# MISSION STATEMENT

FAWCO is an international federation of independent organizations whose mission is

- to build strong support networks for its American and international membership;
- to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide;
- to advocate for the rights of U.S. citizens overseas; and
- to mobilize the skills of its membership in support of global initiatives for education, the environment, health and human rights.

# **ABOUT FAWCO**

Founded in 1931, FAWCO is a global women's non-governmental organization (NGO), currently comprising 64 Member Clubs in 34 countries worldwide, with a total membership of some 12,000. Since 1997, FAWCO has held special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

FAWCO serves as a resource and voice for its Member Clubs, contributes actively to the global community through its Task Forces, the Target Program and The FAWCO Foundation, and represents the interests of private sector Americans living overseas.



# JOIN US TODAY

# If you are a club or organization located outside of the United States...

We would love to hear from you! Clubs and organizations like yours can benefit from FAWCO's global reach and provide you the tools you need to operate successfully in your community and make a difference around the world.

- → Visit **www.fawco.org/join-fawco/application** for the club membership application form or
- → Email **membership@fawco.org** to learn more about membership benefits and how to join us.

# If you are an American woman living abroad without a FAWCO club nearby...

You can join FAWCO as an independent member and have access to most members' benefits. We look forward to hearing from you!

- → Visit www.fawco.org/join-fawco/application for the individual membership application form or
- → Email **president@fawco.org** to learn more about membership benefits and how to join us.



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# FAWCO

# Inspiring Women Worldwide

#### **MEMBER CLUBS**



FAWCO currently comprises 64 Member Clubs around the world with membership of about 12,000. Through annual global conferences, regional meetings, special interest bulletins, newsletters, and the FAWCO website, FAWCO offers its Member Clubs networking and best practices sharing with members around the world.

FAWCO's Club Development Workshops bring FAWCO knowledge and expertise to local clubs. FAWCO connects our experts with the club to help on issues like volunteer management, financial control, using social media, and effective communication.

## **UN ISSUES**

FAWCO is a United Nations accredited NGO with special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). FAWCO UN Reps are engaged in awareness raising and advocacy in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Athens, and hold leadership positions on NGO Committees on the Status of Women, Human Rights, and Migration. FAWCO supports the UN's Sustainable Development Agenda through its Global Issues Task Forces, Target Program and Youth Program.



# **GLOBAL ISSUES**

FAWCO Global Issues Task Forces raise awareness on issues supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Education, Environment, Health, and Human Rights and provide an avenue for action on both the Member Club and individual member level.



## TARGET PROGRAM

In 2009, FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation launched the Target Program to unite member clubs in improving the lives of women and girls in the areas of education, environment, health, and human rights. Target Programs follow a three-year cycle of issue awareness and education, project selection, fundraising, project monitoring, review and evaluation. The Target Program demonstrates the power of FAWCO Member Clubs working together toward a common goal to increase knowledge and awareness of the global issues impacting women and girls.

#### **YOUTH PROGRAM**

The FAWCO Youth Program was launched in 2013 to promote cultural understanding and raise awareness of global issues among young people, helping them develop into responsible, caring global citizens. The FAWCO Youth Program includes several modules: Cultural Volunteers, FAWCO Youth Ambassadors and UN Youth Reps, and partner programs including Eleanor Roosevelt Girls' Leadership Worldwide.



#### **US ISSUES**

FAWCO is the oldest and largest non-partisan organization representing private sector Americans abroad. FAWCO works to keep the public up to date on issues important to Americans living and working overseas, including citizenship, voting, taxation, and banking concerns. FAWCO was instrumental in the creation of the Americans Abroad Caucus in 2007 and participates actively in an annual Overseas Americans Week in Washington D.C., taking its members' concerns directly to legislators and policymakers.



FAUSA is the alumnae organization of FAWCO. When FAWCO club members move to the U.S. or Canada, many of them join the FAUSA network to keep their connection to their clubs, maintain overseas friendships, and to continue to participate in FAWCO's global activities. They also benefit from the support of others when experiencing the joys and challenges involved in relocating to North America after living internationally. **www.fausa.org** 



The FAWCO Foundation is a sister organization to FAWCO. The Foundation supports the philanthropic goals of FAWCO by fundraising for and administering programs that improve the lives of women and children worldwide. The Development Grant Program distributes funds to projects championed by FAWCO member organizations. Through the Education Awards Program, The Foundation recognizes scholastic achievement with merit-based funds for FAWCO and FAUSA Members, as well as their children and grandchildren. The Foundation also directs the fundraising campaign for the FAWCO Target Program. www.fawcofoundation.org