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AdHocGroup of International Non Governmental Organisations with Representatives in Rome  

To:  
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Updating the on going collaborations with FAO  

From the 80’s onwards the Ad Hoc Group of INGOs with formal status at FAO and with representatives in Rome cooperates with FAO and other Agencies of the UN-system.  
Referring particularly to the purely advisory/facilitatory nature of their task in Rome, INGO participants to the meetings, seminars and round tables convey their message and help their HQs to identify problems or suggest solutions offering direct and indirect comments and proposals.  
The most important character of all INGOs in this Group is their autonomy, identity and independence.  
The role of this Group has to be related not exclusively to the amount of funds our organizations succeed in mobilizing but especially to the approach we use in developing activities of different nature.  
As Coordinator of the Group since February 2010 I think that we can continue and improve our presence in the reformed FAO of the Millennium to develop joint positions where possible; we can re-generate the 1981 - Memorandum of cooperation; we are interested and participate in the consultation processes i.e the CSM for CFS; we are aware of the important mandate of FAO and opportunities offered through Regional Conferences and decentralized services. Together with NGOs and Academia, this participation can support or provide expertise in the fields like Nutrition, Food security, Home economics extension, Welfare, Advocacy methods to work on Education, Health, Women Empowerment, Dissemination of information on rural issues, Awareness raising, in addition to developing and funding projects in both developed and developing countries.  
Info.s about Groups, Campaigns and Accomplishments are posted in www.ahgingos.org.  

On behalf of the Members, I remain  

Cristina Gorajski V.  
(BPW representative and AHG Coordinator)
On ‘Updating…

RELATIONSHIP WITH FAO

- All INGOs in the Group are International in structure and scope of activity
- Are concerned with matters covering a substantial portion of FAO’s field of activity or are in position to give practical assistance where requested
- Have permanent directing Body, authorized representatives and systematic procedures and modern tools for communicating with membership in various countries

RECENT AHG ACTIONS/PROPOSALS

2007 in New York – AHG Side Event “WHAT DOES EQUAL SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITIES MEAN FOR THE RURAL WOMAN?” 2009 AHG proposal to OCP Unit to organize a meeting of INGOs Presidents/HQs during WFD (postponed)

2009 in Rome – AHG and its Members participated in the Meetings concerning Renewal of CFS as a Forum for coordination of Food Security initiatives at global regional and national levels, thus changing the Organigram of FAO itself. CFS secretariat is made up of members from the 3-Rome based UN Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP)

2010 in Rome – FAO AHG Side Event on “WOMEN in AGRICULTURE: microcredit - land tenure - cooperation”.

All Members were strongly concerned with 1BH Campaign throughout the world

2010–2011–2012 Coordinator and other Members are regularly present in FAO-Events, in some Constituencies of the Civil Society Mechanism for CFS and promoting the better access to information on FAO issues through the Website www.ahingos.org.

All Representatives are strongly concerned with the declared intention of FAO D.G. to consider conferring to the relationship between FAO and AHG of INGOs an increasing role, more strategic in the new FAO Governance.

A proposal to the Partnership Committee can be prepared by a WG and enter into negotiations with HQs of the different INGOs soon after the WFD-2012.
### International Alliance of Women

www.womenalliance.org

#### Mission

The Motto of the International Alliance of Women

‘Equal Rights – Equal Responsibilities’ since 1946

1904 formal constitution of the organization (IWSA). 1926 in Paris the name was changed to International Women’s Alliance establishing the strong link with the League of Nations. IAW pays particular attention to Justice and H.Rights, Democracy, Peace, Elimination of Violence and Health.

#### Organization

International Congresses held triennially in a member organisation country open to all members.

As a Non governmental, feminist organization, it represents over 50 organizations world wide and individual members. Focused on lobbying. Headquarters in New York

#### Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger


Proposal for a dissemination of the ZeroHunger World Campaign through INGOs at FAO

#### Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014

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International Association of Agricultural Economists

www.iaae-agecon.org

Mission

The International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) is a worldwide confederation of agricultural economists and others concerned with agricultural economic problems, including problems related to the use of renewable resources and the environment.

It was founded in 1929 by a group of 50 agricultural economists from 11 different countries. It now has more than one thousand members and almost every country in the world is represented amongst them.

Organization

IAAE activities are strongly oriented to reducing poverty and malnutrition.

They are located in rotation in different Regions of the world recently, Conferences have been held in Berlin-Germany (2000), Durban Australia (2003-2006), Beijing-China (2009) and Rio-Brazil (2012).

The WebSite provides information for members and non-members, and hosts Discussion groups for members. It also lists the numerous national and international organisations with which the IAAE has contacts.

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger

Its mission, strongly aligned with FAO’s goals:

- Foster the application of agricultural economics to improve rural economic and social conditions.
- Advance knowledge of agriculture's economic organization.
- Facilitate communication and information exchange among those concerned with rural welfare

As an Association, it stimulates debate and discussion on critical issues through:

- A triennial Conference
- Inter-Conference Symposia
- The scientific journal, Agricultural Economics
- An Association web-page

As a practical contribution to facilitating economic and rural development, travel grants to attend Conferences are made available for members from developing and transition countries

Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014

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International Co-operative Alliance

Mission

In December 2009, the United Nations declared 2012 as the International Year of Co-operatives to raise public awareness of the invaluable contributions of cooperative enterprises and highlight the strengths of the cooperative business model as an alternative means of doing business.

Organization

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is a non-governmental co-operative federation, representing Cooperatives and the co-operative movement worldwide. It was founded in 1895.

On the first Saturday of July each year, the ICA coordinates celebrations of International Co-operative Day.

The ICA consists of a 20-member governing board, a General Assembly, four regions (one each for Africa, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and Americas), sectoral organisations and thematic committees.

248 national Federations - Headquarters in Geneva.

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger

On July 9, 2012 FAO opened a new liaison office for Cooperatives and producer associations in order to revitalize the Organization's collaboration with Cooperative and World Farmers organizations worldwide.

Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014

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International Council of Catholic Men
www.unum-omnes.com

Mission

Constitution in 1948
Aims:
- to help men to realize their potential in life as catholic;
- To promote the establishment of Catholic Men organizations and relations with national and international organizations

Organization

Headquarters in Palazzo San Calisto (SCV)
The general assembly of UNUM OMNES in Rome from 15th to 22nd September 2012 has elected the office (board) for the next triennium: President Niall Kennedy (Ireland) Vicepresidents: Eddie Prah (Ghana) and Stefan Kopecky (Slovakia). Assembly 2012: 2 groups made proposals for future activities worldwide.

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger

Spreading of Catholic Social Teaching
Each member organization of ICCM share a great commitment in advocacy for poor people’s rights, promotes exchanges and solidarity projects and recognises the questions of justice, peace and people’s development.
Members organizations of ICCM (as Azione Cattolica in Italy, Argentina, Spain etc.) develop formation/education programmes addressed both at grass roots and at high profile levels.
AC Argentina is member of the network “NUTRICION 10 HAMBRE CERO”.

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International Council Of Women

www.icw-cif.org

Mission
In the 1920s the ICW and its standing committees worked with the League of Nations, and following World War II it became a consultant to the United Nations. With more than 70 member countries, the ICW-CIF has been headquartered in Paris since 1963.

“Progress for Women is Progress for All”.

Organization
Officers are elected by delegates from national boards at triennial international congresses. The council is affiliated with numerous agencies, including, from 1981, the World Health Organization.

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger
Education and Nutrition of Women
See results of the ICW-General Assembly Seoul, September 17-22, 2012
(Especially the Resolution 6 concerning the Autonomy of the rural woman for the improvement of her quality of life. ICW asks the governments of its affiliated National Councils to invest in education and literacy of girls and women in rural areas; to eliminate discrimination against rural women especially in matters related to access to sanitation; to improve the access of rural women to their own property of land and access to credit facilities and financial independence. And finally to improve the maternal health and access to quality health care.)

Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014
Nanda Nobile (Rome) since June 2012 [nandanobile@hotmail.com]
Mrs Lydie Rossini van Hissenhoven who was ICW Representative to FAO for 30 years. Passed away in October 2010.
| **Mission** | A global network of Home Economics experts, all over the world. Committed in research and project activities around the theme “Food Security and Malnutrition”. Founded in 1908. The International Federation for Home Economics is the only worldwide organisation concerned with Home Economics and Consumer Studies. |
| **Organization** | Home Economists working in developing countries provide education to people in the growing and harvesting of healthy products in a sustainable way. Special focus at the production of food in domestic gardens and small agricultural properties. Other education include sanitation and modern housekeeping. |
| **Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger** | - Household food security and nutrition – including food production, preparation, conservation and family nutrition;  
- Home economics extension and training in rural and urban environment including nutrition education and training;  
- Education and training of women and girls with attention to gender equality for development;  
- Management of relief operations and rehabilitation programmes, in natural and man-caused disasters.  

See Resolution of IFHE World Congress 2012 in Melbourne Australia enclosed |
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IFHE World Congress 2012

Resolution

Global Wellbeing

WHEREAS IFHE

- reaffirms the ultimate goal of the IFHE is the improvement of the quality of everyday life for individuals, families and households, and
- underlines the 2011 IFHE Position Statements on the United Nations (UN) Millennium Development Goals, and
- is concerned at the lack of progress in eradication of poverty and hunger, which affects billions of families and most of all children who live in extreme poverty and are undernourished.
- acknowledges the global financial crisis which threatens household incomes thereby reducing gains in gender equity, housing improvement, education of girls and progress in nutritional status, and
- is concerned that armed conflict around the globe prevents progress in ensuring food security, gender equity and sustainable living.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that IFHE members and allied supporters in fostering policies and strategies for global improvement of individual, family and community wellbeing undertake to:

- advocate for families demanding the world community at all levels to increase their efforts to reach the UN MDGs and ensure stable social, political and economic structures;
- identify and better understand the scale and nature of poverty and exclusion affecting children and women in an increasingly urban society and improve social security;
- promote education to close differences in access to economic opportunities between women and men and the ensuing earnings and productivity gaps, and to ensure the financial sustainability of families and households;
- empower households and families to manage their resources sustainably, in particular to ensure the optimal nutritional status and health of all its members;
- encourage values within families and households which ensure the safety of all members, particularly women and girls who may be subject to violence and exclusion.

Melbourne, Australia, 20th July 2012
International Federation of Business and Professional Women  
www.bpw-international.org

Mission
The Int. Fed. Of Business and Professional Women is an influential international network of business and professional women from over 90 countries in 5 continents with Consultative Status at ECOSOC/United Nations since 1947. Founded in 1930, BPW Int. I develops the professional, leadership and business potential of women on all levels through Mentoring, Networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world.

Organization

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger
BPW Brazil has close cooperation with Seabrae and local government of Sao Paulo. Projects for rural women in Latin America (Argentina, Haiti) and also in Asia Pacific and Africa Regions (1st Vice President, from Benin is the Coordinator of "Réseau Africain pour le Droit à l'Alimentation")
BPW Authorities were in NYork on 2010 at UN-as co-creators of WEP (women empowerment principles).
Empowered Women Leading Business’ theme for 2012-2014 will bring the Voice of Women to the business through WEP and effective collaboration with UN-Women Agency too. After her visit at FAO in October 2011 Mrs.Bachellet has stipulated a Partnership with FAO, IFAD and WFP Programme on the Emp. of Rural Women because of their vital role. With our continuous information and sharing FAO issued documents/decisions, BPW like other important federations can play a very important role to disseminate strategies and proposals to a membership of 300.000 women all over the world for projects and programs related to women empowerment in rural and urban areas.
BPW is represented also in the next Event: Post Rio-to Post 2015: Planning International Stakeholder Engagement (Oct.21-22 New York)

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### International Federation of Women in Legal Careers

*www.fifcj-ifwlc.net*

| Mission | Founded in Paris in 1928 now has representatives in 72 countries of different training and origins. One primary Aim: to assemble informations about juridical social and economic Status of Women all over the world and study all laws affecting that status. |
| Organization | Associations or individual members affiliated Head Office in Lisboa (Portugal) Three Year theme |
| Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger | Especially in African countries, concerning Land Tenure |
| Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014 | Antonietta Cescut (Rome) |
### Mission
Lions’ activities include general community welfare projects, aid to the blind, and promotion of knowledge and support of the United Nations. Founded in 1917, The Lions Clubs, with members in more than 180 countries and geographic areas, are headquartered in Oakbrook, Ill., U.S. Lions are best known for fighting blindness. also perform volunteer work for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

### Organization
46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make Lions the world's largest Service Club Organization. Under the motto “We Serve” local clubs act in 207 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and eyeglass recycling centers, doing community volunteer work, helping, leading, planning and supporting.

### Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger
Turning Humanitarian aid into Investment actions
Lions are active: part of a global service network; they can better do whatever is necessary to help local communities: improving them and protecting the Environment. (for ex: Water for Life in 2010-2011 is still active in Africa)

### Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014
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Religions for Peace
www.religionsforpeace.org

Mission
Religions for Peace is the largest International Coalition of representatives from the world’s great religions dedicated to promoting peace.

Founded in 1970, Religions for Peace enables these communities to unleash their enormous potential for common action. Some of Religions for Peace’s recent successes include building a new climate of reconciliation in Iraq; mediating dialogue among warring factions in Sierra Leone; organizing an international network of religious women’s organizations; and establishing an extraordinary program to assist the millions of children affected by Africa’s AIDS pandemic “Hope for African Children Initiative”.

Organization
HeadQuarters in New York

Every five years, Religions for Peace gathers hundreds of leaders representing the world’s great religions. Affiliated groups in all the Continents.

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger
Sustainable Development. For three decades, Religions for Peace has worked with religious leaders to advocate for better government policies regarding the poor; to fight against malnutrition and preventable disease; and to develop programs for communities of faith to eradicate poverty at every level.

Stop War – Ending Poverty – Protect the Earth

Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014
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Mission

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotarians can support International Service by sponsoring a project in another country, seeking international project partners to support projects in their own communities, or by personally volunteering at an international project site.

Organization

All Rotary clubs are members of the global association Rotary International, which is overseen by an elected RI president and Board of Directors. Rotary International appoints representatives each year to UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations worldwide. These representatives increase awareness and recognition of Rotary's programs, policies, and activities within the global community. World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA

Rotary and the UN: close partners through PolioPlus and work with UN agencies.

- Members: 1,214,714
- Clubs: 34,216
- Districts: 538

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger

Since 1997, Rotary has official relations with FAO which works with both developed and developing countries to ensure good nutrition for all and to improve agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.

At present the Representative at FAO is also appointed at International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries

R.I. representative said in a meeting: “For an international Association championing Service becomes particularly important the possibility of action at regional and national levels, confident on their experiences as the useful way to support the process of decentralization that characterizes the new governance of FAO”.

Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014

Antonio Lico - Alternate R.I. representative to FAO–IFAD–WFP
Marco Randone - Primary R.I. representative to FAO–IFAD–WFP
Soroptimist International
www.soroptimistinternational.org

Mission
Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls. Almost 95,000 Soroptimists in about 120 countries and territories contribute with time and financial support to community–based and international projects. Soroptimist clubs receive assistance in their volunteer efforts by participating locally in programs developed and sponsored by the Soroptimist organization.

Soroptimist International is composed of four federations:
- Soroptimist International of the Americas
  Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, comprises 28 regions with more than 38,000 members in approximately 1,400 clubs in 19 countries.
- Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland
  HQs in Cheshire, England 11,000 members in 398 clubs in 30 countries.
- Soroptimist International of Europe
  HQs in Geneva, Switzerland +33,800 members 1,220 clubs 67 countries.
  Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
  HQs in Sydney (AUS), more than 2,650 members 138 clubs 12 countries

Organization
Soroptimist members belong to local clubs, which determine the focus of volunteer work to their communities. Club projects range from renovating domestic violence shelters and providing mammograms to low-income women, to sponsoring self-esteem workshops for teenage girls.

This worldwide service organisation of professional women is committed to build a better World through Awareness, Advocacy and Action

Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger
Soroptimist International has had liaison status with FAO since 1952. A Global Voice for Women also on eradicating poverty (Note at CEDAW 2011)

Most recent commitments
- WFD 2009 together with other INGOs speech on BH Campaign
- WG chair and Official Representation at SideEvent on “The vital role of rural women”

From Oct.2011 the European Federation has “Water and Food” as topics of interests In 2013, SI-Congress in Berlin will present the results of 2-year program around the world. (see documents and visit www.soroptimist europe.org)

Representative/s at FAO 2009-2014
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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
www.wilpfinternational.org

Mission
WILPF advocate for Peace, Human rights, Economic justice, Disarmament, and the Dignity of people all over the world.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is an international Non Governmental Organization (NGO) with national sections, covering all continents with an international secretariat based in Geneva, and a New York office focused on the work of the United Nations.

Since its establishment in 1915, WILPF has brought together women from around the world who are united in working for peace by non-violent means, promoting political, economic and social justice for all.

What WILPF does :
- Lobbies governments on international, national and local levels
- Connects communities with the international scene, through national sections
- Participates in, collaborates and networks with international institutions and global movements
- Develops reference, education and action tools through websites, conferences, seminars and publications
- Monitors and contributes to the work of the UN, ensuring a gender perspective

Organization
As an International League for Peace and Freedom WILPF works with many organisations, is a part of numerous international networks and coalitions and participates in all the international fora related to sustainable development, climate change, bioenergy, analysing them in a gender perspective.

WILPF has regular communication with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.

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# World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

**www.wucwo.org**

## Mission
Promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelization and to work for human development. Especially for women; encourage ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

**Official Relations:**
- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (Special);
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (Consultative Status);
- International Labour Organization (ILO) (Special List);
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
- Council of Europe (CE) (Participatory Status).

## Organization
Members - Affiliated organizations in 59 countries
Headquarters in Paris
President 2010-2014 is the past representative at FAO  M.G.Ruggieri

## Projects/Programmes related with FAO mandate of eradicating Hunger
Keywords
- Human rights, Women, Religion, Family

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Caritas Internationalis
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16 Catholic development organisations from Europe & North America
www.cidse.org

International anti-poverty agency
www.actionaid.org

International Catholic Rural Association
www.icra-agrimissio.org

International Movement of Catholic Rural Youth
www.mijarc.org

MEMBERS OF THE ADHOC GROUP WITHOUT ACTIVE REPRESENTATION since 2009/2010

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
www.icid.org

International Confederation of Free Trade
www.icftu.org

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
www.waggsworld.org

World Organization of the Scout Movement
www.scout.org

International Union of Latin Notaries
www.uiinl.net

International Jacques Maritain Institut (Rome)
www.ahgingos.org