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WHAT IS WUCWO AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) was founded in 1910. Since that time, WUCWO's **AIM** has been to ***promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development***, particularly by increasing educational opportunities, reducing poverty, and advancing human rights beginning with the fundamental right to life.



WUCWO/ UMOFC now has 100 Catholic member organisations divided into 5 world regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America representing more than five (5) million Catholic women of every walk of life.

In 2006, WUCWO was erected by the Holy See as a Public International Association of the Faithful. This canonical status honours the efforts of faithful Catholic women active in our Union at the parish, diocesan, national and international levels.



WUCWO'S RESOLUTIONS for 2014-2018

Family: WUCWO will encourage and support its member organisations and its representatives working in the international fora on the urgent challenges the family and youth are facing.

Human Trafficking: WUCWO will work individually and in network with other confessional and non-confessional related organisations to end the tragedy of human trafficking.

Dialogue for Peace and Tolerance: WUCWO will aim to create a climate of understanding and mutual respect in order to cultivate and promote a respectful dialogue with the world, with people from other Christian denominations and other religions, within the Catholic Church, and among WUCWO's member organisations.

Addiction Prevention for a Life with Future: WUCWO shall promote, through its member organizations, the incorporation of prevention and elimination of alcohol and drug addictions in its action programs.

Prevention and Fight against Corruption: WUCWO, its member organisations and its International Representatives shall work with international bodies and national governments, communities and families, to eliminate corruption.

Right to Have Access to Clean Drinking Water and Sanitation: WUCWO shall promote good practices in the sustainable use of water and encourage governments to accomplish the same.



WUCWO'S INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

WUCWO unites Catholic women of the world at the international level through:

Consultative status

United Nations Economic and Social Council in New York and Geneva,

Human Rights Council in Geneva,

Food and Agricultural Organisation in Rome,

Participatory status

Council of Europe in Strasbourg

Official partner

UNESCO (Paris)



WUCWO's International Representatives attend sessions of these important international bodies giving our presence and voice to critical issues affecting the lives of women and children.

WUCWO defends human dignity and human rights through declarations, reports, and support for the Holy See Missions, and **coordinates the activities of Catholic women's organisations worldwide**, linking them and the network of faith communities and international organisations.

