

# Resolutions and Recommendations 2023-2025

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1. Resolved: To support member club success and strengthen and expand the FAWCO network.

*Recommended, that FAWCO:*

## 1.1. Support member clubs

- 1.1.1. Provide information and resources for club presidents and FAWCO Reps to develop and sustain successful, inclusive and equitable clubs.
- 1.1.2. Provide timely information for FAWCO Reps to share with their clubs.
- 1.1.3. Provide tools for club development including the best practices library and the club workshop program.
- 1.1.4. Provide tools and resources to increase engagement with a variety of people and communities, minority and disenfranchised groups.
- 1.1.5. Ensure that members are aware of the benefits available to them through FAWCO Foundation Development Grants, Education Awards, and fundraising resources.

## 1.2. Strengthen the FAWCO community

- 1.2.1. Facilitate communication among FAWCO Reps and Regional Coordinators, club presidents and boards.
- 1.2.2. Strengthen cross-club connections and engage geographically distant clubs by encouraging members to actively participate in conferences, regional meetings, social media, virtual meetings and events.
- 1.2.3. Recruit members to volunteer on FAWCO committees and teams and support them in being active and inclusive.
- 1.2.4. Seek out members from varied geographic regions, nationalities and ethnic, social and minority groups for FAWCO leadership positions.
- 1.2.5. Advise members of membership opportunities when they relocate or repatriate.
- 1.2.6. Utilize virtual technologies and platforms to facilitate communication among member clubs, FAWCO Reps, and club presidents.
- 1.2.7. Support member clubs during times of global crisis such as health emergencies, disasters and conflict.

- 1.3. Expand the FAWCO network
  - 1.3.1. Attract and retain member clubs.
  - 1.3.2. Reach out to potential member organizations and encourage members to identify possible new member clubs.
  - 1.3.3. Expand external communications utilizing social media and publications to recruit new member clubs.
2. Resolved: To advocate for a better and more peaceful world through global initiatives, with an emphasis on improving the lives of women and children, with special attention to the vulnerabilities of girls.

*Recommended, that FAWCO:*

- 2.1. Raise awareness about the United Nations (UN) and its role in international cooperation, peace and security, and human rights. Encourage members to work towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 2.2. Continue our engagement at the UN as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and accredited by the UN Department of Global Communications.
  - 2.2.1. Collaborate with NGO committees, coalitions, and civil society organizations\* with similar goals to increase the impact of our advocacy and expand our networks.
  - 2.2.2. Increase our visibility at the UN and in the UN NGO community by participating in events and authoring and endorsing advocacy statements.
- 2.3. Respect and protect the human rights of all women and children, in particular the rights to personal safety, education, and full access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. Promote the [Beijing Platform for Action](#), the [Convention to End All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#) (CEDAW), [SDG #5](#) (Gender equality) and the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).
- 2.4. Continue to engage as an Observer at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Raise awareness of the impacts of climate change on women and children, global development and human rights. Advocate for urgent action to combat climate change.
- 2.5. Advocate for the rights of migrants, refugees, and internally displaced women and children working with the UN Refugee Agency.

- 2.6. Encourage members to participate in the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the NGO CSW Forum, the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, UN Human Rights Council sessions, and other UN conferences.
- 2.7. Coordinate with Global Issues, Target and Youth Program Teams on relevant UN activities and campaigns.

\* FAWCO is an active member of NGO committees, coalitions and constituencies including:

- NGO Committees on the Status of Women
- US Women’s Caucus at the UN
- NGO Committee on Migration
- Women and Gender Constituency

3. Resolved: To advocate for the rights of US citizens living abroad and promote active civic participation by all members.

*Recommended, that FAWCO:*

- 3.1. Serve as a voice in Washington, DC to influence US legislation and regulations that impact Americans living abroad, including citizenship, voting rights, and taxation and banking.
  - 3.1.1. Citizenship
    - Provide members with information about issues that may impact US citizenship, including how citizenship is conferred to children and grandchildren of US citizens living abroad.
  - 3.1.2. Voting
    - Inform and educate members about their voting rights and communicate the importance of overseas voter participation.
    - Share information about overseas voter registration and encourage absentee voting among US citizens of voting age.
  - 3.1.3. Taxation and Banking
    - Advocate to end citizenship-based taxation, aligning the US with the global practice of residency-based taxation.
    - Collect information on the unintended consequences of Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) to provide to Washington policymakers.
- 3.2. Advocate for the resumption of direct contact with policy makers and legislators; work with the Americans Abroad Caucus in the US Congress, the Departments of State, Treasury and Defense, and other partners.

- 3.3. Educate members on issues affecting women and girls in the US and encourage active civic participation and advocacy.
  - 3.3.1. Promote ratification by the US Congress of the:
    - UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
    - UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
  - 3.3.2. Support the Cities for CEDAW initiative.
  - 3.3.3. Advocate for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, and the reauthorization of and inclusion of American women overseas in the Violence Against Women Act in the US.
- 3.4. Advocate for the US to maintain its leadership role at the UN by paying its full dues and fully supporting the UN mandate.
4. Resolved: To leverage our strength as members of a global organization to promote the well-being of women and children worldwide in the areas of education, environment, health, and human rights.

*Recommended, that FAWCO:*

- 4.1. Through our Global Issues Teams, Target Program, and SDG Awareness Program, raise awareness of issues impacting the well-being of women and children, and advocate on their behalf.
  - 4.1.1. Promote the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for our global issues work, and emphasize their interconnectedness.
    - Education • SDG #4
    - Environment • SDGs #6, #7, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15
    - Health • SDGs #3, #5, #6
    - Human Rights • SDGs #5, #10, #16
  - 4.1.2. Recognize the impacts of climate change, health crises and conflict on people, planet and world peace.
  - 4.1.3. Engage members in campaigns to support gender, climate, and social justice, and to counteract the worldwide pushback against women's rights.
  - 4.1.4. Utilize our website, publications, social media, events and campaigns to share information, tools and resources from our teams and programs for members to take action on local and global levels.
- 4.2. Mentor young people to encourage them to become active global citizens through our Youth Cultural Volunteers and other programs and activities.

- 4.3. Promote a culture of philanthropy and volunteerism for local and global initiatives. Encourage members to participate actively in their communities and collaborate on projects to achieve the SDGs.
- 4.4. Inspire members to work for a more peaceful world by exercising respect, tolerance, and inclusion, and by welcoming members of disenfranchised communities.
- 4.5. Encourage members to be informed about their rights and responsibilities in their countries of residence as international citizens living abroad.