

## Women in Migration Network (WIMN)

### AWID Forum 2016 Delegation, Bahia, Brazil – [www.womeninmigration.org](http://www.womeninmigration.org)

*The Women in Migration Network AWID Forum delegation includes 17 women from 11 countries. WIMN promotes human rights at the center of all migration and development policy. WIMN recognizes the intersections of gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, migration status, disability and national origin. WIMN works to expand rights-centered policies that prioritize the interests of diverse women and families affected by migration around the world.*

**Zory Avila**, (Mexico/US), is director of a cultural and education center, Casa Michoacan, in Chicago. Born in Michoacan, Mexico, Zory organizes Mexican women immigrants in Chicago to demand rights and building their capacity as community leaders.

**Georgia Bartolo**, (Brazil) General Secretary, YWCA of Brazil, coordinates the national movement of 15 YWCAs located in four regions of Brazil. She is a lawyer with experience in environmental law and a passion for women rights. She started in the Y movement as a volunteer, joined the staff in 2003 and was elected National President in 2007. She believes that the inter-generational leadership of empowered women along with quality education for boys and girls will create a world with justice and a sustainable planet.

**Carol Barton**, (US) coordinates the Economic Inequality Initiative for United Methodist Women (UMW), a US faith-based women's organization. She has led UMW's work on immigrant & civil rights in the US. She co-convenes the Women in Migration Network and served as the Women's Rapporteur for the Civil Society Days/Global Forum on Migration & Development in Istanbul, 2015. Carol is a popular educator and coordinated the Women's International Coalition for Economic Justice in the early 2000s.

**Esperanza Cardona**, (Honduras) is coordinator of the National Women's Commission of La Via Campesina in Honduras. A peasant women leader who has been helping organize rural women and men in their efforts to reclaim land rights, she works in the Gender Secretariat of the National Association of Peasant of Honduras, advocating for women rights, gender balance in leadership positions, and greater political participation by women in organizations and within peasant movements. She leads the Global Campaign to End Violence Against Peasant Women in Honduras.

**Najla Chahda** (Lebanon) is a human rights advocate who provides direct assistance to migrant workers in Lebanon including South Asian domestic workers. She leads Migration Services for Development (MSD) providing assistance to migrant workers. Najla previously worked with Caritas Lebanon as the head of the migration and refugee center. During her leadership, CLMC provided legal, social, medical assistance, counselling and care services for domestic workers from South and Southeast Asia

**Paola Cymment**, (Argentina), Comisión de Apoyo a Refugiados y Migrantes, CAREF, coordinates an inter-sectoral network in Argentina addressing violence against women, including migrant women. CAREF is an interfaith organization that began its work on the rights of political exiles and now provides services and advocacy for migrant and refugee rights in Argentina.

**Julie Dugdale**, (Australia/UK), Global Programme Manager for Women's Leadership and Focal Point Asia and Pacific. Juli leads implementation of the World YWCA strategic priority of ensuring the full implementation of a human rights-based approach to young women's and girl's leadership in the context of shared, transformed and intergenerational leadership. Juli is a passionate advocate for young women's leadership, voice and agency has been and is a member of many NGO boards, community forums, government advisory groups.

**Diane Kambanei**, (Papua New Guinea), YWCA Papua New Guinea is the General Secretary for the YWCA PNG. She is active in many aspects of women's rights and has been involved in the YWCA PNG for the last 5 years. She oversees the "Rise Up" program empowering young women throughout the country to become leaders as well as the "Young Women's Leadership" and the Tokstret project which is

a radio show and Sexual reproductive health project for Adolescent youth in PNG. Diane also hosts a Women/Youth TV show, EXTRA, on PNG's National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC)

**Tia Oso** (US) is national organizer for the Black Alliance for Just Immigration. Tia coordinates the Black Immigration Network (BIN) a national network of over 40 organizations serving African-Americans and Black Immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean. Tia is campaigns such as “PHX For Trayvon” and African and Black student Diaspora Dialogues with the Lost Boys of Sudan.

**Bandana Pattanaik**, (Thailand), is Executive Director of the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women, GAATW.

**Liepello Pheko**, (South Africa), is an activist-scholar, public intellectual, development practitioner. Research interests in, international trade & global financial governance, feminisation of poverty, regional integration and impacts of globalisation on labour migration. Senior Research Fellow at policy advocacy think tank - Trade Collective, has taught feminist studies and trade. Committed campaigner and feminist thinker with commitment to grounding work in popular movement struggles.

**Renu Rajbhandari**, (Nepal) Board member of the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women, GAATW.

**Andrea Reilly Rocha**, (Brazil) serves the Latin America region for United Methodist Women, working on leadership development, health, empowerment and gender issues throughout the region. Andrea is a native of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, and is ordained in the Methodist Church in Brazil and has served as a pastor in Brazil.

**Kate Sheill**, (UK) is a human rights consultant focused on migrants' rights. She has conducted research and policy work for institutions including the UN Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the Women's Major Group. Kate is a long-time advocate for women's rights, LGBT rights, and sex worker rights. She previously worked with Amnesty International and the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW).

**Maria Tsirantonaki**, (Greece/ Belgium) works on youth and gender equality issues in the Equality department of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). She is the secretary of the ITUC Youth Committee and is currently coordinating the 'Get Organised!' Youth programme. She has previously coordinated the Decisions for Life campaign, aimed at young women workers, and the Labour Rights for Women campaign. The ITUC is the global voice of the world's working people representing 180 million workers in 162 countries and territories and has 333 national affiliates

**Claudia Vasquez-Haro**, (Peru/Argentina) an LGTB rights activist in Argentina, including the rights of transgender migrants. She was born in Peru, and became an Argentine citizen with her chosen identity as a result of the law of gender identity passed in Argentina on 2012. Claudia is a professor and researcher at the School of Journalism and Social Communication at Universidad Nacional de La Plata (UNLP) Argentina. She is director of Gender and Diversity Media Watch with a rights based approach at UNLP. She is part of the Press Team of the Human Rights and Memory Space (former ESMA) where she is responsible for the press coverage of the trials for crimes of human rights violations during the last civic-military dictatorship in Argentina. She is also president of OTRANS Argentina, La Plata.

**Ntokozo Yingwana** (South Africa) represents the African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS), a member organization of CoRMSA, the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa. ACMS is a research centre based in the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg which addresses African migration. ACMS has developed Xenowatch, a new mapping tool for reporting and responding to xenophobic incidents. Ntokozo is a Phd candidate who is participating in the Black Feminist Forum on African feminism and sex worker activism.