

**PRESENTATION BY: WORKING PARTY – COLLABORATION ACROSS REGIONS/
REPRESENTATIVES/COMMISSIONS/OFFICERS/BOARD**
TO: IAW BOARD – GENEVA October 2019

Agenda Item – Board Meeting 2018

Do our Regions function well? If not, what is the problem? What should we do to make our officers (Regional Vice-Presidents, International Representatives, Commission Conveners and our IAW Delegations in Geneva, New-York, Strasbourg and elsewhere) contribute better to our work? How can we improve collaboration of our Officers with the Board and the Executive?

A **Working Party** was established to examine the issues and prepare a proposal to present to the 2019 International Meeting. Members: Priscilla Todd (convener), Cheryl Hayles, Vijaya Lakshmi, Christina Knight, Anne Pelagie, Lene Pind, Signe Vahlun, Brynhildur Heidar Omars (joined the group in New York).

Aims

The establishment of regional networks comprising member organisations and individual members at local, national and regional levels to build and maintain lines of communication; to plan action and projects within their Region in order to:

- expand IAW communication and knowledge
- spread the workload throughout IAW by recruiting proactive hands-on IAW members:
 - to communicate and liaise across their Region
 - to communicate and liaise with Board members, officers, UN and CSW representatives, etc.
 - to accept encouragement to work with and shadow Board members, officers, UN and CSW representatives, etc.
 - to use this platform to nominate for the IAW Board, for appointment as UN and CSW representatives, officers, etc.
- reactivate current non-active and past member organisations and individual members
- recruit new members (organisations and individuals)

Outcomes

- to co-ordinate and activate local and regional co-operation to provide more impetus for the Alliance; closer communication, knowledge and involvement for IAW members within regions.
- to organise and/or speak at local and regional seminars, workshops, etc.
- to build collaboration with other women's organisations in lobbying, workshops, seminars and all other relevant activities.

Note: a) Many Alliance women are often active members within other organisations, thus providing a good basis on which to develop collaboration.

b) It is easier and cheaper for women to travel to events within their region.

c) Skype (or similar) direct communication can be introduced and used.

Ongoing Action for Working Group during 2020

- Plan and build initial work at regional/national levels
- Report to meeting of IAW members at CSW64 in New York 2020
- Prepare for group information and discussion session at 2020 IAW Congress

Cheryl Hayles on behalf of the Working Group
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