

Websites and Electronic Mailing Lists on the WCAR

1. <http://www.un.org/rights/racism>

Site Description

- ▶ official UN site on the WCAR; established 31 Jan 1995
- ▶ contains past and present press statements for media and general public consumption

Contents Related to WCAR issues

Press Releases include:

1. Petition on Racial Discrimination in United States Presented to Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights [24 Oct 2000]
2. High Commissioner for Human Rights Decries "Fortress Europe" at European Conference Against Racism [16 Oct 2000]
3. Human Rights Committee Discusses Participation in 2001 World Conference Against Racism (30 March 2000)
4. Human Rights Committee Briefed on Preparations for 2001 World Conference Against Racism (21 March 2000)
5. Assembly President says Combatting Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance a Collective Responsibility (20 March 2000)
6. With Perseverance, Faith, Commitment, Racism can be Eliminated, Says Secretary-General in Message on International Day (20 March 2000)
7. Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination Observed 21 March; Focus on 2001 South Africa Conference Against Racism (20 March 2001)
8. General Assembly asked to proclaim 2001 as International Year Against Racism, Xenophobia, Other Forms of Intolerance (16 Nov. 1999)

Press Kit includes:

1. Brochure on the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

2. Background Information on the Conference
3. Fact Sheet No. 1. Why a World Conference Now?
4. Fact Sheet No. 2. A Historical Perspective: Getting From Here to There
5. List of Activities related to WCAR

2. <http://www.unhchr.ch/html/racism/index.htm>

Site Description

- ▶ The UNHCHR World Conference Website
- ▶ postings of the upcoming events
- ▶ gives general information, a list of reference material on racism and racial discrimination
- ▶ has the Programme of Events to access data on the preparatory committees, seminars, agendas for upcoming events, etc.
- ▶ includes NGO events
- ▶ page is updated regularly

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- ▶ General Information
- ▶ Programme of Events
- ▶ Documents
- ▶ Press Releases
- ▶ Statements
- ▶ Text of "Tolerance and Diversity - A Vision for the 21st Century," a document/statement of the UN's shared vision for an inclusive, non-racial and non-discriminatory world signed by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, Mr. Nelson Mandela as Patron, Mary Robinson, Secretary-General for the World Conference against Racism
- ▶ Information for NGOs (NGO meetings schedule 2000-2001; Information notes for NGOs; Information note for NGOs not having consultative status with ECOSOC; List of NGOs not in consultative status with ECOSOC that have been accredited to the WCAR)

3. <http://sangoco.org.za/wcar/index.html>

Site Description

- › run by the SANGOCO, or the South African NGO Coalition, host of the WCAR NGO Forum

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › Registration
- › Conference Objectives
- › Facilities
- › Contact Details
- › Exhibitors
- › Links
 - <<http://www.unhchr.ch>>
 - <<http://www.ecri.coe.int>>
 - <<http://www.unhchr.ch/html/racism/index.htm>>
 - <<http://www.un.org/rights/racism/bginfo.htm>>
 - <<http://www.gov.za/events/humanrightsdays.htm>>
 - <<http://www.sahrc.org.za>>

4. <http://www.racism.org.za/>

Site Description

- › official NGO Forum site, run by the WCAR NGO Forum Secretariat

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › News and updates
- › Background information
- › Forum programme
- › Documentation
- › Discussion forum venue information
- › Forum exhibition
- › Registration information
- › Contacts and links

5. <http://www.movimientos.org/foro-racismo/>

Site Description

- › website for the Latin American countries/groups run by ALAI

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › Basic information on the WCAR
- › NGO World forum
- › Forum of the Americas
- › Documents
- › Analysis
- › News
- › Events
- › Links

6. <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/wc/wc.htm>

Site Description

- › women's caucus Website for the WCAR

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › Basic information
- › Women's Caucus activities
- › NGO activities
- › Resources
- › Documents include:
 1. UNIFEM - Background Paper on Integrating Gender into the Third World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
 2. Report of the International Human Rights Law Group-led Bellagio Consultation on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Forms of Intolerance (as presented at the first session of the UN Preparatory Committee in Geneva, May 2000)
- › Resources include
 1. AntiRacismNet (Project Change, in collaboration with IGC)
 2. Internet Center Anti-Racism Europe (I CARE)
 3. NGO Website for the World Conference (Human Rights Internet)
 4. Official World Conference Against Racism Website (OHCHR)
 5. Report on U.S. Government Compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of

- Racial Discrimination, compiled by the World Organization Against Torture (USA)
6. Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy: Report on Racial Discrimination in Tibet Released

7. <http://www.hri.ca/racism/>

Site Description

- site created as a clearinghouse for NGO information regarding the WCAR
- run by the Human Rights Internet (HRI), a Canada-based organisation founded in 1976 to facilitate the exchange of information within the worldwide human rights community

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- NGO accreditation
- PrepCom reports
- Briefing Notes from the UN NGO Liaison Unit
- Calendar of Events
- NGO Documents, arranged by theme, country, author and organisation

8. http://www.ahrchk.net/solidarity/200009/v109_02.htm

Site Description

- Webpages by the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), a Hong Kong-based NGO founded in 1986, aiming for greater awareness and realisation of human rights in the Asian region, mobilising Asian and international public opinion to obtain relief and redress for the victims of human rights violations, and promoting civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights.

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- NGO Statement on National Institutions and the WCAR, presented at the fifth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Forum of Human Rights Institutions held in August 2000 in Rotorua, New Zealand.

9. <http://www.migrantwatch.org/pages/conference/WCRXPRE.html>

Site Description

- webpage produced by the Migrant Rights International, an independent global monitoring focusing on human rights of migrants
- provides basic info on the WCAR

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- contains very brief information themes and objectives of WCAR, past NGO meetings and contact details of activities and organisations involved in WCAR-related meetings and processes

10. <http://www.icare.to/worldcon.html>

Site Description

- run by the Internet Centre Anti-Racism Europe (Icare)

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- NGO accreditation in WCAR
- Report about the Second PrepCom for WCAR
- Briefing Notes on various meetings, results of meetings, and processes in preparation for WCAR
- Structure of NGO participation
- Reports from several NGOs present at the first preparatory conference held in Geneva 01-05 May 2000
- Links to the UN WCAR site and the WCAR NGO Forum site

11. <http://www.wildforhumanrights.org/raceconf.html>

Site Description

- run by the Wild for Human Rights group, U.S., aimed at advancing human rights in the U.S. through the leadership of women and girls

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- Introduction to the WCAR and the Women's Caucus
- WILD's Statement to the Preparatory Committee of WCAR

- › Women's Human Rights Caucus
- › Statement of the Women's Human Rights Caucus
- › Women's Human Rights Caucus Recommendations

12. <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/upwrlconf2.html>

Site Description

- › run by the International Human Rights Law Group, an international NGO dedicated to human rights advocacy, litigation and training

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › Updates
- › Accreditation for Preparatory Meetings
- › Funding for Regional Preparatory Conferences
- › Regional Expert Seminars
- › Other Regional NGO Meetings
- › International Human Rights Law Group
- › Report on the WCAR which has information on WCAR-related dates and venues, NGO Accreditation, NGOs not having consultative status with ECOSOC Organisations Representing Indigenous Peoples, NGO Coordination for WCAR, the NGO Forum, and Themes on the Agenda, Website links, Published Documents: Combating Racism Together: A Guide to the UN World Conference Against Racism from <http://www.hrlawgroup.org/site/-programs.html>

13. http://www.sahrc.org.za/world_conference_against_racism.htm

Site Description

- › run by the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) serves as both a watchdog and a visible route through which people can access their rights

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › NGO Forum Exhibition
- › Kayak Africa - A solo kayak voyage for Human Rights
- › Statement by Mary Robinson, UNHCHR
- › Background information on the Conference

14. <http://www.state.gov/www/issues/wcar/>

Site Description

- › webpage of the U.S. Interagency Task Force on the WCAR

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › Information about WCAR Task Force
- › Updates concerning U.S. efforts to prepare for the WCAR
- › General WCAR information

15. <http://www.madre.org/archives/press/wcar.html>

Site Description

- › Run by MADRE, International Women's Human Rights Organization

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › General information about WCAR
- › MADRE's role in WCAR
- › Resources for learning more about WCAR
- › The International Indigenous Women's Forum at WCAR
- › The Women's Human Rights Caucus at WCAR

16. http://www.unifem.undp.org/hr_racism.html

Site Description

- › page containing UNIFEM Background Paper

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- › Document: "Integrating Gender into the Third World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance"

17. <http://www.wilpf.int.ch/~wilpf/racism/statement.htm>

Site Description

- › Page containing WILPF Statement on Racism

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- ▶ Statement on UN World Conference on Racism

18. <http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/jpc/un-conf.html>

Site Description

- ▶ site run by the World Council of Churches

Contents Related to WCAR issues

Includes pages on

- ▶ Planning
- ▶ Regional Preparatory Meetings
- ▶ Regional Expert Seminars
- ▶ Regional NGO Meetings
- ▶ NGO Participation and Coordination
- ▶ WCC contribution towards the WCAR
- ▶ WCC contribution to the draft Declaration and Programme of Action for the WCAR
- ▶ Actions by WCC partners

Has links to other sites

- ▶ UN World Conference (WCR)
- ▶ Human Rights Internet
- ▶ Canada (with pages for NGOs preparing for the WCAR)
- ▶ Canadian Inter-Church Committee for Refugees
- ▶ ICCR
- ▶ United Methodist Church (U.S.A.) preparations for the WCAR

19. <http://www.igc.org/igc/gateway/arn/worldconf/>

Site Description

- ▶ Homebase/site for U.S. NGOs working on the WCAR
- ▶ Part of the Project Change mission of furthering the development of an infrastructure for social justice work in the U.S.
- ▶ This online network, AntiRacismNet, produced in collaboration with the Institute for Global Communications (IGC)

Contents Related to WCAR issues

Statements from different groups:

- ▶ The Institute of Health Care, Race and the Law
- ▶ Hate Crime
- ▶ Virtual Hate
- ▶ Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Diagnosis and Treatment
- ▶ Racism and Racial Discrimination in the U.S. health care system
- ▶ Health Disparities and the Impact of Poverty, Race and ethnicity
- ▶ Anti-semitism in the U.S.
- ▶ Asylum Reform

20. <http://www.usask.ca/nativelaw/wcar.html>

Site Description

- ▶ Presents the Canadian Civil Society framework in looking at issues of racism and racial discrimination
- ▶ This site is being managed by the Native Law Center of Canada

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- ▶ Framework paper drawn from consultations with various indigenous groups in Canada

21. <http://www.enar-eu.org/>

Site Description

- ▶ site run by the European Network against Racism for the European Union's work on anti-racism and anti-discrimination laws

Contents Related to WCAR issues

Documents included are:

- ▶ The Political Declaration adopted by Ministers of the Council of Europe member States
- ▶ General Conclusions of the European Conference against Racism
- ▶ Report from the Forum of non-governmental organisations
- ▶ Final conclusions of the European Regional Conference on Racism in Strasbourg, France

22. <http://www.unrisd.org/racism>

Site Description

- Set-up by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), the site provides information on the Racism and Public Policy Conference to be held from 03-05 September in Durban, South Africa. The conference aims to provide WCAR participants with research-based information and a neutral forum in which to discuss the sensitive issues of racism and xenophobia.

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- The site offers basic information about the conference, e.g., date, venue, registration form and guidelines, list of participants. List of abstracts/papers to be presented and the conference agenda may be downloaded from the site. Since list of participants has been finalised, those intending to participate are required to register on-line.
- Papers prepared for the conference will soon be made available in this site.

23. <http://www.eumc.at/>

Site Description

- run by the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia
- Established in 1997 by the European Union as an independent body to contribute to combat racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism throughout Europe.
- It has the task of reviewing the extent and development of the racist, xenophobic and anti-semitic phenomena in the European Union and promoting "best practice" among the Member States.
- It has set up a European Racism and Xenophobia Information Network (RAXEN), which will be an instrument for collecting and collating data and statistics from the national level to a central unit of the EUMC.

Contents Related to WCAR issues

- Carries news and media reports on the work of EUMC on racism

Electronic mailing lists

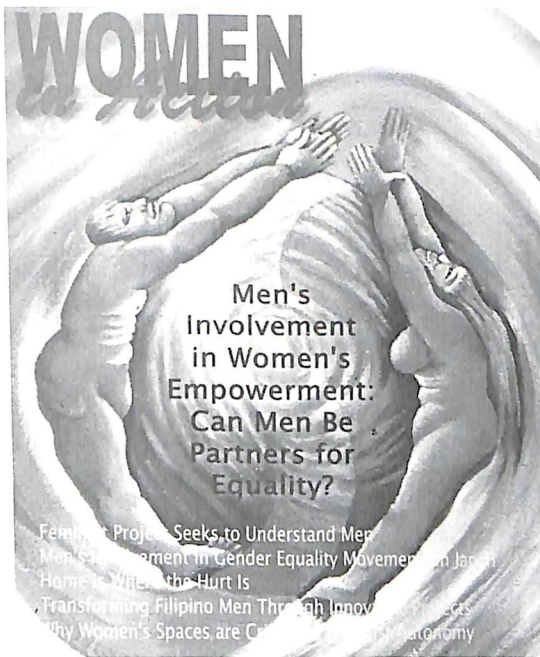
apgr-list - This electronic announcement list that focuses on the issues of gender and race aims to contribute to the strengthening of women's participation and ensuring a more productive lobbying process for advancing women's perspectives and agenda in the WCAR. The list is hosted by Isis International-Manila. To subscribe to the list, E-mail the List Administrator, Kathy Clarin at <kathy@isiswomen.org>.

SouthGender-list - This list was set up to draw attention to the themes and issues of women of the South (Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean) and ensure that the Southern women's perspective is palpable at all discussions during the WCAR. The South-Gender discussion list is being hosted by Isis International-Manila on behalf of the South-South Initiative (SSI). To request to be subscribed to the list, send an E-mail to Susanna George at <susanna@isiswomen.org>.

Asia-migrants list - The Asia-migrants list serves as a mechanism for advocates on Asian migration issues to share and disseminate information on the range of migrants' human rights issues. This list is also currently being used to transmit information on the WCAR process, particularly, on preparations and lobby strategy among NGOs working on migration and trafficking issues. This mailing list is moderated by the Asian Migrant Centre. If you would like to be part of this list, please contact AMC at: <amc@pacific.net.hk>.

WCAR-AsiaNGO@yahoogroups.com - This is an E-mail list set up by the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) as a communication network to prepare for WCAR. Currently, there are around 100 individuals and organisations subscribed to the list. To join, send an E-mail to <timgill@ahrchk.org>.

Feministlead - An electronic discussion list that addresses such topics as feminist leadership and diversity, feminist proposals on fighting racism, xenophobia and intolerance, and global leadership for WCAR and beyond. To request to be subscribed, send an E-mail to: <feministlead@alai.net.org>.



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