



## INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES

### Women and the resources for life

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### Declaration

The International Alliance of Women (IAW) affirms that full and equal enjoyment of human rights as laid down in treaties, conventions and declarations - is due to all women and girls. The IAW maintains that a prerequisite to securing these rights is the universal ratification and implementation without reservation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.

The importance and value of women's contribution as equal partners has been acknowledged in the numerous United Nations world conferences held from 1975 through to the present time. IAW urges its member organizations to monitor the fulfilment of these commitments.

After more than 100 years the IAW faces dramatic new challenges to its goal of achieving equal rights and equal responsibilities for women. Specially important is the promotion of women's equal access to and control over productive resources: land and property rights, water rights and developments program as designed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (see Resolution 70/1 of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 of the General Assembly of the U.N.).

### Strategic Objective

Promote women's access to resources in a way that "no one is left behind". Motivate member organizations around the world to take action for the abolition of hunger and the empowerment of the poor in their region by promoting Peace, Sustainable Development and Human Rights.

### Actions

- Members take note and promote women's input to the High-level political forum (HLPF) under the auspices of ECOSOC of 2017, the target of which will be "Ensuring food security on a safe planet by 2030".
- Members advocate for the promotion of the General recommendation No 34 (2016) of CEDAW on the rights of rural women (CEDAW/C/GC/34). They advocate to transfer its goals in legislation, if not possible, translate its focus in public policy at regional or local level.
- They take special attention to its paragraph "G. Land and natural resources" where States i.a. are urged to take measures to achieve the substantive equality of women's rights to land, water and other natural resources and that they have full legal capacity.
- Member organizations get in contact with the regional and/or subregional offices of FAO by the 2015 presented Decentralized Offices "where knowledge becomes action" by e-mail of FAO's Office of Support to Decentralization <coin fao.org>, mentioning their connection to the IAW as registered umbrella organization.