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## **1. Volontari nel Mondo - FOCSIV**

Special, 2004

### **Introduction**

There have been no changes.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

There have been no changes.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Focsiv launched campaigns in support of important issues such as: Right to food for everyone: this initiative was taken by Focsiv in 2014 and its activities continued to run until 2016. Goal of the campaign is to raise awareness on issues connected with right to food, including on financial matters and conflicts undermining food security of population in the South. -Climate campaign: Focsiv promoted in 2015 different civil society and faith groups mobilizations in order to ask world leaders in COP 21 to sign an international ambitious agreement addressing climate change issues and establishing that the overall global annual mean surface temperature increase should not exceed 1.5 -2 °C. – FOCSIV in 2010 joined the Italian edition of the International campaign in support of the implementation of a financial transaction tax (FTT) and the activities of the campaign continue to run until 2016. Focsiv engaged lobbying actions towards national and European institutions in order to assure that the revenues would go towards the Millennium Development Goals. - Focsiv has followed with advocacy work the debate in the international community on the Millennium Development Goals ahead of a new commitment Beyond 2015. On this issue FOCSIV participated to the consultation for civil society launched by the European Commission in 2012.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

2012: April: UNCTAD XIII (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ) and Civil Society Forum (Doha, Qatar). Participants: Sergio Marelli, Barbara Ghiringhelli. 2013: September: Dialogue with Civil Society organizations and Member States on Post-2015 Development Agenda and various other events organized on the occasion of the United Nations Special event to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Participants: Firmin Adjahossou, Michelle Hctor, Andrea Rigon, Justin Kilkullen, Joseph Komakoma 2014: September: High-level meetings of the 69th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (New York, United States of America). Participants: Diego Martinez, Emilie Johann, Firmin Adjahossou, Samuel Paquete. 2015: September: United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 (New York, United States of America). Participants: Daniel Bacher, Marco Gordillo, Marta Isabel González Álvarez.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In November 2012 it was held a meeting in Rome, Italy, with the European Union Delegation at the UN organizations based in Rome on the theme "EU external assistance policy and the Common Agriculture Policy: coherence problem and new food security challenges in the context of the new scarcity era." Always in 2012 FOCSIV organized a meeting in FAO in Rome with representatives of different FAO divisions (Right to Food, Agriculture Family, Voluntary Guidelines, Agro-Ecology, Division of Gender, Equity and Work, Rural Development and Land Tenure) with the aim of deepening the work of FOCSIV and FAO on the issue of agricultural and food policy.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

In order to help reach the 7th Goal, Focsiv in collaboration with CIDSE (Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité), the Global Catholic Climate Movement and Green Faith ran in 2015 marches and pilgrimages on Climate Justice in the run up to the climate summit in December 2015 in Paris, France. As Federation of Christian based Italian NGOs and as member of the Italian Climate Coalition, FOCSIV promoted seminars and civil society initiatives on interconnection between climate justice, sustainable development and individual sustainable lifestyle. In order to help reach the 1st goal FOCSIV

launched with other Catholic organization the national campaign for right to food: in this sense FOCSIV developed a website with multimedia elements about the importance of the objective of eradicating hunger. Addressing the cross-cutting nature of this issue, FOCSIV has made available training and raising awareness toolkit for different actors (schools, parishes, municipalities and companies). In order to help reach the 8th goal, FOCSIV worked on national and international campaign to promote a commercial and financial predictable and non-discriminatory system; furthermore the Federation worked to promote dialogue and cooperation with private sector. FOCSIV followed the Third United Nations Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (13- 16 July 2015) and it is also member of the coordination of the national campaign for the introduction of a tax on financial transactions. FOCSIV, on the basis of the Report of John Ruggie, UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights, in 2011 started to explore the possibility to cross the business world with that of development cooperation and from 2014 it organizes a Master's Degree on profit and non-profit relation and corporate social responsibility.

## **2. Voluntary Service Overseas**

General, 2012

### **Introduction**

VSO International - 23 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Pacific.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

VSO's vision is a world without poverty in which people work together to fulfil their potential. VSO promotes volunteering to fight poverty and disadvantage. We bring people together to share skills, creativity and learning to build a fairer world.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

Organisational restructuring into one multi-centre, global operating entity with programming focused on:

- Inclusive Education
- Unlocking Talent through Technology
- Adult, Youth Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights
- Maternal & Neonatal Health • Youth Employment
- Agri-based Value Chains

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Involved in UN process to agree Agenda 2030 – the SDGs. Various written submissions/contributions, including:

- Response to UN Global Thematic Consultation on Governance and Accountability
- UN Global Thematic Consultation on Inequalities: Advancing Equality in Women's Participation & Influence in Public Life through the Post-2015 Framework
- Bali Declaration by Parliamentarians and Civil Society on MDG Acceleration and the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Contribution of Human Rights and the Rule of Law in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Inputs for the High Level event of the UNGA:

- ‘Strengthening integration, implementation and review - the HLPF after 2015’
- Statement to 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- Participation in UN civil society groupings including ‘Major Groups and Other Stakeholders’ and ‘Impact 2030’, representing ‘volunteer groups’.
- Participated in all Inter-Governmental Negotiation Sessions (2015) on Agenda 2030. Volunteers and local CBO partners contributed, including nine speakers for the intergovernmental negotiations (2015). Participants came from Kenya, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Ireland, Uganda, Mozambique, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- VSO staff attended UN meetings including:
  - o UNGA meetings (2013, 2014, 2015);
  - o 57th and 58th Session of CSW as organising partner and speaker at 3 side events;
  - o High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development meeting (July 2015). Spoke at side event;
  - o UNESCAP Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand (2015, 2016). UNESCAP Asia-Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development;
  - o High Level Panel of Eminent Persons meeting, Bali (2013), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2012)
- Inter-Agency Expert Group on SDG indicators meeting, Bangkok, Thailand (2015).
- DPI-NGO Conference (August 2014) - Youth Blogger.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Work closely with UNV as primary UN body on enhancing role of volunteering in development.

Our programming in health, education, livelihoods focuses on poverty reduction and sustainability. Work with UNDP, UN Women, and WHO in various programme countries. Relationships range from programme delivery to high level policy and advocacy.

With UNESCO:

- 2013, 2014 - supporting UNESCO Global Monitoring Report through teacher surveys in six countries.
- 2012 - Report to Eleventh Session of Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendations on the Status of Teachers
- 2013 - Feedback on Draft ILO policy guidelines on the promotion of decent work for early childhood education personnel.
- 2015 - Report to Twelfth Session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendations on the Status of Teachers
- 2015 - UNESCO CCNGO - Education Conference, Incheon
- 2015 – Contribution to working group of International Task Force on Teachers for Education for All on post-2015. Elaboration of Framework for Action focusing on target 6
- 2016 - Member of Thematic Working Group on Education 2030+ for ASIA and PACIFIC
- 2016 - Contributed to experts consultation meeting on UNESCO Policy Guidelines on Inclusion and Equity in Education

Worked with UN-NGLS and DESA-DSD to select civil society speakers for interactive dialogues at post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations and PGA's high-level event (February 2015).

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Worked in 47 countries delivering programmes on Education, Health, Governance, HIV, Disability and Livelihoods. Contributed directly to seven of the MDGs through placing expert volunteers in government ministries, local authorities and local NGOs and CBOs, to build capacity and improve service delivery. Example: by improving training for health staff and strengthening health systems of health providers, VSO contributed to increasing accessibility and effectiveness of health services; VSO programmes contributed towards improved maternal and child health, mental health and public health generally; HIV/AIDS projects in 20 countries focused on mainstreaming and HIV outreach; 'Valuing Health Workers' and a 'Valuing Teachers' initiatives which provided multi-country research to

support achievement of health, education and gender related MDGs. Covered 4 and 19 countries respectively.



### **3. Wahine Maori Queensland Inc.**

Special, 2012

#### **Introduction**

Our organisation is Wahine Maori of Queensland of Australia

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

To promote understanding of universal values in spiritual traditions and arts of movable cultural heritage with intrinsic values and applying these concepts in cross cultural diversity using the metaphor of the rainbow as a way of understanding. Emphasis is on the role of cross-cultural liasons and mediation, and that these processes need to be integral components of humanitarian aid and help to alleviate poverty and create sustainable programs in health, education and housing.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

The passing away of our dear friend, sister, President and Founder, Merekaraka Caesar. Leaving Wahine Maori in a sad turmoil of her loss. The Presidency has changed hands twice over since hence myself, Te Araiwini Green as the new President...still trying to find my grounding in this very challenging position as the President. To make sure that all is adequately correct and all our activities, programmes fit into our mission and aim of Wahine Maori of Queensland, Australia

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organisation did not participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in major conferences or other United Nations meetings during the reporting period because our focus was specific, to maintain and protect the Cultural Identity, Language, Art and Heritage of Maori. The organisation has had to spend time understanding what this means for Maori in Australia by seeking support from the Tangata Whenua (the people) of New Zealand. Kaumatua (Elders), Kaiwhakairo (Master Carvers) and Rangatira (Maori Leaders).

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organisation would have performed much better in the implementation of United Nations programmes if not for the following problems which are ongoing: Scarce funds and few representative staff (all volunteers) make attendance and/or representation at international meetings very difficult.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Although not cooperating with the United Nations bodies...due to the reasons above...I as the President of Wahine Maori of Queensland have affiliated with the Universal Peace Federation plus the Womens Federation for World Peace which is an arm off the Universal Peace Federation. They also have the Consultative Status. I have been attending and supporting their programmes in support of the Millennium Development Goals until we are able to stand ourselves once fully organised as we are re-organising staff members.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

We are correlating with our New Zealand colleagues/partners concerning our position in which we hold to help our people, to help all other people. Maori can contribute solutions to world problems. By beginning in the HOME. Start with ourselves, then our families, which will spill out into the communities, then out into the country and then become a global impact. We believe Maori will stand to be responsible...to lead and guide with solutions, with aroha (love) and with solid principles and standards

#### **4. Women and Children First UK**

Special, 2012

##### **Introduction**

Women and Children First (UK) is a NGO based in United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that addresses the unacceptably high levels of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in poor communities in the developing world.

Since it launched its international programme in 2002, Women and Children First has established country programmes in partnership with local and national agencies and governments in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Malawi, Nepal and Uganda. It has also provided technical assistance to other NGOS in Central America, Malawi, Myanmar and Sierra Leone.

Women and Children First works primarily through participatory women's groups in rural communities in the poorest parts of Africa and Asia to improve maternal, newborn and child health. It builds women's capacity to take control of their and their children's health and empower women to find their own solutions to maternal, newborn and child health problems.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

There have been no changes.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

Since 2012 Women and Children First has extended its international programmes portfolio to include Ethiopia and Uganda and is now providing technical assistance to other NGOs in Burma, Guatemala, Honduras, Malawi, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The NGO no longer has the resources to lead a coalition of UK based advocacy organisations, but is supporting its international partners and building their capacity to deliver policy and advocacy at local, district and national level.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

All Women and Children First's work during the reporting period contributed to UNFPA's efforts to improve maternal health and to UNICEF's efforts to improve child survival, notably newborns, and improve child health, especially children under five years of age.

Through its participatory community women's groups, Women and Children First has raised awareness of maternal and newborn health issues in all the communities where its programmes were active in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Malawi and Uganda.

In their groups, women were empowered by gaining increase knowledge about maternal, newborn and child health. They identified their most pressing maternal and child health problems and designed and implemented solutions, mobilising local resources to do so in collaboration with the wider community.

In collaboration with local implementing partners, Women and Children First also contributed to Health System Strengthening, notably by improving the quality of care in health facilities and improving referral systems.

There was a strong focus on improving communication between the communities and the health facilities - facilitating greater trust among the communities and allowing the community voice to be heard in the facilities.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Women and Children First has not had the human or financial resources to allow it to take part in meetings of the United Nations.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Following the publication of a meta-analysis of seven field studies (Prost, The Lancet 2014) The World Health Organisation recommended Women and Children First's participatory women's groups approach as an effective intervention to improve maternal and newborn

health, particularly in rural areas where there is little access to health services. The WHO recognised the approach's cost-effectiveness and ability to reduce maternal mortality by up to 49% and newborn mortality by up to 33%.

Women and Children First has worked closely with WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS and other UN bodies to develop a module of the UNICEF community health workers training manual which will be used to train them to deliver the women's groups approach, and worked closely with WHO to plan the field testing of the training module.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

All Women and Children First's international programmes from 2012 to date were designed and delivered within the context of MDGs 4 and 5.

During the reporting period 15 projects and 5 technical assistance assignments were delivered to improve maternal, newborn and child health.

With funding from UNFPA, the NGO delivered an advocacy programme which was designed to ensure UK parliamentarians would hold DFID to account for its maternal health strategy (Choices for Women) (2012) and to maximise DFID's commitment to MDGs 4 and 5 (2013).

### **Additional Information**

Women and Children First works in close collaboration with the UCL Institute of Global Health, thus ensuring its work is evidence based and at the cutting edge.

Between 2012 and 2016, over 500,000 women, 100,000 children, 78,000 newborns and 164,000 men benefited directly from Women and Children First's work. An additional 400,000 benefited indirectly. 1,000 healthworkers received training and ongoing support.

## **5. Women's Consortium of Nigeria**

Special, 2004

### **Introduction**

Women Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, non-partisan and non-religious organization, committed to the enforcement of women and children's rights and the attainment of equality, development and peace.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

We promote women's rights for the attainment of equal status of women in all aspects of social, political and economic development, by setting up temporary abode for distressed girls and women including battered women, giving counselling and other forms of therapy and education for their re-orientation; monitor implementation of Government commitments, educate the public and cooperate with national/international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Agencies to promote women and children's rights.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

WOCON's activities within Nigeria focused primarily around combating all forms of violence against women especially human trafficking, smuggling of migrants and political participation of women in governance. Globally, we participated in annual meetings of United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). At national and grassroots levels, WOCON mobilized women for political participation, held Civic and Voter Education Campaigns, built capacity of female political aspirants, held Workshops for women in the six geo-political areas of the South West and Sensitization/Voter Education for first time/illiterate female voters in Ogun and Oyo States of Nigeria (Feb. 2015) and partnered with Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to observe elections to

ensure women's participation and equal representation.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Organised Orientation and Coordination of Nigerian Participation for NGOs at 56th Session of CSW on 27 February 2012. At CSW 56th Session, Oral Statements were made at the General Assembly; See Link: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw56/general-discussions/ngos/wocon.pdf>. (5 March 2012). Also in same year, Roundtable Panel Discussion was held, in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Women Affairs on: "Tools for Economic and Political Empowerment of Rural Women". A Brochure on "Gender-based Violence, Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking" was presented at 57th Session of the CSW in March 2013. Parallel Event was held in 2015 at the 59th Session of CSW in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Women Affairs titled "The Girl of Today is the Woman of Tomorrow: 20 Years after Beijing".

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Implemented Dialogue Orientation on "Female Genital Mutilation and Gender-based Violence" December 2014 - January 2015 in seven communities in Ogun State for Ogun State Ministry Women Affairs and Social Development in collaboration with United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA). Executed Grassroots Awareness Campaign in collaboration with United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) tagged: "Promoting Better Management of Migration In Nigeria". Beneficiaries were 50 vulnerable youth and those rescued while transiting to be trafficked and trafficked persons within each of the target communities. (February to December 2015).

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Goal 2: In partnership with International Labour Organization/International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (ILO/IPEC), WOCON implemented Action Program in Ogun State to eliminate all forms of child labour through systematic withdrawal/prevention of at least 190 children in high rate child labour; target children comprised of 30 children between 14-17 years and 160 children between ages 5-17 for prevention. The Action Program included public awareness and sensitization of Communities on how Child Labour

recycles poverty and importance of education and rights of the child (2012-2014). Goal 3: Capacity building for Police Officers on Gender-based Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking in Lagos State with support from IMADR (JAPAN) August 21-22, 2013 and Ogun (August 5-6, 2014). Enhanced women voting with informed choices, through dialogues with Governorship candidates during Elections in Ondo (2012), Ekiti (2014) and Osun (July 2014) to elicit commitment of the candidates for gender-responsive and transparent governance. Built capacity of women politicians and political candidates in 2014 for preparation of 2015 election year in Nigeria.



## **6. Women's Forum Fighting Against The Violence On Women / Stree Atyachar**

### **Virodhi Parishad**

Special, 2008

#### **Introduction**

We are an organization devoted to the welfare and empowerment of women. we use activist, institutional and academic methodologies to fulfill our purposes.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

1. The empowerment of women.
2. Securing gender equality and freedom.
3. Securing women's welfare within the family, the society and in relation to the State.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

We regularly undertake activist initiatives and run schemes/projects, all to support Millennium Development Goal 3 - Gender Equality & Empowerment of Women.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Since 2012, we have submitted a Written Statement at CSW59, Beijing+20. The Statement summarized challenges facing gender equality and empowerment of women in India. The Written Submission was accepted and circulated at this session.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Submitted thoughts and research findings in the media, in the lead-up to CSW59.

#### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Our work is focused on goal 3, promoting gender equality and empowering women.

Over the last 40 years, we have moved from being an activist group to include a research

wing and later, to offer institutional support.

In the process of this journey, we realized that rehabilitating women victims of violence or atrocity or disadvantage in a traditional society like India, requires a different approach.

Our experiences have taught us that recidivism among such victims is extremely high and most such victims fall prey to abuse and further victimization, in a short while after support is withdrawn.

With this vision, we have set upon providing end-to-end rehabilitation support.

This virtuous circle of support starts with Counseling, moves onto legal aid and shelter, then to training and employability building and finally, to economic opportunities.

We provide this end-to-end support at our Swayamsiddha - Space for Women campus. Since 2012, approximately 750 women have benefited from services offered at the Swayamsiddha Campus.

Our main areas of focus in this regard are:

1. Women victims of domestic violence
2. Female feticide
3. Women victims of trafficking
4. Unwed mothers
5. Economic empowerment of women

## **7. Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) is a southern-based global network that builds and strengthens movements for the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of all people.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

WGNRR connects members, builds knowledge, organizes campaigns and shares resources, to further advocacy efforts in realizing SRHR for all. WGNRR also facilitates connections between grassroots members and national, regional, and global processes.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

In 2013, WGNRR closed our branch in the Netherlands, to redirect resources to southern-based offices.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

From 2012-2015, WGNRR participated in ICPD Beyond 2014, Beijing+20, and Post-2015 Development Agenda processes. WGNRR:

- Advocated for gender equality and SRHR-related commitments, from a feminist and human rights approach.
- Participated in national, regional, global and thematic meetings, collaboratively organizing side events, workshops and caucuses, and facilitating members' engagement.
- Participated in the Women's Major Group and the Major Group on Children and Youth.
- Provided capacity-building, tools and resources for members, including youth advocates, on intergovernmental processes.
- Disseminated updates on UN processes to WGNRR's membership through newsletters and social media.
- Sent joint statements and letters to United Nations agencies and Member States on

SRHR-related issues.

- Contributed to online consultations.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

WGNRR representatives participated in:

- 56th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 27 February – 9 March 2012, New York, United States of America.
- 45th Commission on Population and Development (CPD), 23-27 April 2012, New York. Produced a briefing paper for young advocates. Developed a statement later adopted by ASEAN Peoples' Charter.
- 57th CSW, 4-15 March 2013, New York. Submitted a written statement. Organized a parallel event.
- 46th CPD, 22-26 April 2013, New York.
- First Session of the Regional CPD in Latin America and the Caribbean, 12-15 August 2013, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (APPC) 16-20 September 2013, Bangkok, Thailand. Member of the Philippines Official Delegation.
- High-level event on the MDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda, 25 September 2013, New York.
- Twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, 15-18 October 2013, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Asia-Pacific Civil Society Consultation for the 20-Year Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and for the 58th Session of the CSW, 10-11 February 2014, Bangkok.
- 58th CSW, 10-21 March 2014, New York. Submitted a written statement, a joint oral statement, and organized a side event. - 47th CPD, 7-11 April 2014, New York. Submitted a written statement, and a joint oral statement. Developed a briefing toolkit for youth advocates. Contributed to joint youth oral statements.
- Third session of the ESCAP Committee on Social Development, 18-20 Aug 2014, Bangkok. Issued a written statement.
- Special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of

Action of the ICPD Beyond 2014, 22 September 2014, New York. Contributed to a joint oral statement.

- Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, 17-20 November 2014, Bangkok. Member of UN Women's Steering Committee for the CSO Forum on Beijing +20 Review. Delivered an oral statement.
- 59th CSW, 9-20th March 2015, New York. Submitted a written statement.
- 48th CPD, 13-17 April 2015, New York. Submitted a written statement. Member of the Philippines Official Delegation. - Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiation on SDGs and targets, 23-27 March 2015, New York. Contributed to joint civil society oral statements.
- Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiation on follow-up and review, 18-22 May 2015, New York. Contributed to joint civil society oral statements.
- Third International Conference on Financing for Development, 13-16 July 2015, New York.
- United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015, 25-27 September 2015, New York. Contributed to a joint oral statement.
- Second Session of the Regional CPD in Latin America and the Caribbean, 6-9 October 2015, Mexico City, Mexico.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

WGNRR collaborated with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as a co-chair of the Bali Global Youth Forum, and as part of UNFPA's Youth Leadership Working Group. In Asia-Pacific WGNRR worked with ESCAP, regional offices of UNFPA and UN Women; in Latin America and the Caribbean with ECLAC and UNFPA.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

WGNRR supported the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach, and highlighted progress and remaining challenges regarding MDG 5.

## **8. Women's International League for Peace And Freedom**

Special, 1948

### **Introduction**

There have been no changes.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

There have been no changes.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

WILPF's active engagement as a civil society participant at the United Nations has helped increase the dialogue between Civil Society and United Nations Member States. WILPF has continually provided expertise on disarmament, gender equality and human rights. WILPF is contributing to the United Nations' work through its activities and projects that facilitate the participation of our root-based sections and partners in the debates taken at the United Nations and to bring our contribution to strengthen multilateralism and peaceful resolution of conflict.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

1. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, United States of America, annually. Outcome documents and summaries of the parallel events on: [www.peacewomen.org](http://www.peacewomen.org).
2. Human rights Council (HRC) Geneva, Switzerland, every session. Statements can be found on <http://wilpf.org/wilpf/advocacy-documents/>
3. Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Geneva, regular participation
4. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Geneva and other treaty bodies on regular basis
5. Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, New York

6. Conference on Disarmament (CD), Geneva, annually, until 2015.
7. Non-proliferation treaty (NPT) 2015 Review Conference New-York and Preparatory Committee 2012-2014
8. Small arms - The Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons In All Its Aspects, New York, 2012, the biennial meeting of States in 2014 and the meeting of government experts in 2015.
9. First Committee of the General Assembly. WILPF monitors and informs on the meetings of the First Committee through its project Reaching Critical Will, more information to be found here <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/unga>
10. Conferences of States Parties of the Arms Trade Treaty
11. Security Council meetings, in particular on Women, Peace and Security
12. General Assembly WILPF monitors the annual general debates and all Member States statements are tracked for language on gender and disarmament and posted on: [www.peacewomen.org](http://www.peacewomen.org).
13. Our Secretary General participated in the High Level Expert Panel on the Global Study on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325
14. Open-ended working group on nuclear disarmament

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

UN Women – We have projects on the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Ukraine and Syrian Arab Republic. UNSCAR – Joint project on the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty.

UNIDIR – Joint project to provide a forum and support for discussion between academics, governmental representatives and NGOs on the issue of Cyberspace.

UNHCR – WILPF provided a gender audit for UNHCR OHCHR: WILPF participates in expert meetings with HRC Special Procedures, and we have collaborated with the Country office in Ukraine.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

WILPF's interdisciplinary work supports several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) mainly number 5 and 16 (16.1 in connection with reducing gender-based violence and control of firearms, 16.4, in connection with implementation of ATT, 16.7 in connection with the participation of women). As example our advocacy in SC and HRC to advocate for the participation of women in conflict resolution, statements can be found here <http://wilpf.org/wilpf/advocacy-documents/> supporting goals 5 and 16.7. Our project with UNSCAR aims at the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty in particular the gender-based violence assessment criteria for arms transfers which contributes to goal 16.4.



## **9. Won-Buddhism Women's Association**

Special, 2004

### **Introduction**

Since its founding in 1995, the Won-Buddhist Women's Association (WBWA) has been striving to become an organization where the will for self-transformation and the passion for social changes are put into practice. With increased opportunity for women's social participation and in keeping with the national and international current of the times that calls for independent roles of women, the WBWA is looking ahead into the future, engaged in various activities in its four main areas of concern, namely, gender equality, environment, reunification, and inter-religious cooperation.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

There have been no changes.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No contribution was specified.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

2015: WBWA Chairwoman Jihyun Han and members Sunhee Jeong, Hyeyang Jo and Yunjung Jeong participated the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN headquarters in New York, United States of America. 8-20, March, 2015

WBWA member Yunjung Jeong presented a report entitled, "Korea's Immigrant Wives and the Hanuran(One Household) Movement: Building Mutual Respect and Understanding" in a forum organized by the Asia-Pacific groups for the 59th session of the CSW at the UN headquarters in New York. 10, March, 2015

## **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

## **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

### **Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger**

2012-2013: Supported self-reliance of young people and women in Kenya. Monetary donation of US\$200,000

2014: Strengthened technical and vocational education and training of Kituluni Youth Polytechnic (71km away from east of Nairobi, Kenya) to support self-reliance of youth and women in Kenya. Joined with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to renovate an old workshop and construct modern classes. Opening ceremony: June 1st, 2014. KOICA: US\$80,000 WBWA for Hanuran (One Household) Movement: US\$200,000 Total donation: US\$280,000

2015: Introduced and equipped ICT and new classes (motor vehicle mechanics, electronics and hairdressing) and provided chances for youth and women in Kenya to find new jobs through vocational education and training. Beneficiaries: 4,600 youth and women in Kenya. KOICA: US\$200,000 WBWA for Hanuran (One Household) Movement: US\$100,000 Total donation: US\$300,000

May 2015: Monetary donation of US\$10,000 to the victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

### **Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education**

2012-2015: Supported ICT class of the Won Institute of Education in Delhi, India, and helped low-income Indians advance in society. Beneficiaries: 3,000 young people and women in India. Monetary donation of US\$40,000

### **Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women**

2012-2014: Held a Korean Language Contest for marriage immigrants. Contests have been organized for Hangeul Day (Oct. 9) every year from 2012 to 2014, providing women and children from multi-racial and multi-cultural families with a chance to learn Korean and its culture. Opportunities to visit their home country were made available through prize money. WBWA also conducted a campaign called “Becoming an Aunt” to form bonds between marriage immigrants and local women. The campaign was designed to help marriage immigrants adapt to life in the Republic of Korea.

#### Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases

2012: Supported a free clinic in Battambang, Kingdom of Cambodia. Monetary donation of US\$20,000

2013: Supported a dispensary in Kajiado County, Kenya. Monetary donation of US\$10,000

#### Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

2012-2014: Organized children’s environment camp called “Green Stepping Stones” which has been providing environmental education to children every year during summer.

2012-2015: The Hanuran Academy has been working with environmental experts to highlight the importance of the environment, take action against climate change, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

#### Goal 8: Global Partnership

2012-2015: Supported English language education for U.S immigrants of New York’s Wonkwang Community Service Center. Free adult English language classes which provide educational opportunities to low-income immigrants in the United States and help them establish themselves in their community. Monetary donation of US\$20,000 in 2012 and

2015

2012-2015: Invited young Korean adoptees from Europe. The program has been held since 1999 to offer young Korean adoptees in Europe a chance to visit the Republic of Korea, learn about their home country, and experience Korean culture.

## **10. WOOMB International Ltd**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

WOOMB INTERNATIONAL LTD (World Organization Ovulation Method Billings) is an NGO in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as granted in 2012. Our representatives have attended all CSWs since then, stretching back even to the main UN 1990's international conferences. We made statements; conducted workshops; made oral presentations and spoke on Side Events panels.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

WOOMB International Ltd aims to promote the authentic Billings Ovulation Method® in support of couples, the family and society, around the world.(read in full: [www.billingslife.org](http://www.billingslife.org) and [www.woombinternational.org](http://www.woombinternational.org) ) In brief: We aim to provide knowledge of the authentic Billings Ovulation Method®, as developed by Drs. John and Evelyn Billings, to women worldwide because it enhances the relationship between husband and wife; family planning responsibility is shared either to avoid or achieve pregnancy free from government interference. Fertility is understood and their reproductive health monitored... Men are encourage to take a supportive role. Any unplanned child is welcomed and loved. Ongoing research in fertility and reproductive health is encouraged.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

WOOMB International has burgeoned in recent years with affiliates in forty countries. In 2013 the Directors appointed four Associate Directors from: United States of America, Malaysia, France and Ireland. These Associate Directors do not have voting rights at meetings of Directors, but are involved in decision making as per Australian Company Law.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Billings Ovulation Method® contributes to some of the basic issues confronting all of humankind which the United Nations was formed to take action on: peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, etc.

It is inexpensive and environmentally sustainable and is acceptable to all cultures and religions, gaining wide acceptance from China and Vietnam to Muslim countries and countries throughout South America and Africa. Recently, WOOMB Latino America United has demonstrated that Central and South America are behind our work, and Uganda has formed a fledgling WOOMB Uganda.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

WOOMB International representatives have been present at each CSW session since 2012 and earlier. President of WOOMB France, Dr Caroline Terrenoir, read a 5-minute statement on the role of the Billings Ovulation Method® in meeting the Millennium Development Goals, (24 July 2013).

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

WOOMB International cooperates by contributing when our work aligns with conference themes only. As a not-for-profit organisation staffed by volunteers precious time is spent rendering service rather than with bureaucracy.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

WOOMB International contribute as follows:

Poverty and hunger– A low cost, simple way to space children is embraced by poor families. There are no side effects so mothers stay healthy to help keep food on the table.

Achieve universal primary education–Children stay in school longer when early teen pregnancy is reduced. Mothers, users of the Billings Ovulation Method®, pass on age appropriate fertility awareness to daughters.

Promote gender equality and empower women– Women are empowered through knowledge of their fertility and reproductive systems.

Reduce child mortality– By spacing pregnancies, naturally the wellbeing of each child is enhanced.

Improve maternal health– Women learn what is normal so that any change alerts them to seek prompt medical assistance.

Combat HIV/AIDs and other disease – The Billings Ovulation Method® fosters chastity, love and fidelity combating HIV/AIDS.

Ensure environmental sustainability– No harmful estrogens are excreted from women's bodies into the waterways and food chain (which can affect men's fertility) when couples use The Billings Ovulation Method®Global partnership for development– WOOMB International Ltd. has International Affiliates in 38 countries.  
<http://www.woombinternational.org/global-outreach.html> A Caucus for the Advancement of the Billings Ovulation Method® (CABOM) consisting of 14 ECOSOC UN NGO partners has been formed.

### **Additional Information**

WOOMB International held Conferences in Kuching, Malaysia in 2013 and in Zagreb, Croatia in 2016. Another is being planned in Costa Rica, 2018. Teacher Training Programs to train and up skill teachers follow conferences. Thus safeguarding worldwide standards without deviation from methodology of the Method, now trademarked under the Madrid Protocol.

## **11. Word of Life Christian Fellowship**

Special, 1996

### **Introduction**

There have been no changes.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

There have been no changes.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

New Designations have occurred between 2012-2015.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In 2012 Word Of Life Christian Fellowship made a major trust to add to its programs and International Chaplaincy organization and a University. We registered this organization and as of the end of 2012 we have commissioned more than 1000 chaplains representing 34 countries and more than 24 states in the United States of America. These Chaplains were primarily deployed to deal with Disaster and Crisis Intervention from the workplace to the wider communities. The Executive President of Word Of Life Christian Fellowship (WOLCF), held seminars and conferences in 5 nations, United States of America, Canada, The Bahamas, South Africa and Swaziland addressing social issues, human resource development and personal and community economic development.

Between 2013-2015 through both domestic and global partnerships, we accomplished the following: Shipped food, medical supplies and temporary shelter materials to the following countries. Burundi, Malawi, Uganda, Philippines, Nicaragua. The impact of this effort benefited approximately 70,000 persons. Emergency relief aid was sent to Nepal to assist the Nepalese who were displaced by natural disaster (earthquake). Also relief was sent to Iraq to assist Syrian refugees displaced by civil unrest. The impact of this effort benefited approximately 60,000 persons.



Our strategic partnerships are resulting in beneficial impact to over 100,000 persons in 28 countries across the world. In addition to the aforementioned activities, we have also directly facilitated training to emerging leaders on the topics of Practical Economic strategies and Leadership Development to foster viable and sustainable solutions in both familial and market place environments.

Our teams are privileged to conduct these events throughout South Africa in Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Mafikeng and in Swaziland. Further training and interaction were accomplished as we hosted a 3 day leadership training on Governance and Diplomacy through the preservation of legacy.

Collaborated with the Member of Parliament of the Pointe-a-Pierre constituency, the former Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago and Senator of governmental restoration principles for policies in the region in Trinidad and Tobago. Worked with the Ambassador At Large for the country of Burundi, in giving the "Golden Rule" Ambassadors awards to youths, businessmen, businesswomen, politicians, educators and influential leaders for outstanding work in their community.

Our main representative for Vienna, Austria, attended and taught at the International Third World Leaders Association (ITWLA) in Nassau, The Bahamas, on Globalization and Environment from 9-11 of November, 2015.

Spoke in Suriname, 2015 at the largest churches in Paramaribo on Leadership for government and business using time-tested principles of morality, ethics and values. Opportunity was provided to speak to senior leaders of the church community on community development and leadership.

Helped to teach on environmental sustainability and global warming to attendees from Asia, Europe, South/Central and North America and the Caribbean.

Collaborated with former Senator of Curacao on conferences and seminars on Leadership

through biblical principles for preserving environment and strengthening moral and leadership in their region.

Teach leadership seminars in North Hampton, Slough and London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and advised councilman and medical doctors of their office of influence.

Working with the O.K.A.Y. Institute providing 8 weeks training for teenagers in language, engineering, arts and mathematics camps.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2012 we also participated in the UN Women Conference and gave 20 women from our organization the opportunity to attend this historic conference in New York at the UN Headquarters, United States of America.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

UNICEF and United Nations University

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

The team has pursued educational development through 2012-2015.

Our NGO Ambassador and representative collaborated with Miramar Kingdom Community Center to empower young men with mentoring programs and conferences to encourage education from elementary to higher education, resume writing, taking an interview, how to open a business and much more. Men gathered in the city of Miramar from the United States, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, and Saint Kitts and Nevis, to learn values, good morals and godly character.

## **12. World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action**

Special, 2004

### **Introduction**

The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) is a global network of individuals and organisations concerned with the protection, promotion and support (PPS) of breastfeeding.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

WABA work is based on the Innocenti Declarations (1990,2005), Global Strategy for IYCF, and through networking and facilitating collaborative efforts. (See: <http://waba.org.my/about-waba/>)

### **Significant changes in the organization**

Since 2009, WABA has fulfilled obligations as a Malaysian registered company i.e. annual audited accounts, BoD meetings and AGMs.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- i) WABA's work is based on the Innocenti Declarations 1990/2005 targets, Global Strategy 2002, MDGs/SDG process; and involvement in UNICEF's Global Breastfeeding Advocacy Initiative (GBAI).
- ii) WABA ECOSOC status supports network partners e.g. IBFAN GIFA to participate in the UN CRC meetings, facilitating presentation of shadow/people's reports on country progress around IYCF implementation as part of children's right to adequate food and health.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- i) RIO+20 Sustainable Development Conference 2012 - WABA collaborated with IBFAN on a poster asserting breastfeeding as a healthy, viable, non-polluting resource. (See: <http://waba.org.my/images/mother-earth-a4.jpg> and <http://waba.org.my/pdf/rio20poster-2012.pdf>)
- ii) Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2),FAO & WHO,19-21 Nov 2014 -

WABA participated in ICN2, and CSO Forum (Nov 16-18); and co-crafted a Statement and Call for Action, positioning breastfeeding as crucial to ICN2's nutrition debate. (See: <http://www.waba.org.my/pdf/statement-waba-icn2.pdf>) Significantly, the CSO statement included text on breastfeeding (See: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-at641e.pdf>); and the Rome Declaration on Nutrition (See: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-ml542e.pdf>) and Framework for Action (See: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-mm215e.pdf>) contained appropriate recommendations for breastfeeding.

iii) 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59) & 20th Anniversary of 4th World Conference on Women/Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing +20) - WABA produced a Joint Statement and Call for Action to the CSW 59, "Supporting Women's Right to Breastfeed" (See: <http://waba.org.my/pdf/statement-csw59.pdf>); issued an IWD Press Statement (See: <http://waba.org.my/support-womens-right-to-breastfeed/>); supported a parallel event at CSW59 (See: <http://waba.org.my/pdf/csw2015parallelevent.pdf>), and shared the WABA YOUTH video "WABA YOUTH Action for Breastfeeding" (See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqJjByNsVcs>).

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

i) WABA annually coordinates the global World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) campaign between 1-7 August. Letters of Support are received from UNICEF and WHO; and promotion occurs on WABA's WBW, UNICEF and WHO websites. WBW 2012 celebrated '10 years of WHO/UNICEF's Global Strategy for IYCF' (See: <http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/2012/>). WBW 2013 asserted that the key to best breastfeeding practices is continued daily support for breastfeeding mothers. (See: <http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/2013/>). WBW 2014 stressed the importance of increasing and sustaining the PPS of breastfeeding in the MDGs countdown, and beyond. (See: <http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/2014/>); WABA promoted WHO/UNICEF's brochure on Early Initiation of Breastfeeding. For WBW 2015, WABA called for concerted global action to support women to combine breastfeeding and work (See: <http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/2015/>).

ii) 10th Anniversary of the FAO Right to Food Guidelines May 2014 - Right to Food and Nutrition (RtFN) WATCH Consortium member FIAN collaborated with FAO Right to Food Team to hold an online consultation, for which WABA encourage the breastfeeding network to provide inputs to the consultation, towards CFS41.

iii) In 2014 WABA responded to UNICEF's Landscape Analysis follow-up, engaged in a series of conference calls on the Global Breastfeeding Advocacy Strategy (GBAI), and has consolidated involvement in UNICEF GBAI's Strategy (See: [http://www.unicef.org/nutrition/files/Breastfeeding\\_Advocacy\\_Strategy-2015.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/nutrition/files/Breastfeeding_Advocacy_Strategy-2015.pdf)). In May and June 2015, WABA contributed to the 'Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health', launched by WHO on 26 September 2015 in New York, United States of America. See: <http://globalstrategy.everywomaneverychild.org/>

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

i) See previous section on WABA's WBW 2014's theme, asserting the importance of increasing and sustaining the PPS of breastfeeding in the MDG countdown and beyond.

ii) 'Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda' - WABA submitted comments on the DRAFT Report of the Global Thematic Consultation on Health (WHO, UNICEF, Governments of Botswana and Sweden), with breastfeeding related indicators (See: <http://www.waba.org.my/whatwedo/advocacy/> See post for 19 Feb 2013 - Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda)

iii) UN Secretary-General's call to Civil Society on the Post-2015 Development Agenda of December 4, 2014 - WABA coordinated with partners to respond, and sent a Comment to the UN Secretary General's Sustainable Development Report. (See: <http://www.waba.org.my/whatwedo/advocacy/> 31 Dec 2014 post).

### **Additional Information**

Between 26-28 September 2015, WABA and UNICEF Headquarters (HQ), New York collaborated in a Symposium in Stockholm, Sweden, entitled "Contemporary Solutions to an Age Old Challenge - Breastfeeding and Work", to galvanize wider and deeper commitment to breastfeeding in the context of women's work. A major outcome of the Symposium was the Stockholm Framework for Action (FFA). (See:

[http://waba.org.my/stockholm-symposium/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/stockholm\\_symposium.pdf](http://waba.org.my/stockholm-symposium/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/stockholm_symposium.pdf))

### **13. World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts**

General, 2000

#### **Introduction**

WAGGGS is the largest voluntary movement for girls and young women in the world, with 10 million members in 146 countries.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

We deliver innovative, non-formal education programmes equipping girls and young women with skills and confidence to make positive changes in their lives and their communities. Global programmes include: Free Being Me, a partnership with Dove building girls' body confidence and self-esteem. Voices Against Violence, a partnership with UN Women educating children & young people about gender inequality and gender-based violence equipping them to take action in their communities. Global Action Theme, a partnership with TheGoals.org educating our members about the Global Goals for Sustainable Development equipping them for action in their communities.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

WAGGGS has changed governance structure. On the 18 November 2014 WAGGGS officially registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organization with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. This has NO impact on the classification of our status with ECOSOC.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Over the past four years, WAGGGS has:

- Partnered with UN Women to develop and roll out Voices Against Violence. Partnered with Dove for the development and delivery of Free Being Me. Partnered with the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children.
- Partnered with TheGoals.org. Participated in International Day of The Girl, International Women's Day and World Refugee Day amongst others. Contributed to the MYWorld Survey, a global consultation to capture the priorities of young people

and ensure their consideration in the development of the SDGs. Attended the High Level Panel (HLP) meetings on the post-2015 agenda in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Liberia, and Indonesia.

- Contributed to civil society consultations on the post-2015 agenda and HLP report.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

WAGGGS has participated in the following: 57th Commission on the Status of Women a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States of America, 4-15 March 2016. Delivery of 4 sides events, Reaction Statement and Young Women's Caucus Oral Statement.

- 58th Commission on the Status of Women a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 10-21 March 2016. Delivery of 3 sides events, Reaction Statement and Young Women's Caucus Oral Statement.
- 59th Commission on the Status of Women a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 9-20 March 2016. Delivery of 3 sides events, Reaction Statement and Young Women's Caucus Oral Statement.
- 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Youth Forum a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 11-12 March 2016. 60th Commission on the Status of Women a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 14-24 March 2016. Delivery of 3 sides events, Reaction Statement and Young Women's Caucus Oral Statement. Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, United Nations Headquarters, 2-3 February 2015. Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, United Nations Headquarters, 1-2 February 2016. 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Paris, France, 30 November–11 December 2015. Delivery of 1 side event.
- 20th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Lima, Peru, 1- 4 December 2015. Delivery of 1 side event. 19th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate



Change, Poland, 11-20 November 2013.

- 18th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Qatar, 26 October - 8 November 2012.
- United Nations General Assembly, 15 September, New York. Delivery of 1 side event. United Nations General Assembly, 24 September – 1 October 2013, New York. Delivery of 1 side event. World Conference on Youth, 6 – 10 May 2014, Sri Lanka.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

WAGGGS accepted an invitation from UN Women to Co-chair the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development Working Group on Youth and Gender Equality. We participated in the Task Force that planned and delivered the first CSW Youth Forum. WAGGGS partnered with UN Women to develop and deliver Voices Against Violence. WAGGGS has recently formalized a partnership with UNICEF to support the U-report initiative.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

In 2008, WAGGGS launched the Global Action Theme to educate our members about the Millennium Development Goals and encourage them to take action. This program was Translated into 19 languages and run in over 100 countries.

## **14. World Barua Organization (WBO)**

Special, 2012

### **Introduction**

The aim of the World Barua organization(WBO)is to provide support fearlessly to Barua People, to ensure their safety, security and sense of well being.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

WBO seeks Barua Participation in every future planning over matters that may impact on their heritage, and at the same time, to have their values and customs considered in the wider political context. If need be, to bring them into mainstream world culture. The gender role and rights of women will also have to be promoted for the interests of fairness and equality. We seek to have educational opportunities made equally accessible to all Barua People wherever they live. the main purpose of organization is to help Barua People worldwide meet the complex demands of this modern era for a tangible future.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

World Barua Organization (WBO) organised several programs to promote peace and human rights in different parts of the world, these include human rights training and awareness rising on basic human rights and indigenous peoples' rights. Moreover, our organization facilitated different IPOs to attend in the different UN session on indigenous and minority rights both in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York, United States of America. Further, WBO actively attended in the HRC's session over the period.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Our representatives actively participated in several UN sessions that include United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), Universal Periodic Review (UPR), 30th and 31st session of

the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) and Session of the Commission on Human Rights. Even we had organised a side event during the 30th Session of the HRC.

WBO has also co-sponsored some “briefings” in the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission, on the issue of Palestine and Israel and participated in various briefings on situations in Asian, African and Latin American countries.

Concerning the above-mentioned interventions and “briefings”, representatives of WBO have consulted with governmental delegations, seeking clarifications and in favorable situation forwarded recommendations. Such governments included Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Iraq, Morocco, Afghanistan, Mexico etc.

WBO has actively promoted world peace within the ‘peace dialogue’ process both within and outside the United Nations. It has actively supported the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Religion and Belief in his work and participated with him in several meetings at the World Conference Against Racism (Durban, South Africa) and in meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. World Barua Organization has promoted international law and international Covenants in its activities related to conflict-resolution and peace building in various counties including Bangladesh Sri Lanka, India etc. In keeping with the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, WBO has provided (for its members and non-members) a platform for victims of human rights violations in many countries. WBO has actively supported the Indigenous Peoples for the recognition of their rights.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

WBO work has been concentrated especially on NGO contribution to the Human Rights Council. WBO has also participated in common activities with the CONGO-related. WBO has had indirect contacts with ILO,WHO,UNESCO,UNICEF etc, as information revived from those specialised agencies has been discussed and acted upon.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Our organization ‘s activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs,

but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

### **Additional Information**

WBO has promoted international law and international Covenants in its activities on behalf of conflict-resolution in various country. In keeping with the united nation Declaration on Human Rights, WBO has provided members and non members a platform for victims of human rights violation in many countries. WBO has actively supported the Indigenous Peoples for the recognition of their rights.

## **15. World Family Organization**

General, 1948

### **Introduction**

The World Family Organization - WFO - is an International Organization which the mission is to represent Families of the world at all levels, to defend their interests and to act with them and for them vis a vis governments and the international community.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims of the WFO are to introduce the Family issues in definitive on the International, National and Local Agendas and strengthen it on the Framework of Economic, Social, Cultural, Political and Sustainable Development. Its mission is to promote means, opportunity, equal rights and chances for women and men to assume their role and functions within the Family and Society, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity, and promote policies and actions to bring about better life condition to all Families, respecting their diversity and cultures. With respect to the United Nations and the consultative process, WFO acts as the link between both the aspirations and achievements of the families and the work done for them at the UN level.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

The 27th Quadrennial General Assembly held in Berlin, Germany, on December 02, 2013, elected the new members of the Executive Board for 18th Constitutional Mandate 2014-2017. The Executive Board Members information is available at <http://worldfamilyorganization.org/about-executive.html>

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Active participation with written statements to the ECOSOC-HLS - Annual Ministerial Review and Development Forum in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively in New York, United States, and Geneva, Switzerland, and organizing side events. In 2012, 2013 in UNHQ and 2014 and 2015 outside of UNHQ.

## **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 - Participation on the 50th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd Commission on Social Development, UNHQ, New York.
- 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 - Participation on the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th UN Commission on the Status of Women. 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 – Observance and celebration of the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st UN International Day of Families.
- 2012 June 20-22 - UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2015 July 13-16 - Third Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and September 25-27, UN Sustainable Development Summit, UNHQ.

## **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

WFO cooperates with UNESCO NGO Committee on Education for All; WHO program The Partnership-Maternal, Newborn and Child Health; ILO program on Decent Work; UN Sustainable Development Division on the Agenda 2030.

## **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

WFO included on its Strategic Frameworks 2010-2013 and 2014-2017 programs and projects to be developed with its members on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at Local Level. Respectively in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 WFO organized its World Family Summit having its main focus on the ECOSOC theme for the following year and in MDGs and Family having a Declaration as a final result. -World Family Summit +8 in Iguassu Falls, Brazil, 2012 under the theme Families in Balance: Placing Science and Technology, Culture and Innovation in the heart of Sustainable Development at Local Level and in the Family. -WFS+9 in Berlin, Germany, 2013 under the theme "Families in Balance" The Post-2015 Development Agenda - Setting a new course for the world families want... -WFS+10 in Zhuhai, China, 2015 under the theme Families in Balance: Building the Future We Want and Celebrating the Achievements of the MDGs and Welcoming the Post 2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals - Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family -WFS2015 in Cairo, Egypt, 2015 under the theme A New Era for Families –

Transforming Our World – Framing the SDGs at the Smallest Unit of Social Capital – The Family, is a beginning of a new era which can transform how the future unfolds for the Family all over the world. Respectively in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 WFO in cooperation with the ECOSOC Office for Support and Coordination, NGO Branch and the Division for Sustainable Development organized a side event at the ECOSOC-HLS to present the respective World Family Summit Declaration with recommendations in support of the MDGs at Local Level and in the Family.

### **Additional Information**

WFO continues working actively following its Strategic Framework 2014-2017 including the continuation of the World Family Summits yearly cycle, participation at the of ECOSOC-HLS and other UN Conferences and Meetings, the follow-up achievement of the MDGs and preparing its members and partners to the implementation transition from MDGs to SDGs.