



WOMEN'S MAJOR GROUP ORGANIZING PARTNER OF ARAB STATES

CHALLENGES OF ENGAGEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE
VNR PROCESS IN THE ARAB REGION

VNR PROCESS 2018

- A TOTAL OF 48 COUNTRIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO PRESENT VNRS DURING HLPF 2018.
- IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING VNRS, HLPF 2018 WILL REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) 6 (CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION), 7 (CLEAN ENERGY), 11 (SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES), 12 (RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION), 15 (LIFE ON LAND) AND 17 (PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS).

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS IN 2018

THE COUNTRIES:

BAHRAIN

EGYPT

LEBANON

QATAR

SAUDI ARABIA

STATE OF PALESTINE

SUDAN

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE).

WHAT IS UN WMG?

- [THE WOMEN'S MAJOR GROUP](#) IS SELF-ORGANIZED AND FACILITATED BY A TEAM OF 8 ORGANIZING PARTNERS. THE WMG HAS THE MANDATE TO FACILITATE WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY PERSPECTIVES INTO UN POLICY PROCESSES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. IN RECENT YEARS, THE WMG PROGRAM AND PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE TWO DISTINCT PHASES IN GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: (1) FINALIZING A UNIVERSAL POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA (NOW AGENDA 2030) THAT IS GROUNDED IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL REALITIES, IN PARTICULAR REALITIES FOR WOMEN; AND (2) ENSURING ITS ROBUST IMPLEMENTATION AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS.
- WMG HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE RICH AND DIVERSE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN ADVOCATES IN THE NEGOTIATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE AGENDA. THE FOLLOW-UP PHASE WILL INVOLVE SUPPORT TO OPERATIONALIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE FRAMEWORK IN INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND COUNTRY CONTEXTS, AS WELL AS TO DESIGN REVIEW AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS AND STRENGTHEN THE WMG, AND ITS TIES TO THE BROADER WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017

ONE OF THE WMG MEMBER ATTENDED THE AFSD 2017 REPRESENTING MINORITY GROUPS OF ALGERIA FOR FIRST TIME.

THE APPROVAL FROM ESCWA

THE LOGISTICS CHALLENGES

WMG OP & A MEMBER OF WMG FROM SUDAN ATTENDED THE HLPF AND JOINED THE PANEL OF CSOS TO REVIEW THE JORDANIAN VNR SUBMITTED LAST YEAR

ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

- WMG MEMBER FROM THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES ATTENDED AFSD LAST YEAR AND PUSHED TO HAVE THE FINAL OUTCOME KEY MESSAGES AND DOCUMENT TO INCLUDE THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN CONFLICT AREAS, WITH A FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES WOMEN FACE IN THE OCCUPIED PALATINE.
- BASED ON URGENT NEED FROM OUR CSOS PARTNERS, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO:
- 1- HOLD A CB WORKSHOP IN LAST MARCH IN CAIRO FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE WMG TO PHYSICALLY MEET AND EXCHANGE IDEAS ON THE WAY FORWARD.
- 2- CREATE SHARING PLATFORM THROUGH WMG TO KEEP NGOS IN THE LOOP AND WORK WITH EACH OTHER TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE VNR ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND EXIST IN THE HLPF DISCUSSIONS.

CHALLENGES: WHAT WE NEED AS NGOS IN ARAB REGION

- CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE CSOS AND RELEVANT ACTORS IN REGARD TO THE UN PROCESSES AND SPACES IN GENERAL, INCLUDING VNR, UPR, UN HUMAN RIGHTS SURVEILLANCES, CEDAW REPORTING..ETC
- ACCOUNTABILITY FROM GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION TO ENSURE ENGAGEMENT OF THE CSOS IN THE VNR PREPARATION PROCESSES AND NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION
- ON UN LEVEL, MORE ENGAGEMENT HAS TO BE IN THE CONSULTATIONS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CCSF & SPF.
- FUNDING AND MORE SUPPORT FROM BOTH CUSTODIANS OF THE PROCESS IN THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE UN AGENCIES, REPRESENTED IN UNDP, TO ENSURE ATTENDANCE AND PRESENCE OF CSOS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN LED NGOS IN THE UN HLPF AND CSW...ETC TO BUILD THE CAPACITIES OF THOSE PARTNERS AND ENSURE FURTHER ENGAGEMENT OF UNDERPRIVILEGED SOCIAL CONSTITUENCIES.
- BUILDING SYNERGIES
- CREATING AND INVESTING IN KNOWLEDGE SHARING PLATFORMS

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