

Links & Resources on Women

This section contains links to websites of women's organizations and may provide resources. We will update this page regularly and welcome you to send suggestions – contact us!

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International Links

International Council of Women

The International Council of Women (ICW) is a worldwide federation of National Councils of Women, which work together on international issues of concern to women. ICW is an umbrella organization whose membership consists of National Councils of Women from many nations.

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, (CEDAW) considered the fifth periodic report of Canada at its 28th session, January 13 to the 31st, 2003. [Click here](#) to see the CEDAW report and recommendations.

IWTC – International Women's Tribune Centre

The International Women's Tribune Centre (IWTC) is dedicated to achieving women's full participation in shaping a development process that is just, peaceful and sustainable. IWTC is an international, activist organization rooted in the first global non-governmental women's meeting held in 1975 in Mexico City. Their site is a great source of current global information through their newsletter.

Network of East-West Women

NEWW's mission is to empower women and girls throughout the East (Central and Eastern Europe, and NIS and the Russian Federation) and the West by dialogue, networking, campaigns,

and educational and informational exchanges. NEWW supports action and joint projects inspired by feminist principles.

The National Council For Research on Women

The National Council for Research on Women, founded in 1981, is a working alliance of 92 women's research and policy centers, more than 3,000 affiliates and a network of over 200 international centers. NCRW's mission is to enhance the connections among research, policy analysis, advocacy, and innovative programming on behalf of women and girls.

The Sisterhood Is Global Institute

Sisterhood Is Global Institute is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to the support and promotion of women's rights at the local, national, regional, and global levels. With members in 70 countries, and a network of more than 1300 individuals and organizations worldwide, SIGI works toward empowering women and developing leadership through human rights education.

Women's Environment and Development Organization

WEDO is an international advocacy organization that seeks to increase the power of women worldwide as policymakers at all levels in governments, institutions and forums to achieve economic and social justice, a healthy and peaceful planet, and human rights for all.

Women, Law, and Development International

Women, Law & Development International – WLDI is a women's human rights organization. First established in 1979 as a program of OEF International; WLDI became an independent organization in 1993. WLDI is a non-profit, non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Prior to and since its independence, WLDI has worked on several fronts, making important contributions to the global movement for women's rights.

The Center for Reproductive Law and Policy

Promoting women's equality world wide, by guaranteeing reproductive rights as human rights.

Institute for Women's Policy Research

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) is a public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating the debate on public policy issues of critical importance to women and their families. IWPR focuses on issues of poverty and welfare, employment and earnings, work and family issues, the economic and social aspects of health care and domestic violence, and women's civic and political participation.

International Women's Health Coalition

WHC works to generate health and population policies, programs, and funding that promote and protect the rights and health of girls and women worldwide, particularly in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and countries in post socialist transition.

Made By Survivors

Since 2005, Made by Survivors has provided jobs, education and shelter to over a thousand survivors of slavery, child marriage and other human rights abuses in India, Nepal, Cambodia and Thailand, where Human Trafficking is a huge problem.

- 29 million people are enslaved in today's world, according to the United Nations
- One million children are trafficked every year for sexual exploitation
- 100 million girls are trapped in child marriages
- 200,000 children are exploited in child labor
- Average age of victims at the time of trafficking: 11-14

Half the Sky Movement Half the Sky

Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

includes a four-hour film broadcast in the United States and abroad, shot in 10 countries: Cambodia, Kenya, India, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Liberia and the U.S. Traveling with intrepid reporter Nicholas Kristof and A-list celebrity advocates America Ferrera, Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union and Olivia Wilde, the series introduces women and girls who are living under some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable – and fighting bravely to change them. Their intimate, dramatic and immediate stories of struggle reflect viable and sustainable options for empowerment and offer an actionable blueprint for transformation. See Video documentary: Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

United Nations Links & Resources

United Nations On the welcome page, enter the language of your choice and you will find menus with “Basic Facts about the UN”, “In Brief”, the “History of the UN” and an “Organizational Chart” among other topics.

Women & the United Nations Try this site sponsored by UNIFEM (women and development) and INSTRAW (women and research). Here’s where you will find information about the Commission on Status of Women (CSW) and on the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

CSW Events Page on Facebook Visit the International Women’s Rights-Manitoba Facebook page to find an Events page which reports on upcoming activities of the Commission on the Status of Women. This page was created and is managed by Mary Scott, a member of NCWC.

Racism, Racial Discrimination, Intolerance, Xenophobia, & Related Intolerance

World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Intolerance, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, in September 2001.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) & the UN

Both NCWC and ICW have accreditation to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and can attend meetings and contribute to NGO statements. Remember that additional steps must be taken to register for individual events, and that only so many can attend as representative for which they must have an organizational letter of authorization and make an individual application.

United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service

The United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) is a small inter-agency programme with offices in Geneva and New York and a combined staff of ten. It was established in 1975 to strengthen UN-NGO dialogue and cooperation in the fields of development education, information and policy advocacy on global sustainable development issues. Information is provided in English, French and Spanish. An on-line publication Go Between about current NGO activities is provided. Also good material on using e-mail, written for the the NGO community.

Human Rights

When states sign and later ratify (give official government endorsement) to individual human rights treaties of which there are many, the state assumes the obligation to report periodically (every few years) to the treaty Body established to monitor that particular treaty. Increasingly, NGOs are being encouraged to submit reports on progress made, on negative happenings, and on issues still needing attention. These reports will be considered by the treaty Body in conjunction with the state report and public feedback given to the state. These events offer special opportunities for NGO/citizen involvement in the ongoing work of the UN.

For information on children go to UNICEF

UNIFEM – United Nations Development Fund for Women

UNIFEM promotes women's empowerment and gender equality. It works to ensure the participation of women in all levels of

development planning and practice, and acts as a catalyst within the UN system, supporting efforts that link the needs and concerns of women to all critical issues on the national, regional and global agendas.

The Trust Fund to Support Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women

The Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women, established at UNIFEM, was created by the UN General Assembly in response to the urgent call for action on these issues that emanated from Beijing.