

Nomination Form
to apply for
Organising Partner
of the
Women's Major Group (WMG)
on all processes of the UN related to Sustainable Development
for the period 2017 – 2019

The Women's Major Group (WMG) for Sustainable Development (SD) is the focal point for UNDESA, ECOSOC and the GA for all UN Sustainable Development policies. The WMG for SD scope of responsibility covers the Rio+20 outcome (SDGs, Financing for Sustainable Development, SIDS, SCP) and the 2030 Agenda, as well as the High Level Political Forum and related global and regional policy processes of the United Nations. In addition, the WMG for Sustainable Development aims to cooperate closely with other Women's Major Groups and Women's constituencies linked to other UN policy areas.

WMG: The Women's Major Group facilitates women's civil society input into the policy space provided by the United Nations related to sustainable development (participation, speaking, submission of proposals, access to documents). The WMG is self-organised and open to all interested organisations working to promote human rights based sustainable development with a focus on women's human rights, women's empowerment and gender equality. It is coordinated by a set of Organizing Partners (OP). The OPs main role is to facilitate meaningful participation in UN processes of women's groups, civil society organizations, social movements and women from indigenous and other communities, aiming at regional and thematic diversity. The Women's Major Group coordinates through email lists, working groups, strategic and capacity building meetings and through social media, see www.womenmajorgroup.org. The WMG is one of several civil society 'Major Groups and Stakeholders' with which it interacts on a regular basis, see <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>

ToR and Criteria: For the full Terms of Reference of OPs of the WMG, please see the annexed TOR. Since 2011, the tasks of OPs have grown and changed, with considerable work throughout the year rather than two concentrated weeks per year. The UN does not provide core funding for this coordination effort of the OPs. Many policy meetings take place in New York, as well as regional meetings at the Economic Commissions at least once per year. UN-DESA does not guarantee any travel funding for OPs or WMG representatives to take part in the policy meetings, – although to date 1-2 representatives have mostly been granted travel funding – thus the OPs role also involved fundraising, in addition to its facilitation, information, advocacy and capacity building tasks. OPs are mandated for a 2-year term (in this case 2017 - 2019) and to ensure continuity, OPs can be elected at least for two terms.

Diversity and rotation: Because of the great investment in terms of time and resources, all organisations applying to be an OP of the Women's Major Group need to consult with their highest management and board prior to submitting a nomination. At the same time, to ensure a diversity of thematic, regional and type of organisations, OPs from older, larger and better-resourced organisations are encouraged to provide support for younger more remote and/or grassroots organisations.

Application Process: To be considered please send a **completed OP-nomination form** to nomination@womenrio20.org by Jan 25, 2017. Only complete nomination forms will be considered for the voting. All nomination forms will be reviewed by a 3rd Party to ensure that all nominees have completed the form in full and also meet the eligibility criteria.

Application for Organising Partners (OP) of the Women's Major Group (WMG)

Applications to be submitted preferably in English. Send to nomination@womenrio20.org

I. Organisational data

Name of organisation:	<i>Full name:</i>
Country	<i>Headquarters based in:</i>
Type of organisation:	<i>Global/International:</i>
	<i>Regional (pls specify):</i>
	<i>National (pls specify):</i>
<i>Organizational website:</i>	
<i>Other social media addresses (Twitter, Facebook, etc):</i>	
<i>Are you a network organisation?</i>	<i>Yes/no (pls specify):</i>
<i>If yes, do you represent a national/regional/global constituency</i>	<i>Yes/no (pls specify):</i>
<i>Do you prefer to apply as regional¹ (7) / global (2) OP?</i>	<i>Please specify:</i>
<i>Can your organisation take on some of the coordination, organisation and secretariat functions²?</i>	<i>Please give examples:</i>
Thematic focus area(s) of organisation:	<i>(Use as many rows as needed)</i>
1)	2)
3)	
Name of representative of organisation for OP:	<i>Please name one main representative</i>
First name:	Last name:
Address:	Country:

¹ (1) Africa, (2) Asia (3) MENA (4) Europe & Central Asia (5) Latin America & the Caribbean (6) North American preferably NY based 7) Pacific Small Island States

² for example: organising WMG conference calls & meetings, organising travel nominations and travel payments, reporting on OP meetings, leading on or editing position papers, translating into other languages, printing and layout of publications, feeding the WMG website, NING, facebook, twitter pages, fundraising and subcontracting activities to other members....

Email:	Tel:
Has your Executive Director and/or board (already) agreed to this application/nomination as OP?	<i>Yes/No (please specify)</i>
Languages spoken by representative (although WMG cannot warrant translation of all communications, additional language skills are an added value)	
Language 1: Language 2: Language 3:	

II. Criteria (please fill out with details and examples)

1. **Current working experience in areas related** to women’s human rights, women’s economic development, and/or women and the environment/sustainable development
 - Please give example(s) (with internet link if available):
2. **Availability of staff/members experienced** in Gender equality, women’s human right & participation etc.
 - Please give example(s):
3. **National and/or regional/international scope of activities** related to women’s human rights and gender equality.³
 - Please give example(s):
4. **Organizations with proof of their independent juridical personality and non-profit** and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations
 - Please provide link:
5. **Organizations with demonstrated (net)working relationships** with national, regional or global organizations or networks involved in women’s human rights and gender equality activities.
 - Please give example(s):
6. **Demonstrated national/ regional constituencies** of women/gender experts and or organizations, preferably including of traditionally under-represented groups.
 - Please give example(s) (and link if available):
7. **The organization should have an established** office or address (called e.g. headquarters), with an executive officer.

³ UNEP Stakeholders engagement policy

8. The organization should have **statutes which are transparent** and accessible and if a network preferably a democratically adopted **constitution**.⁴
 - Please give link:

For network organizations, the organization shall preferably have **procedures, which give authority to speak for its members** through its authorized representatives.⁵

 - Please give link if available:
9. The organization shall have a representative structure and possess appropriate **mechanisms of accountability** to its board or members.⁶
 - Please give link to e.g. board members:
10. Organizations should have interest and **capacity** to coordinate development of position statements, strategies, relevant meetings and delegate activities to WMG members.
 - Please give example(s) (and links):
11. Organizations should have **sufficient (financial/human) resources** for its representative to be able to engage in the WMG tasks and policy processes for at least 2 years.
 - Please give rationale:
12. Organizations should **preferably be experienced** in proposal writing and **fund raising**:
 - Please give examples:

II. Your organisation's and/or representatives experience

1. **Type of work (experience)** *(please check all that apply)*

- Grassroots organizer
- Capacity building /Educational
- Networking
- Outreach, campaigning
- Policy advocacy (local/national)
- Policy advocacy (international)
- Research / science
- Other, please explain _____

⁴ ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31

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2. **Experience working on the following issues** (related to women's rights, gender equality and sustainable development). *(Please check all that apply, and add detail where appropriate)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water / sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace / conflict resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land tenure issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food / agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Governance/accountability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity / forests / Ecosystems | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Trade and Investment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oceans / fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule of Law, Governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable consumption & production | <input type="checkbox"/> Decent work, Social protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy / Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals, Waste, Extractives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual & reproductive health and rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Equality, Human Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urbanization / Migration | <input type="checkbox"/> Technologies, ICT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macro Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)..... |

III. **Experience with relevant policy process expertise**

- Millennium Development Goals & Rio+20 / Post2015
- Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development (SDGs, etc.)
- Population & Development CPD
- Women's rights CSW
- Climate Change UNFCCC
- Biodiversity UNCBD
- Environment other (UNEP, Desertification, Forests, Chemicals, Oceans other)
- Food & Agriculture (FAO)
- Labour rights (ILO)
- Financing for Development (FfD)
- Disaster Risk Reduction ISDR (DRR)
- UN global, other (IPs, migration, Habitat)
- Regional UN processes (please specify)....
- Other global policy process e.g WB, WTO, G20 (please specify)....

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IV. Statement of motivation and qualifications (maximum 500 words)

Briefly explain how your organisation meets the criteria, including any additional information. Please also indicate why you are motivated to be an OP of the Women’s Major Group. Please indicate any added value you can bring to the WMG.

V. Provide the name of at least 2 colleagues that are supporting your nomination. Ensure these reference(s) are someone who has knowledge of your work (First and last name; Organization and Website; Email and Tel)

VI. By signing, you affirm the above is true and that you agree to fulfil the TOR of OP of the WMG:

Signed:	Date:	Place:
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