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#### Belong to an International Organisation

# a global voice

# So what do we mean by GLOBAL

- We are represented in 121 countries worldwide
- We link with other global networks like Commonwealth,AWID,Y WCA,WAGGGS,Women for Women International
- We are part of UN Women
- We belong to an organisation of 72,000 women worldwide



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# We are an accredited NGO at the United Nations

- SI granted general consultative status in 1996
- Our status is subject to review every four years(last one in 2022)
- We have accreditation with UNHCR:UNICEF:UNEP
- We have official relations with UNESCO:ILO:UNIDO:FAO:





#### **UN Representatives**

- Make us aware of emerging issues that may affect women and girls
- Present our views at meetings in UN centres
- Maintain a visible presence for Soroptimist International
- Provide reports to inform members





### How do we have a Global Voice?





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Delivering oral statement on femicide and delegation to CSW57



New York UN Reps meet new Head of UN Women



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### **Our Global Voice – SI at the United Nations**

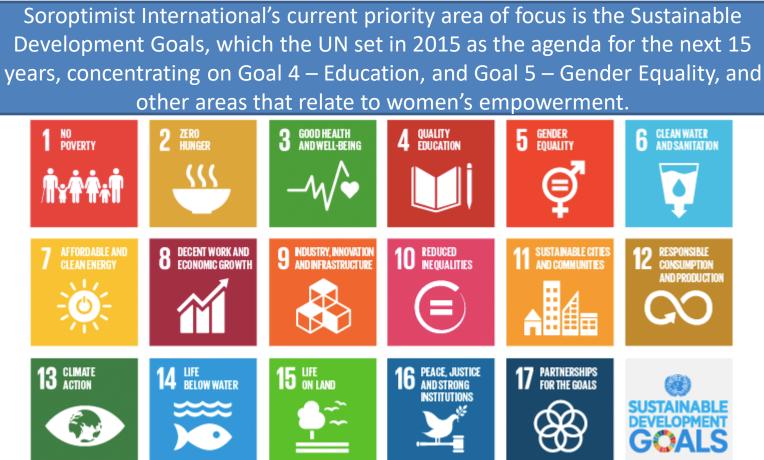




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# **Sustainable Development Goals**





The Five P`s



- People
- Prosperity
- Planet
- Peace
- Partnerships



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## a global voice

# PRFRS

#### Why are they important?

- Give us grass roots information about what you are doing
- Provide information for SIGBI and regional awards
- Share ideas about good projects
- Good marketing used in recruitment

#### What are they used for?

- Inform the work our UN representatives do
- Give us street credibility as a global NGO

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- Provides justification for your ECOSOC status
- Helps to unite our global voice



# **Our Valuable Resources**

- SI Website
- The Global Voice
- Where We Stand
- SI Statements & Reports
- Social media
- Federation publications



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### So what can you do?

- Do programme action
- Report it
- Inform yourselves: Global Voice, SI website, SIGBI website.
- Make sure your councillor and PAC rep hears your voice



### So are we a Global Voice for Women?

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- You Educate; Empower; Enable
- You are the grassroots approach to change
- You are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their full potential realise aspirations and have an equal voice
- You truly are a Global Voice for Women





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- Select your target/SDGs
- Have a definite aim
- Work with partners
- Evaluate as you go along
- Raise awareness/marketing
- Celebrate your success



You are our valuable resource



"Freedom cannot be achieved unless women have been emancipated from all forms of oppression".

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**Nelson Mandela** 

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