



## **World Federalist Movement Services and Support to Member and Associate Organizations**

The International Secretariat serves as the headquarters of the World Federalist Movement, from which members' interests are advocated at the United Nations and in other global forums. On behalf of our members, WFM staff work closely with United Nations offices, permanent missions, like-minded civil society groups, and policy experts to advance global institutional reform along federalist lines. Staff ensure the continued vitality of the Movement by overseeing its financial management, implementing policies adopted by the WFM Congress and Council, and communicating regularly with members on their organizational development and support for WFM priorities. In addition, staff facilitate networking and other professional opportunities for members, provide frequent updates on developments in UN reform and global federalism, and coordinate logistics and participation of members in global conferences and meetings.

### **Representation at the United Nations**

In representing members at the United Nations, WFM staff lift the profile of the Movement and its members within their respective countries. The Movement has had Special Consultative Status with the UN's Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC) since 1970 and is affiliated with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) and a current board member of the Conference of NGOs (CONGO). WFM's Executive Director and a number of senior staff are regularly invited to contribute to the work of various UN committees and intergovernmental groups and to provide interventions at thematic debates at the General Assembly. Staff have close working relationships with senior officials in the UN Secretariat, as well as with various member states' delegations to UN Headquarters.

### **Conference Participation**

Throughout the year, the Secretariat convenes meetings for MO/AO members and facilitates participation in external forums and conferences. Conference facilities and resources are made available to members at the Secretariat offices in The Hague and New York (across from the United Nations) and, as appropriate, staff may arrange for member MOs/AOs to obtain the necessary credentials to attend meetings at the UN.

Each year, the Secretariat welcomes MO/AO representatives and observers at locations around the world for meetings of the Movement's governing bodies. Prior to each meeting, staff arrange appropriate accommodations in the event's locale, prepare advance materials, organize public symposiums with experts and policymakers, and, as necessary, facilitate visa requests for participants.

### **Publications and News**

The Secretariat provide members and the global public with regular updates on developments at the UN, within the Movement itself, and among the Movement's members. News is provided through a number of print publications, several professional designed websites and over a number of focused email discussion groups.

The semi-annual *World Federalist News* is the main publication of the World Federalist Movement and the Institute for Global Policy, providing updates on the work of the members of the Movement and updates on global efforts. *International Democracy: In Depth*, is often published in conjunction with the *World Federalist News* and focuses on international law, global democracy and United Nations reform. WFM-IGP supports the publication of *The Federalist Debate*, published three times a year by the Movimento Federalista Europeo, which encourages debate and discussion on contemporary global issues from a federalist perspective. The most widely circulated WFM publication, the quarterly *ICC Monitor* (published in English, French and Spanish) reports on key developments in the International Criminal Court campaign. These periodicals are complemented by a number of books written by WFM leaders on federalism's relevance to contemporary global governance.

Staff solicit updates and news from policymakers, issue experts, member organizations and civil society partners, highlighting the convergence of political and educational efforts on global institutional reform. In turn, members are encouraged to borrow freely from WFM publications to complement their respective national publications, and to distribute WFM materials to partner organizations and relevant national institutions.

### **Improving Member Networking, Outreach and Administration**

Being part of a global network of member organizations is one of the major benefits of membership in the WFM. In the field, the Movement supports members' networking with each other and with the local/national affiliates of other like-minded international NGOs. The Movement lends support to regional and national initiatives on key campaigns and the Secretariat consults with member organization's leadership to identify key goals and objectives on international campaigns.

Member organizations can request assistance from the Secretariat in contacting potential speakers and advisers on WFM issues. The Secretariat can provide talking points available for member and media outreach, as well as policy options for members to share with their respective policymakers. As opportunities arise, the Secretariat can assist member organizations in requesting participation of UN officials or permanent representatives or letters of support for local/national events.

The Movement's support of member organizations also includes the mundane materials that make an organization's efforts successful. Leaders from new member organizations are invited to a Secretariat-sponsored new member orientations held in conjunction with the Movement's annual Council meetings. As requested, training workshops on programs, member outreach, media relations, fundraising and working with policymakers can be arranged. Appropriate forms to facilitate participation in WFM meetings and other global forums are made available upon request (including visa requests, annual reports, requests for UN passes.) Lastly, a number of email groups, social networks and online collaboration tools are created and/or supported by the Movement to nourish networking and information sharing.