

Resolutions passed by ACWW's Membership at the 31st Triennial World Conference

The following Resolutions and Recommendations were passed by vote of the attending Voting Member Societies at the Conference, and are non-Constitutional in their nature:

Policy Manifesto: Each Triennium, following the Triennial World Conference, ACWW's Board of Trustees will prepare, with support from Central Office, and the Board will approve, a Policy Manifesto for ACWW, reflecting and updating the position of the organisation on key policy issues, informed by Resolutions and Recommendations passed by the Membership and adopted at ACWW's Triennial World Conferences. This Policy Manifesto will be communicated to for their information

Establishment of a Funding Program for Youth-led Organisations: ACWW resolves to explore the possibility of establishing a funding programme within its strategic plan for youth-led organisations to strengthen meaningful youth participation within ACWW's membership and to support their locally driven initiatives".

Childcare Deserts: ACWW and its Member Societies call on all governments at both local and national levels to take comprehensive action to eliminate childcare deserts, including for those living in rural, urban and marginalized areas. This includes addressing barriers to affordable and equitable childcare services influenced by a lack of licensed childcare service providers, lack of stabilized care and absence of high quality childcare options, which have a disproportionate impact on women, particularly rural women. We call on governments to provide reliable, affordable, and accessible childcare services, particularly for women living in rural and other under-served areas and communities. Governments are encouraged to consider solutions that include investment in childcare infrastructure, support for flexible and community-based care models, and targeted training programs for childcare service providers at the local and national levels

Collection of data on flood-prone river systems: ACWW and its Members call on all governments to ensure the collection, analysis, and public dissemination of real-time data on rainfall, river flow, and river heights, particularly in flood-prone regions. ACWW will work with interested member societies in promoting accessible community-level early warning systems and supporting local education efforts to improve flood preparedness."

Iodine deficiency disorders in rural women: ACWW and its Member Societies call on all governments, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and other relevant United Nations bodies, to continue their efforts in relation to reaching optimal iodine nutrition in pregnant and lactating women and young children, particularly those living in rural areas, including:

- education and awareness-raising regarding Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDDs) and the importance of iodine and thyroid function;
- appropriate healthcare programming to address IDDs and ensure optimal iodine nutrition, particularly for pregnant and lactating women and young children, with due attention given to increased challenges faced by rural women in this regard; and
- testing for iodine levels and thyroid function in standard blood tests, particularly during the first trimester of pregnancy, with appropriate arrangements for those living in rural and other under-served areas with limited access to medical facilities.

We urge governments, WHO and the UN to continue to invest in the sustainable elimination of iodine deficiency, and to ensure that cuts to international development funding do not jeopardise the full implementation of these measures for women and girls, particularly those living in rural and other under-served areas.

Equitable access to vaccines: ACWW and its Members call on all governments to fully fund and implement their commitments to providing equitable access to all vaccines, to adopt innovative programmes that are responsive to the needs of women in rural and remote communities, and to ensure that cuts to international development funding do not jeopardise the full implementation of these measures for women and girls, particularly those living in rural, remote and other under-served areas."

Funding of sexual and reproductive health and rights: ACWW and its Members call on all governments to implement strategies to fully fund sexual and reproductive health and rights, including providing information, comprehensive sex education and facilities to all."

Sustainable funding models to address violence against women: ACWW and its Members call on all governments to implement the following measures in addressing violence against women and girls:

- to prioritise the development and implementation of sustainable funding models for services addressing perpetrator risk factors known to contribute to violence against women and children;
- to prioritise funding models that support integrated, trauma-informed, and victim-centred responses across relevant sectors, ensuring affordable and equitable access to legal protections and essential support services for women and children at risk of or affected by violence.

Reducing digital harms via social media: ACWW and its Member Societies call on all governments at all levels to implement and enforce policies that reduce digital harms, particularly via social media, and promote adolescent mental well-being online. ACWW members commit to advocating for safe, inclusive, and equitable digital environments for young people—especially young rural women—through public education, community engagement, and support for youth-led digital literacy initiatives.

Disclosure requirements for commercial use of digital editing and artificial intelligence productions: ACWW and its Members call on all governments to develop and enforce legislation and regulations requiring clear and consistent disclosure of commercially distributed content that has been digitally edited or generated using artificial intelligence. ACWW members commit to raising awareness in their communities—particularly in rural areas—about the impacts of undisclosed synthetic media and to supporting digital literacy initiatives that empower women and girls to recognize and respond to manipulated content

Recommendation: Encouraging youth membership and engagement: The Board of Trustees encourages ACWW Member Societies to actively engage and integrate young members in their organizations.

Recommendation: New and updated ACWW policies: The ACWW Board of Trustees recommends to Members that they review the new and revised policies approved by the Board during the 2023-2026 Triennium, and take all necessary and recommended steps to ensure they and their Societies are in full compliance, including and in particular the: ACWW Safeguarding Policy; ACWW Privacy Policy; ACWW Data Protection Policy; ACWW Anti-Corruption and Bribery Policy; ACWW Anti-Money Laundering Policy; ACWW Counter-Terrorism Policy; ACWW Anti-Fraud Policy; ACWW Cookie Policy; and ACWW Risk Policy.

Constitutional Resolutions

The full list and text of Constitutional Resolutions considered and passed by the 31st Triennial World Conference has been circulated by email and is available on our [website here](#). However, there was an important Urgency Resolution which was proposed by Shelby Country Extension Homemakers and seconded by Florida Association for Home and Community Education; this was a Constitutional issue raised by these members and agreed by the Board following the approved procedures for debate at the Conference. It was approved unanimously and is reproduced here for clarity and information:

Urgency Resolution: Additional Housekeeping to the 2023 Constitution

“We would like to move an Urgency Resolution, as an issue that has come up since the final round of Resolutions and Recommendations, as amended, were circulated to the membership. Concerning the 2023 Constitution as it stood before the amendments and considerations of this Triennial World Conference – which we appreciate changes the number of the clauses and sub-clauses;

Under Clause 35, relating to Interpretation

Clause 35.1.1. (b) and (c) refer to persons relating to 31.1.1.(a); this should in fact refer to 35.1.1.(a).

We have raised this with the staff and Board, and believe that this falls into the same category of errata and tidying as Resolution 1: Omnibus Housekeeping Resolution; but appreciate that trying to amend this Resolution to incorporate this numbering error would cause undue confusion. We therefore move that when the Constitution is tidied after this Conference and appropriately re-numbered, this correction is made alongside the others.

Moved by Jo-Ellen Almond, Conference Number 016, Shelby Country Extension Homemakers

Seconded by Annette Lanham, Conference Number 015, Florida Association for Home and Community Education

Passed unanimously, with support from ACWW’s Board of Trustees.

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