

2023 ACWW Resolutions

RESOLUTION 1: Establishment of Rural Women's Employment Action Plans

“That ACWW urges all governments to address the particular needs of rural women by working with women's representative groups to establish, implement and regularly monitor a Women's Employment Action Plan which ensures access to training and education; fair, equitable and safe employment practices; working conditions and remuneration; access to resources such as finance, materials, technology, and land/property and; including but not limited to, advice on career, business and entrepreneurship.”

RESOLUTION 2: Rural Gender Impact Analysis

“That the Associated Country Women of the World urge Governments to apply both a Rural Impact Analysis and Gender Impact Analysis when considering plans, policies and programmes to ensure the intersectionality of being women and living rurally are taken in to account in order to reduce the adverse impact of proposed plans, policies and programmes on rural communities. ”

RESOLUTION 3: Addressing Food Waste

“Be it resolved that ACWW facilitates both action and advocacy on the issue of food waste, recognising that food waste occurs throughout the global food supply chain, and that coordinated action is required to mitigate food loss and wastage at every stage.”

ACTION POINTS:

Individuals:

Consider ways to reduce food waste in your family and community. Make use of programmes at local grocery stores that aim to reduce wastage at the consumer level; if such programmes do not exist, work with your local stores and chains to bring these programmes in.

Societies:

Put together educational programmes using the expertise of homemakers and rural women to share knowledge about traditional methods of food preservation and efficient use of ingredients and resources.

Advocacy:

Work to raise awareness of the systemic causes of food waste, including arbitrary aesthetic standards related to supermarket marketing. Advocate to address insufficient infrastructure that causes food waste in developing nations. Work to promote traditional and Indigenous methods of land use and food preservation.

Supporting Statement:

There is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone, and yet each year almost half of all fruit and vegetables are thrown away, low crop prices and disruptions in international shipping leave millions of tons of crops left to rot in fields, it is estimated that between 702 and 828 million people were affected by hunger in 2021. The number has grown by about 150 million since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food waste occurs for a variety of reasons, including uneaten food that is thrown out at homes, stores, and restaurants; when food does not meet retailers' standards for color and appearance, or cannot be distributed by producers. It is estimated that one-third of all food produced is lost or wasted, around 1.3 billion tons of food, costing the global economy close to \$940 billion each year.

As individuals, and as Member Societies of ACWW, we can take actions and engage in advocacy to address this global problem.