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### Partnerships with un agencies

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UNESCO	UNIDO
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## Board and Standing Committee

### Board members

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### Standing committee

#### Status of Women

Human Rights  
Implementation of Conventions  
Legislation  
International Relations and Peace

#### Sustainable Development

Women and Employment  
Economics  
Consumer Affairs  
Rural and Urban Women

#### General Well-Being

Health  
Environment  
Habitat  
Nutrition

#### Communications

Education  
Arts and Letters  
Music  
Mass Media

#### Social Issues

Child and Family  
Youth  
Ageing  
Migration



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# Women's Empowerment: Peace and Sustainable Development (2022-2025)

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN



CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES

Since 1888, transforming society through women's empowerment



International  
Council of Women



Conseil  
International des Femmes

## The International Council of Women

is the first truly global women's NGO which was founded in 1888 for the advancement of women all over the world. Over the past 135 years, the International Council of Women has remained an active pioneer in promoting international women's rights. ICW-CIF was there when the United Nations was formed to make sure the United Nations Charter included women's equal rights and the Commission on the Status of Women be established. It was there when the International Women's Year was proclaimed in 1975. It has been there through the United Nations Decade for Women and four world conferences, including the Beijing Conference of 1995 and Beijing+25. It will continue to be there, representing women's voice and promoting and protecting international human rights of women to make the world a safer and happier place for women.



## International Council of Women (ICW-CIF)

### Uniting National Councils of Women Worldwide in Global Action for:

**I**nternational peace and justice  
**C**apacity building for women as decision makers  
**W**omen's human rights and rights for all people

### Women's Development

**ICW-CIF empowers women through projects and programmes.**

### Helping women to help themselves in practical actions including:

- Sustainable development
- Literacy skills
- Food safety
- Equal access to quality healthcare
- Clean water and sanitation
- Income generating projects
- Building efficient stoves and rice mills
- Training women in leadership and decision making

### ICW-CIF Mission Statement

To unite National Councils of Women's non-governmental organizations from all parts of the world for action to improve the status of women and the well-being of society

### The International Council of Women promotes

- Equal human rights for all people
- The elimination of all forms of discrimination
- Peace and understanding through international co-operation, negotiation and reconciliation
- Holistic integration of women as decision-makers in various sectors of society, including peace-making and peace building efforts
- Sustainable development
- Communication and networking worldwide

### The International Council of Women takes action through

- Seminars and workshops to build skills
- Development of its regional councils: ECICW (European Centre of ICW), APRC (Asia-Pacific Regional Council), RCA (Regional Council of the Americas) and ARCW (African Regional Council of Women)
- Voices of ICW-CIF permanent representatives at meetings of UN agencies in New York, Vienna, Geneva, Rome, Paris and Nairobi
- Advocacy at the UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Training on CEDAW reporting (Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women)

## ICW-CIF Historical Information

### The International Council of Women (ICW-CIF)

was founded in 1888 in Washington D.C. The founding members included Susan B. Anthony, May Wright Sewall, and Frances Willard. Fifty-three women's organizations from nine countries were represented at the first gathering in Seneca Falls, New York.

ICW-CIF is a federation or an umbrella organization of National Councils. Only one national council is admitted per country. ICW-CIF is managed by 3 distinct bodies: General Assembly, Executive Committee and Board.

**ICW-CIF** was present and alert when the United Nations was formed, making certain that the United Nations Charter included women's equal rights and that the Commission on the Status of Women could be established. It was at the UN, with ICW-CIF prodding, that the International Women's Year was proclaimed in 1975.

Through the United Nations Decade for Women and four world conferences, including the Beijing Conference of 1995, ICW-CIF was always at the center of the global women's movement, improving the lives of women all over the world. Over the past 132 years, ICW-CIF succeeded in building its reputation of professionalism while consistently maintaining strong ties with the United Nations.

Working together with women worldwide, ICW-CIF has represented women's views at national, regional, and international levels, mobilized world public opinion, and implemented UN Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals in its programs.

**One of the first NGOs** to obtain general consultative status with UN Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) in 1947, ICW-CIF currently has 40 permanent representatives to UN agencies such as ILO, FAO, ESCAP, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNICEF, and UN HABITAT. In addition to annual participation at UN Conference of the Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW), ICW-CIF organizes various international seminars related to women's equal rights and empowerment.

Today, ICW-CIF has 25 standing committee coordinators and advisors to form policies by developing the plans of action and to disseminate important information to ICW members on elimination of discrimination and violence against women, equal rights and opportunity for all, equal access to health care and social protections, child and family, education, environment, and other issues of concern.

**For over 132 years,** ICW-CIF has remained an active pioneer and a leader in representing women's voice and promoting international women's rights.

We, ICW-CIF, will continue to build onto our tradition and redouble our efforts to spur the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, which in turn leads to economic growth, sustainable development for the world and a better life for all.