



Dear Mrs. President Bina Vyas,
Dear friends all around the world,

As an Inner Wheel member, I am very enthusiastic to report to all of you about our work in the NGO committee on Sustainable Development in Vienna, even if the activities are not as continuous and intensive as they were before the Pandemic Covid-19 and we only meet virtually.

Our committee is focused on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development. It provides a forum for NGOs interested in discussing and analyzing the work of the UN intergovernmental bodies in the field of sustainable development where the goals are to:

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Relevant areas on which we especially work on are:

- Sustainability in the early stages of economic development
- Sustainable technology at various stages of economic development
- Food security: provision of the necessary quantity and quality of food for all
- Provision of sustainable energy for all
- Education for sustainability

We are all concerned about sustainability, for years this has become a global responsibility and we must work on solutions. So many aspects are affected and this can be irreversible for the future generation and our planet if we do not work intensively on sustainability in the next years. Therefore, our members are not individual people, but rather representatives of NGOs and INGOs from diverse backgrounds.

Under our members, for instance, we can count organizations such as:

- African Women Organization
- International Alliance of Women (AIW)
- International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)



- Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association
- Society for International Development (SID)
- Society for the Advancement of Global Understanding (VFV)
- Soroptimist International
- Women's Federation of World Peace International (WFWPI)
- Zonta International

Together, we all work on statements based on, amongst others, observation, indication, reports, specialist reports. The last statements we presented:

- COP25, Madrid and COP24, Katowice related to climate change
- UNODC Crime Congress 2021 related to crime prevention, strengthening criminal justice and assuring the rule of law at the SDG Summit 2019
- CCPCJ 2018 related to Urban Development and Sustainable Cities

We are observers, we cannot decide and change anything on our own, our work is only fruitful very slowly but this is of value and use because things should change to ensure that future generations have a healthy planet and furthermore a good life and a healthy environment in all its aspects.

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