

Purpose

WG3 is directed toward making more effective IAW relations on an international level so that internationally IAW increases its voice in the international arena.

A. *IAW Connections with International Organisations*

1. IAW needs to review our connections with:
 - international organisations including the UN (United Nations), ILO (International Labour Organisation), ICC (International Criminal Court), etc;
 - semi-international organisations such as the EWL(European Women’s Lobby) and the various arms of the EWL for example EWL Observatory on Violence Against Women.
2. This means IAW must look at how IAW connects, works with, gains a profile in these organisations, so as to work effectively in and with those forums.
3. We must ensure that our delegations to these bodies – for example, CSW – are fully briefed on the agenda, on IAW responses to agenda items, on building IAW participation in these forums, and ensuring reporting back to IAW Board, Extended Board and membership on outcomes, future plans and campaigns and actions, etc.

B. *IAW Connections with International & Local NGOs (Non-Government Organisations)*

1. IAW must review our connections with:
 - other international NGOs including WILPF (Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom), NCW (National Council of Women), IFWL (International Federation of Women Lawyers), YWCA (Young Women’s Christian Association) now Platform 51; IFBPW (International Federation of Business & Professional Women), WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts), etc;
 - local NGOs such as WEL (Women’s Electoral Lobby), WWAFE (Women Worldwide Advancing Freedom & Equality), WIFT (Women in Film & Television).
2. This means IAW must:
 - identify those of our members who are members of other international NGOs and who are prepared and able to be our links with their organisations;
 - create an agenda item in our Congress meetings and conferences and board meetings for regular reports from them so that we keep abreast of other NGOs campaigns, strategies and concerns, etc;

- report to our members on campaigns run by and with other NGOs, so that our members can engage with them on campaigns of mutual interest and concern;
- feed back to other NGOs through these contacts/connections our campaigns and ideas for campaigns, so that our campaign coverage is expanded by and with other NGOs.

C. *International Campaigns and Campaigning Internationally*

1. IAW must ensure we:

- are active in international campaigns;
- initiate international campaigns;
- initiate and work on joint campaigns with other international NGOs.

2. To effect this, IAW must ensure that our members and member organisations:

- identify international campaigns being initiated by other organisations;
- identify campaigns which we can initiate;
- identify campaigns with which we can work jointly with other NGOs – whether campaigns that they have initiated or IAW has initiated.

3. Crucially, IAW must:

- be on top of international campaigns initiated by or being effected through UN bodies or the EWL;
- ensure IAW is aware of government actions that require local and international campaigning (for example, the push to endorse the Istanbul Convention; efforts to renounce and reverse the current attack on women's refuges and shelters that is taking place in countries such as the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, etc), so that IAW can join with other organisations or initiate campaigns so as to coordinate joint and international action.

D. *Actions for IAW Members to Effect the Above*

IAW needs to create a compendium of addresses, contacts, campaigns, etc to ensure the above can be realised –

Under **A.** list the international organisations, their address, any individual contacts and their contact details plus role and how they could be useful to IAW. Any ideas as to how we can engage with the organisation and any links/connections/participation/membership, etc we already have.

Under **B.** list the ngos, address - etc as for (a).

Under **C.** list international campaigns, our involvement, contacts, what we are already doing, etc.

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