

Past Soroptimist
International
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a global voice
for women

Soroptimist International



Belong to an International Organisation

So what do we mean by GLOBAL

- We are represented in 121 countries worldwide
- We link with other global networks like Commonwealth, AWID, YWCA, 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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Soroptimist  International

International Women's Day
Soroptimists worldwide speak out



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?



New York UN Reps meet new
Head of UN Women



Delivering oral statement on femicide
and delegation to CSW57



Our Global Voice – SI at the United Nations



Sustainable Development Goals

Soroptimist International's current priority area of focus is the Sustainable Development Goals, which the UN set in 2015 as the agenda for the next 15 years, concentrating on Goal 4 – Education, and Goal 5 – Gender Equality, and other areas that relate to women's empowerment.



The Five P`s



- People
- Prosperity
- Planet
- Peace
- Partnerships



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
- 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



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?**

- 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**

Your programme action work

- 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”.

Nelson Mandela