



2021-2023 FAWCO Resolutions and Recommendations

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1. Resolved, that FAWCO: supports, strengthens, and expands the FAWCO network.

Recommended, that FAWCO:

- 1.1. Support its member clubs by
 - 1.1.1. Reinforcing the value of FAWCO membership through ongoing information exchange among member clubs utilizing the [Regional Coordinators](#) and [Club Presidents' Coordinator](#) to facilitate communications among [FAWCO Reps](#), Club Presidents, and their clubs' boards.
 - 1.1.2. Strengthening and empowering FAWCO Reps' ability to share information with their respective clubs through
 - 1.1.2.1. FAWCO'S [best practices library](#) and club development through the [workshop](#) program and other programs currently listed on the website.
 - 1.1.2.2. promoting FAWCO within clubs by encouraging club/FAWCO partnerships and participating in unique experiences available to FAWCO member clubs.
 - 1.1.2.3. strengthening connections between FAWCO's sister clubs.
 - 1.1.3. Empowering clubs with tools to increase their membership by exploring ways to increase their appeal to and engagement of
 - 1.1.3.1. ethnic or racially diverse members to reflect the diversity of the world in which we live.
 - 1.1.3.2. under 40 members and/or potential members.
 - 1.1.3.3. international clubs and non-US members.
 - 1.1.4. Ensuring clubs are aware of the benefits available to them through [The FAWCO Foundation's Development Grants](#), [Education Awards](#), and [club fundraising resources](#) in order to support individual Clubs and The FAWCO Foundation.
 - 1.1.5. Promoting [FAUSA](#) membership to members repatriating to North America.
- 1.2. Strengthen FAWCO and its member clubs by
 - 1.2.1. encouraging FAWCO members to participate actively in [conferences](#), regional meetings, workshops, programs, virtually or in person.
 - 1.2.2. recruiting FAWCO members to [volunteer](#) on committees and teams and give them the support needed to keep them active and vital.

- 1.2.3. Engaging geographically diverse clubs in different time zones and member clubs that are less involved in FAWCO through
 - 1.2.3.1. virtual connections such as meetings, workshops, activities, events, including regional meetings and annual conferences.
 - 1.2.3.2. use of the latest available technologies for an informative and user-friendly [website](#) and [publications](#) where members can access ideas, information, and resources for individual and club development.
 - 1.2.3.3. collaborating with [FAWCO PR](#), [media tools](#), and the [Inspiring Women](#) magazine.
- 1.2.4. Encouraging diversity and inclusion in clubs and in positions of leadership by promoting
 - 1.2.4.1. racial diversity.
 - 1.2.4.2. under 40 membership.
- 1.2.5. Giving support during the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic times.
- 1.3. Expand the FAWCO network by
 - 1.3.1. supporting the [FAWCO Membership](#) Chair for more robust membership outreach.
 - 1.3.2. attracting and retaining American and international clubs, regardless of the percentage of Americans who make up the membership.
 - 1.3.3. engaging geographically diverse clubs.
 - 1.3.4. expanding external communications, by utilizing the [FAWCO media assets](#) for recruiting new member clubs.
 - 1.3.5. encouraging members to identify potential new FAWCO clubs

2. Resolved, that FAWCO: advocates for a better and more peaceful world and improves the lives of women and girls through global initiatives.

Recommended, that FAWCO:

- 2.1. Champion the role of the [United Nations \(UN\)](#) in promoting peace, security, equal rights, justice for all, and improving lives. Raise awareness among FAWCO members of UN-related endeavors and promote the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)*](#), and update FAWCO members on the progress towards the [UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).
- 2.2. Expand FAWCO's engagement as an accredited non-governmental organization (NGO) with consultative status with the [UN Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#) and [Department of Global Communications](#) by working with [UN Women](#), the [Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#), and [NGO Committees on the Status of Women](#).
- 2.3. Collaborate with NGO committees, coalitions, and civil society organizations that pursue similar goals to expand our networks and magnify the strength of our advocacy, including the [US Women's Caucus at the UN](#). Increase FAWCO's visibility by participating in panels, authoring statements, and sponsoring events.
- 2.4. Promote the ratification by the US of the [Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW\)](#), the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child \(CRC\)](#), [The Equal Rights Amendment \(ERA\)](#), and the reauthorization of the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#). Advocate for the inclusion of overseas American women in VAWA and supports [Cities for CEDAW](#). Advocate for the US to sign on to the [Council of Europe \(CoE\)](#) Convention on preventing and combating domestic violence and all forms of violence against women ([Istanbul Convention](#)).
- 2.5. Support and promote [SDG #5 Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls](#) targets to end all forms of discrimination against women and girls everywhere; end violence to and exploitation of women and girls; eliminate harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage, and female genital mutilation; recognize the value of unpaid care work and promote shared responsibilities; ensure full participation of women in leadership and decision-making; ensure full access to universal sexual and reproductive health and rights ([SRHR](#)).
- 2.6. Raise awareness of the impacts of climate change on global development and human rights, in particular as they affect women and children. Continue to actively support the [UN Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#) and the [Paris Agreement](#). Advocate for the US to take urgent action to combat global climate change.

- 2.7. Advocate for the human rights of migrants, refugees, and internally displaced women and children, working with the [NGO Committee on Migration \(CoM\)](#) and the [UN Refugee Agency \(UNHCR\)](#). Support the implementation of the [Global Compact on Safe, Orderly, Regular Migration \(GCM\)](#) and the [Global Compact on Refugees \(GCR\)](#), as well as other local and international initiatives.
- 2.8. Continue to raise awareness on the significant role the UN plays in achieving international cooperation, maintaining international peace and security, protecting human rights, delivering humanitarian aid, promoting sustainable development, and upholding international law. Advocate for the US to maintain its vital leadership role at the UN by paying its full dues and fully supporting UN bodies including the [Human Rights Council \(HRC\)](#) and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#).
- 2.9. Involve FAWCO clubs and members by
 - 2.9.1. driving progress in actions related to the SDGs, especially in the areas of education, the environment, health, and human rights.
 - 2.9.2. coordinating with the [Global Issues](#) and [Target Program](#) Teams on all UN activities and developments relevant to the goals of each and promoting FAWCO SDG Awareness throughout the [Decade of Action \(2020-2030\)](#).
 - 2.9.3. encouraging FAWCO members to participate in the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in New York and other [UN conferences](#).

*Sustainable Development Goals



3. Resolved, that FAWCO: advocates for the rights of US citizens who are temporarily or permanently living abroad.

Recommended, that FAWCO:

- 3.1. Serve as a recognized voice in Washington, DC for US citizens living abroad. Work with the [Americans Abroad Caucus](#) in the US Congress, the Departments of State, Treasury, and Defense and partner organizations, to influence US legislation and regulations that address the special needs of US citizens living abroad, including citizenship and voting rights, and taxation and banking.
 - 3.1.1. Citizenship: Keep FAWCO members informed on issues arising in the US that may impact US citizens living abroad. Act as eyes and ears for US citizens living abroad and aid them in being active citizens.
 - 3.1.2. Voting: Disseminate and provide easy access to information on [overseas citizen voter registration](#). Promote and facilitate registration and absentee voting among our US citizen members, encouraging active citizenship.
 - 3.1.2.1. Support and encourage member clubs in leading voter registration drives for their members and communicate the importance of overseas voter participation.
 - 3.1.2.2. Inform and educate members about their voting rights and work to dispel misconceptions about registering and voting from abroad.
 - 3.1.2.3. Provide information and encourage voter registration and voting among young people (i.e., member children), including US citizens born abroad.
 - 3.1.3. Tax and Banking: Reach out to US citizen members to keep them informed about US concerns by providing workshops, webinars, and other resources to empower them to more effectively manage the tax, banking, and legal complexities of living abroad.
 - 3.1.3.1. Advocate ending citizenship-based taxation and aligning the United States with the universal practice of residency-based taxation through initiatives like the [Tax Fairness for Americans Abroad Act 2018 \(HR 7358\)](#) and encourage Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to co-sponsor the reintroduction and passage of a similar bill in the future.
 - 3.1.3.2. Work to mitigate the impact of the [Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act \(FATCA\)](#) on US citizens living overseas; collect information on FATCA's unintended consequences to be provided to Washington policymakers.
- 3.2. Encourage active civic participation among our US members while maintaining FAWCO's non-partisanship.

- 3.2.1. Keep FAWCO members informed about and encourage participation in [Overseas Americans' Week](#).
- 3.2.2. Encourage FAWCO members to take action on issues affecting women and girls in the US and around the world (e.g., through advocating, demonstrating, writing letters, etc.).

4. Resolved, that FAWCO: encourages active participation by its members, as good global citizens, to promote the well-being of women and girls worldwide, especially in the areas of education, the environment, health, and human rights.

Recommended, that FAWCO:

4.1. Provide opportunities for members to become involved in FAWCO's work on global issues, and inform members through FAWCO's [publications](#) and [website](#) concerning the [Global Issues Teams'](#) areas of focus in line with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), as well as the FAWCO [Target](#) and [Youth](#) Programs. Address current issues of all forms of racism, the effects of COVID-19, and future pandemics.

4.1.1. [Education](#): Promote awareness of global issues in education with an emphasis on equal access, literacy, global citizenship, technical, vocational, and tertiary education leading to financial independence. Also, promote awareness of all forms of racism, COVID-19, and future pandemics' impact on education.



4.1.2. [Environment](#): Promote awareness of environmental issues such as climate change, pollution, species extinction, and the degradation of the natural world. Foster love, awe, and respect for nature and help others learn about how nature works. Encourage environmental stewardship and action within FAWCO, at both global and local levels.



4.1.3. [Health](#): Inform and increase awareness of a holistic approach to all areas related to women's health by supporting the [UN health SDGs](#) and the [World Health Organization's Decade of Healthy Ageing \(2020-2030\)](#), as well as continuing awareness of mental, physical, and social wellbeing related to COVID-19 and future pandemics.



- 4.1.4. [Human Rights](#): Advocate for human rights for people of all races and creeds under the [UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#). Engage FAWCO members in awareness and action campaigns to support [SDG #5 Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls](#).



- 4.2. Promote awareness and action on global issues impacting women and girls through active participation in the Target Program, the focus of which rotates among FAWCO's four global issues of Education, the Environment, Health, and Human Rights. Create awareness of the [2019-2022 Target Project](#) focused on the prevention of [Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\)](#) globally, and in particular in Tanzania.
- 4.3. Promote a culture of giving through philanthropy and volunteerism.
- 4.4. Promote relevant and timely issue awareness, engagement, and cultural understanding in our youth to help them develop into responsible and caring global citizens. Encourage participation in the [Youth Cultural Volunteers](#), [UN Youth Reps](#), and other programs and activities.
- 4.5. Encourage FAWCO members to participate actively in their communities and to collaborate with organizations on projects that impact the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
- 4.6. Encourage FAWCO members to work toward a more peaceful world by exercising respect, tolerance, and consideration, and by modeling that behavior to others as good global citizens, cultivating and modeling civility and mutual respect in ourselves as individuals and in FAWCO as a whole. Encourage FAWCO members to be informed about customs and legislation in their countries of residence that affect their rights and responsibilities as international citizens living abroad.