfie Campaign](#) slogan is “Where would you move 10% of global military Spending? Take Action!”. We invite you to publish your selfies on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram using the hashtags: #MovetheMoney #SelfieCampaign2018 #GDAMS #Demilitarize #WelfareNotWarfare. Any other photos can be sent to us directly to [GCOMS coordination team](#) and we will publish them for you on the official event pages!

