



Women In Migration Network Annual Report 2016

The Women in Migration Network organized around the:

- UN Coordination Meeting on International Migration (February, New York)
- UN Commission on the Status of Women (March, New York)
- Civil Society Hearing for UNGA September 19 Summit on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees
- AWID Forum, (September, Bahia, Brazil)
- UNGA Summit on Large Movements of Migrants & Refugees, (September, New York)
- UN Women Multi-stakeholder process for engendering the Global Compact, (November, Geneva, Switzerland)
- People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights, (December, Dhaka, Bangladesh)
- Civil Society Days and Common Space (civil society and governments) for the Global Forum on Migration & Development (December, Dhaka, Bangladesh)

Advocacy & Education Activities

On International Women's Day, March 8, 2016, WIMN circulated a statement in response efforts to "protect women" from gender based violence by criminalizing migrants in Europe. In the statement, "*Speak Out Against Xenophobia, Racism, and Violence Against Women*," WIMN called to end violence against all women regardless of migration status. <http://womeninmigration.org/2016/03/on-international-womens-day-end-violence-against-all-women-regardless-of-migration-status/>

WIMN organized an interactive parallel event at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, "Empowering Women in Migration: Development Justice and Government Accountability for Sustainable Development Goals." The workshop enabled participants to explore multiple stories of women in migration, in home, transit, destination and return, and to address what concrete policies are needed to fulfill their human rights.

The full workshop can be found here: Stories of Women in Migration, <http://womeninmigration.org/2016/03/stories-of-women-in-migration/>

WIMN joined AWID, MADRE, JASS and the Urgent Action fund in organizing a rally at the Honduran Mission to the UN during the UN-CSW to protest the

murder of indigenous environmental activist Berta Caceres.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/470220636519266/>

Carol Barton represented WIMN at a Global Migration Group side event at the UN-CSW, *Policies empowering migrant women and girls in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. The event was co-sponsored by the governments of Bangladesh and Italy. Speakers included H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Italy, Mr. Peter Sutherland, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for International Migration, Ms. Karen AbuZayd, UN Special Adviser on the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants and Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women (GMG Chair 2016). For concept note and statements, see: <http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org/policies-empowering-migrant-women-and-girls-context-2030-agenda-sustainable-development>

Monami Maulik represented WIMN on the Civil Society Steering Committee for the UNGA Summit on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees. That global group, organized by UN-NGLS, oversaw selection of delegates and speakers to both the civil society hearings and the summit.

WIMN and the Women's Refugee Commission hosted a Women's Caucus during the July Civil Society Hearings for the UNGA Summit on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees. This was an opportunity to share analysis and strengthen relationships between refugee and migrant rights organizations focused on women. WIMN also participated in Action Committee monitoring of negotiations for the New York Declaration. See flyer: <http://wgmwg.org/2016/07/wimn-is-hosting-a-womens-caucus-in-new-york-on-july-17/>

Cathi Tactaquin of NNIRR and WIMN spoke at the Civil Society Hearing on elements for the global compact on migration.

In preparation for the September 19 Summit, WIMN circulated "Initial Elements for Outcome to UNGA September 19 Summit on Refugees and Migrants." <http://womeninmigration.org/2016/07/initial-elements-for-outcome-to-unga-sept-19-summit-on-refugees-and-migrants/>

Jille Belisario of Transnational Migrant Platform, Europe, represented WIMN and the Global Coalition on Migration as a Roundtable speaker during the UNGA Summit on Large Movements of Refugees, September 19, 2016 in New York, *Rights of migrants and refugees will be best ensured when these are seen in an integrated way as part of people's human rights*, <https://youtu.be/pvmnJJM0T-w>

WIMN joined the Council of Global Unions and the Global Coalition on Migration in hosting a "Speak out for Dignity and Decent Work" on September 20 in New York, on the day that member states met at the UN to address the refugee crisis.

WIMN organized a delegation of 9 members to the Association for Women's Rights in Development AWID-Forum in Bahia, Brazil in September, 2016. WIMN led an interactive workshop, *Gender, race, class and migration: cross-sectorial strategies to address root causes and consequences of women's mobility*. The workshop explored intersections of migration and gender based violence; rural workers' struggles for land; labour rights organizing; and LGBTQI organizing for human rights.

WIMN was active on the planning team for the People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights, held in Dhaka in December. The network worked to integrate a gender perspective into all thematic areas.

Civil Society Days/ Global Forum on Migration & Development, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December, 2016

- WIMN member organizations served on the International Steering Committee of the Civil Society Days, GFMD, including Alianza Americas, AFL-CIO, Amnesty International/South Africa, Education International, NNIRR, PANIDMR, PICUM, Public Services International, and TMP.
- Sichel'mpilo Shange-Buthane of Amnesty International South Africa served as Co-chair and Roshan Dadoo of CORMSA, South Africa, served as Women's Rapporteur representing WIMN. Ms. Dadoo's report: http://madenetwork.org/sites/default/files/Women_final_reporting%20template%20special%20rapporteurs_GFMD%20CSD%202016.docx.pdf
- WIMN prepared the Bridge document on Women: <http://madenetwork.org/sites/default/files/Women%27s%20Bridge%20Document%202016.pdf>
- WIMN circulated *Key Gender Migration Points Towards the Global Compact on Migration*, an evolving document. <http://womeninmigration.org/2016/12/key-gender-migration-points-towards-the-global-compact-on-migration/>
- WIMN representatives at the CSD-GFMD were from Kenya, South Africa, Eritrea, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines and the US.
- WIMN prepared position papers for each of the thematic areas of the CSD/GFMD, found here: <http://womeninmigration.org/2016/12/wimn-civil-society-days-2016-recommendations/>
- Packets were prepared for roundtable discussions with member states and the media and WIMN hosted an information booth.
- Milka Isinta, PANIDMR, facilitated a WIMN-led Women's Caucus to contribute key points for engendering the global compact. See: <http://womeninmigration.org/2016/12/wimn-active-at-global-forum-on-migration-development-2016-dhaka-bangladesh/>
- Cathi Tactaquin of WIMN spoke at a UN-Women organized side event at the CSD/GFMD on engendering the global compact.

WIMN also made the following interventions:

Carol Barton represented WIMN on the Steering Committee for the UN Women/ECE project, *Promoting and Protecting Women Migrant Workers' Labour and Human Rights*

Paola Cyment (CAREF) and Carolina Gottardo (PICUM) represented WIMN at the UN Women Multi-stakeholder process for engendering the Global Compact in November, in Geneva, Switzerland. The event included representatives from UN Women, the ILO, OHCHR and Human Rights treaty bodies, CEDAW, CESC, CMW, and CERD. The goal was to develop an advocacy document to bring a strong gender and human rights perspective to the global compact on migration. WIMN also played a strong role in refining and finalizing the advocacy document.

WIMN Organization:

WIMN has a nine-member Steering Committee:

- Carol Barton, United Methodist Women, US
- Jille Belisario, Transnational Migrant Platform, Netherlands (regional network)
- Roshan Dadoo, CORMSA, South Africa
- Milka Isinta, Pan African Network in Defense of Migrant Rights, Kenya (regional network)
- Nunu Kidane, PANiDMR, (US/Ethiopia)
- Michele Levoy, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants—PICUM, Belgium (regional network)
- Monami Maulik, Global Coalition on Migration
- Amy Shannon, Alianza Americas, US
- Cathi Tactaquin, National Network of Immigrant and Refugee Rights, US

The Network carries out its work through monthly calls and working teams of volunteers. In 2016 these teams included:

- Document Drafting Team
- AWID Forum Workshop Team
- UN-CSW Team

NNIRR serves as fiscal agent for WIMN and provides in-kind accounting support. WIMN depends on financial contributions by members as well as in-kind leadership and support for its program and operations. The Secretariat is shared between NNIRR and United Methodist Women, including intern support.

WIMN 2017 Programme:

- Participate in UN Women/ECE sponsored Multi-Stakeholder meeting to discuss strategies for addressing women's rights in the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, as part of the "Promoting and Protecting Women Migrant Workers' Labour and Human Rights" Project (January, New York)
- Attend the UN-DESA coordinating meeting on international migration (February, New York)
- Organize a cross-sectoral dialogue parallel event at the UN Commission on the Status of Women with a focus on women, mobility and economic justice (March, New York)
- Participate in UN Women-organized side event on engendering the global compact on migration (March, New York)
- Develop advocacy statements for a global compact on migration that prioritizes gender equality and human rights. Participate in ongoing negotiations for the global compact as part of the civil society Advocacy Committee.
- Collaborate with the Global Coalition on Migration and other partners in webinars to engage civil society, particularly migrant-led organizations, in the global compact.
- Collaborate with IOM in civil society regional preparatory meetings for the global compact on migration. (April – October)
- Attend thematic preparatory meetings as feasible, to bring WIMN advocacy points into these dialogues. (April – October)
- Serve as civil society representative and co-chair on UN Women organized expert working group for addressing women's human rights in the global compact for migration. Co-chairs include UN Women, CMW, CEDAW and WIMN.
- Play a leadership role at the Civil Society Days/GFMD (June, Berlin, Germany)
- Play a leadership role in preparations for the People's Global Action (June, Berlin, Germany)
- Attend global compact synthesis meeting in Cancun, Mexico (November)

Background:

The Women in Migration Network is made up of national, regional and global organizations from women's, migrant, human rights, development and faith communities representing all regions of the globe.

Mission: The Women in Migration Network promotes women's human rights at the center of all migration and development policy. Our network recognizes the intersectionality of gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, migration status, disability and national origin. The Network convenes organizations and activists to expand rights-centered policies that prioritize the interests of diverse women and families affected by migration around the world.

Vision: The Women in Migration Network envisions a world where women in migration claim their universal human rights, and act as agents of change in shaping a just and equitable world. We understand that migration impacts women who move within and across borders as well as women who remain at home when family members leave. The Network strives to defend the rights of migrant women, promote a gendered and deep analysis of migration and its root causes, and promote and support the organizing and empowerment of women in migration.

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