



From Global to Local Programme

A programme facilitating participation of country-level women's groups/NGOs to the CEDAW review process since 1997

IWRAW Asia Pacific has supported OHCHR and the CEDAW Committee in coordinating NGO engagement during the review process for 25 years. We organise a training, mentoring and sharing programme in Geneva, immediately prior to the reviews, which aims to help women's groups and NGOs who wish to participate in the CEDAW reporting process. The objectives of this training programme are to:

(a) Facilitate the presence of NGO representatives from reporting countries at the CEDAW sessions to monitor the review of their State parties and to interact with the CEDAW Committee members in order to raise pertinent issues concerning women's human rights in their country.

(b) Support NGOs in CEDAW implementation to strengthen compliance and commitment to the Convention globally.

(c) Coordinate all NGOs who fulfill the OHCHR criteria to participate in the public informal meeting and the country-specific private NGO lunch briefing with the CEDAW Committee.

We have committed funding to support NGO engagement with the CEDAW Committee in Geneva and to participate in the From Global to Local programme.

Applicants for funding must meet the following general criteria:

1. Submission of a report to CEDAW (for pre-session or for the actual session)

2. Commitment to complete the From Global to Local programme and agreement to engage with IWRAP Asia Pacific in follow-up conversations on CEDAW implementation **and to complete the IWRAP AP CEDAW Scorecard.**

3. Representative of a local, grassroots or national NGO or network. Please note that we prioritise the participation of organisational/network representatives. (Please note that *only* NGOs are eligible to participate in 'From Global to Local'. IWRAP Asia Pacific has taken the position that members of the government delegation to the CEDAW session, or individuals who have helped write the government report to the CEDAW Committee, should *not* be involved in writing the shadow/alternative report, and are *not* eligible to attend the 'From Global to Local' training at the CEDAW Session.)

4. Alignment with IWRAP Asia Pacific's policy on addressing rights of marginalised groups of women (<https://bit.ly/IWRAPmarginalised>)

Participation of women from marginalised constituencies will be prioritised. In line with [IWRAP Asia Pacific's Policy on Addressing Rights of Marginalised Groups of Women](#) and to ensure this is a safe space for all, participants are obliged to be respectful and avoid replicating societal prejudices and inequalities, particularly with regard to factors including, but not limited to, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, class, religion, caste, experience of sex work, and experience of drug use. We acknowledge CEDAW as a space where marginalised groups of women, including LGBTIQ women, have an opportunity to hold their states accountable for human rights violations against their communities. **Applicants who do not share the same inclusive values, particularly those with trans-exclusionary and sex-worker-exclusionary positions, will not be eligible for funding.**

Additional funding may be available for NGOs or networks whose reports address issues relating to gender equality and macroeconomics at national and/or global levels. We are particularly interested in reports addressing the impact of international financial institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund or World Bank, on women's human rights at the national level. However, other topics covered may include issues relating to taxation, funding of public services and/or austerity measures, external debt taken on by your country, the care economy, or other issues that help to advance the links between CEDAW and the impact of how governments raise, spend, and invest money in women's human rights.

What the funding and support from IWRAP Asia Pacific covers:

- Accommodation cost on twin sharing basis in Geneva at hotel designated by IWRAP Asia Pacific - coverage will extend from one day before beginning of the

From Global to Local programme until the day after the CEDAW review for the relevant country (depending on the CEDAW session schedule of dialogues)

- Meal allowances USD 60 per day/Swiss franc equivalent
- Maximum USD 60/Swiss franc equivalent terminal allowance cost for taxi fares from airport to hotel/hotel to airport

What we do not cover:

- Return airfare to Geneva
- Visa fees
- Health and travel insurance cost
- Transit costs while enroute to and from Geneva
- Other transportation costs

TRAVEL, VISA, and TRAVEL HEALTH INSURANCE

Participants are responsible for meeting all travel and visa costs, including travel to and from Geneva, and for obtaining a valid entry visa (as required) in a timely manner. IWRAW Asia Pacific, through our local partner organisation **Sexual Rights Initiative**, will support expediting visa applications by providing necessary documentation.

Note: Based on visa requirements, participants may be required to stay in the location identified in the visa application process and not change accommodation.

Please check the entry visa requirements for nationals of your country to Switzerland, as soon as possible, and please check on wait times for the visa in your country..

Please note that every chosen participant will be required to pay for and obtain travel health insurance before they travel, covering the entire duration of the stay in Geneva.

COVID-19 safety and other related conditions

Participants must abide by all [Swiss government COVID-19 requirements](#) throughout their stay.

Participants in the programme must perform daily self-tests for COVID-19. Test kits will be provided by IWRAW Asia Pacific. We also request that participants wear masks at all times while in the meeting room.

In case of emergency IWRAW Asia Pacific will ensure coverage for additional days of accommodation and meals for quarantine purposes for its funded participants.

ACCESSIBILITY, LANGUAGE and SECURITY

The programme and IWRAW Asia Pacific team will primarily communicate in English.

Interpretation during the programme may be provided upon early request and funding availability. The same applies to provision of reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. Please check with the IWRAW Asia Pacific team.

If you have any security concerns relating to participation in the 85th CEDAW session or the From Global to Local programme, including online or in-person activities or email communications, please contact the IWRAW Asia Pacific team as soon as possible.