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The *inner union* with Jesus must manifest itself externally, it must manifest itself in *communion* with the Church, with our family or our organisation, which help us to mature in faith. It is this that gives value to all the initiatives we carry out. We must “pray” deeds and put prayer “to work”. In this way we will be in tune with the mission of the entire Church. This is also the essence of synodality, what makes us feel protagonists and co-responsible for the wellbeing of the Church, to know how to integrate differences and work in ecclesial harmony.

(Address of the Holy Father to WUCWO women, Vatican, 13 May 2023)

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## | OUR MISSION |

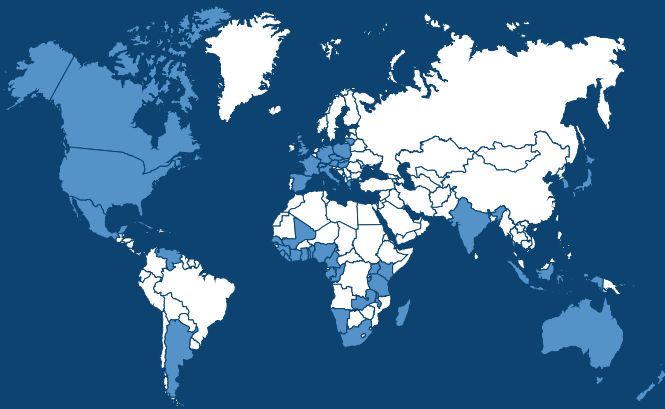
*Promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, so that they can fulfil their mission of evangelisation and work for integral human development.*

### ABOUT US AND WHERE WE ARE

1910 | WUCWO is founded



2006 | WUCWO is erected by the Holy See as a Public International Association of the Faithful



5  
REGIONS

50  
COUNTRIES

100  
ORGANISATIONS

## | RESOLUTIONS 2023 - 2027 |

1

Consolidate and expand our **World Women's Observatory**, to listen and give visibility to vulnerable women, in order to help transform their lives by inspiring change among social actors.

2

Defend **religious freedom**: a fundamental right for the path of fraternity and peace (cf. FT 279).

3

Work to redress the **current global food crisis** and restore equality in distribution by encouraging responsible consumption and reducing food loss and waste. Promote **ecological conversion**, including recycling.

4

Caring for **families** by promoting programmes that support the development of young people to help them discover the vocation and joy of **marriage, motherhood** and **fatherhood** as a lifelong commitment.

5

Encourage actions for the Church to: welcome, protect, accompany, promote and integrate **migrants and refugees**, promote volunteering for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants and eradicate human trafficking.

6

Promote the **formation of women** so that, through conversion, listening, discernment, dialogue and action, they may assume their rightful **role** in **building a synodal Church**.

## | INTERNATIONAL |

WUCWO gives voice to Catholic organisations worldwide, represented by women, at international level:

### CONSULTATIVE STATUS

- **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** in New York
- **Human Rights Council** in Geneva
- **Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)** in Rome

### PARTICIPATORY STATUS

- **Council of Europe** in Strasbourg

### OFFICIAL PARTNER

- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** in Paris



A project by the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations

*The World Women's Observatory (WVO) aims to give visibility to women, especially the most vulnerable ones, who seem "invisible", both in terms of their suffering and their potential, in order to inspire and generate:*

- *pastoral strategies by the Church,*
- *synergies by civil society NGOs,*
- *public policies by States,*
- *contributions to the international agenda*

*that favour the integral human development of women and that of their families, communities and peoples.*

[www.worldwomensobservatory.org](http://www.worldwomensobservatory.org)