

WUCWO Newsletter July 2015

POPE FRANCIS RECEIVES THE CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS



On the 10th June, at the Pope's General Audience, the WUCWO President, Maria Giovanna Ruggieri, together with the undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and the President of WWALF, presented the Holy Father with the conclusions of the International Conference. It is our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals – Post 2015 Agenda. We held the Conference in Rome, in May. (Photo from L'Osservatore Romano)

PRESENTATION OF THE ENCYCLICAL



The new Encyclical: Laudato Si, was presented in Rome, in the Paul VI Hall, on the 18th June. WUCWO was invited to this historical event, which was attended by Cardinal Peter Turkson, Orthodox Metropolitan John Zizioulas, Carolyn Woo, the Director General of Catholic Relief Service, and Hans Joachim Schellnuber of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research.

[Click here to read the Encyclical](#)

VISIT TO THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR FAMILY



On the 2nd of June, Mons. Paglia, as agreed during the WUCWO Board's visit, welcomed the President, the Ecclesiastical Assistant and the Secretary General to begin working together in view of implementing the conclusions of the Synod for the Family in October. He asked the WUCWO member organisations to pray for the Synod and to make an attentive reading of the *Instrumentum Laboris*. [Click here to read](#)

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VISIT FROM CAME DELEGATION AT OUR ROME OFFICE



A delegation of 20 entrepreneurs, together with the CAME President (Chamber of Small and Medium Enterprises, Argentina), visited the WUCWO office. They were received by the President and the Secretary General. The activities of both organisations were presented and discussion was had as to how women from other countries could be trained in order to become successful entrepreneurs.

WUCWO IN GENEVA



On the 22nd of June, our representative and convenor of the International Committee, Anna Paoletti, took part in the meeting on: ***“UN & CIVIL SOCIETY – 70 YEARS WORKING TOGETHER: HOW DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE FORM GENEVA?”***. On the 23rd of June, the Secretary General, Maria Lía Zervino, led the working group on the Family for the Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum with the participation of *Caritas Internationalis, Fondazione Giovanni XXIII, Justice and Peace Dominicos* and *Point Coeur*.

INVITATION TO THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE



Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, has invited the WUCWO President, Maria Giovanna Ruggieri, to begin a permanent consultation committee composed of women from various cultural fields.

FORUM FOR NGOS IN OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO



From the 29th to the 30th June, Jacqueline Obone, WUCWO Board Member and President of the Association des Femmes Catholiques du Gabon, participated in the forum entitled: “The Role of Women in the Fighting Poverty”. She made a passionate intervention at the round table: “Women’s Empowerment, a Major Asset in the Fight against Poverty” which was well appreciated. Click here to read the report ([available only in French](#))