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INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN (IAW)

Equal Rights
Equal Responsibilities



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The International Alliance of Women (IAW) is a non-governmental, feminist organisation, which embraces both women's groups and individuals. The basic principle of the IAW is Equal Rights - Equal Responsibilities. The decision for the establishment of our organisation was taken in Washington in 1902. The Alliance was formally constituted in Berlin in 1904. The IAW represents more than 50 organisations world-wide and has attracted many individual members. The IAW has consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and participatory status with the Council of Europe. The IAW has permanent representatives in New York, Vienna, Geneva, Paris, Rome, Nairobi, Bangkok and Strasbourg and is influencing the EU through its membership to the Women's Lobby in Brussels.

OUR AIMS:

- to secure all such reforms as are necessary to establish a real equality of liberties, status and opportunities between women and men, and to work for equal partnership between women and men in all spheres of life
- to urge women to accept their responsibilities and to use their rights and influence in public life to ensure that the status of every individual without distinction of sex, race or creed, shall be based on respect for the person, the only guarantee for individual freedom and peace
- to promote a better quality of life and good understanding among peoples.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The IAW uses its influence to formulate, develop and implement policies concerning the equality of the sexes at a global, regional and national level. The IAW actively lobbies through its representatives in international organisations, its delegations at important multilateral meetings, its affiliates in many countries of the world and its individual members.

The IAW works for Equality through its

Commissions on:

- HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE
- PEACE
- ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- HEALTH
- ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

IAW is financed primarily by membership dues and by donations. Grants for special projects are occasionally provided by outside agencies.

Donations to projects and to IAW in general can be made via bank transfer to the IAW:

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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Every third year the IAW holds an International Congress open to all members and interested persons. Recent Congresses have been held in New York, Colombo, Freiburg, Delhi and Johannesburg.

In addition to these Triennial Congresses, meetings of the International Committee of IAW, open to Board members and the Presidents of member organisations, are equally held every three years.

PUBLICATIONS:

- International Women's News
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- IAW Action Programme
- Electronic Newsletter

IAW ACTION PROGRAMME DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE

Women's rights are human rights. Human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated.

The 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). It urges its members to pressure their governments to ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.

The importance and value of women's contribution as equal partners has been acknowledged at the numerous United Nations

world conferences held from 1975 through to the present time. Of particular relevance for women is the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action, as reconfirmed in 2000 and 2005, to which 189 member states have committed themselves.

The IAW calls on its members to monitor the fulfilment of these commitments. After more than 100 years the Alliance faces dramatic new challenges to its goal of achieving equal rights and equal responsibilities for women. Today, as it was in the beginning of this Alliance, peace is important for women, both as sufferers of non-peace and as suppliers of skills in keeping peace.

AFFILIATED AND ASSOCIATED MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Women's Electoral Lobby, Australia; Bangladesh Mahila Samity; Fédération des Femmes

3Burkinabe; Pancyprian Movement Equal Rights

& Equal Responsibilities; Dansk Kvindesamfund;

The Hoda Charawy Association, Egypt; Unioni

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Islands; All India Women's Conference; Country

Women's Association of India; Israel Federation

of WIZO; League of Women Voters of Japan;

Kuwaiti Union for Women's Associations;

Lithuanian Women's

Society; Mauritius Alliance of Women;

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vrouwenbelangen;

Norsk Kvinnesaksforening; All Pakistan Women's

Association; Sri Lanka Women's Conference;

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Social Workers, Trinidad and Tobago; The Lucy Stone League, USA; Zambia Alliance of Women.

League of Women Voters of Victoria,

Australia; Union of Australian Women;

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for Study in Salzburg; POWER, Bangladesh;

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Burkina Faso; Bali Union of Women's Farming

Groups, Cameroon; Croatian Alliance of Women

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Local Communities; Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial

Association, India; Alliance of Women for

Empowerment, Japan; APFEF, Mali;

ONG-SAPHTA, Niger; Women's Rights Movement

Philippines; Metro-Manila Council of Women,

Philippines; La Colombe, Togo; Mmabatho

Foundation for Women's Development, South

Africa; Slum Aid Project, Uganda; The Josephine

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WHO CAN JOIN?

Women's organisations are eligible for affiliation if they are national non-party organisations, with objects corresponding to those of the Alliance. Local organisations can be admitted as Associates if they are working for the equal status of women and men. Membership fee depends on type of the organisation. Applications are considered by the Admissions Committee and should be sent to the President. The triennial congress decides. Individual members are admitted upon payment of the annual membership fee, which includes receipt of

the „International Women's News“, published in English and French. Membership of the IAW offers scope for involvement in the international work, which helps to improve the rights and status of women. Additionally IAW membership offers the possibility to bring issues of national concern to the international level and vice versa. Send the following application form to IAW Secretary General Lene Pind, Åløkken 11, 5250 Odense AV, DENMARK
iawsec@womenalliance.org

Membership Application

My organisation is / I am interested in membership of the IAW. (Please print).

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