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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP: BREAKING BARRIERS TO EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

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From Commitment to Action. From Voice to Power

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Building Equality Across Generations since 1888

Founded in 1888, the International Council of Women (ICW-CIF) is the world's first truly global organization dedicated to the advancement of women's rights and gender equality. For more than 138 years, ICW-CIF has brought together women across borders, cultures, and generations to promote shared values of equality, inclusion, and social justice.

Since the establishment of the United Nations, ICW-CIF has played a significant role in global advocacy for women's human rights. It contributed to the integration of gender equality into the UN Charter, supported the creation of the Commission on the Status of Women, and actively participated in International Women's Year (1975), the United Nations Decade for Women, and the four World Conferences on Women, including the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 and subsequent review processes.

Today, ICW-CIF continues to build on this legacy through its global network of national councils and affiliated organizations. It promotes the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women and girls in political, economic, social, and cultural life, while strengthening women's leadership and institutional capacity at all levels.

Mission and Strategic Action

ICW-CIF works to enhance women's empowerment and autonomy through evidence-based programmes, community-based initiatives, and policy-oriented advocacy. Its areas of action include sustainable development, education and lifelong learning, access to quality healthcare, food security, water and sanitation, economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, and digital inclusion. Particular attention is given to leadership development, governance, and women's participation in decision-making processes.

ICW-CIF is committed to promoting peace, dialogue, and international cooperation, as well as to the prevention and elimination of all forms of discrimination and gender-based violence.

Multilateral Engagement and Future Outlook

ICW-CIF operates through regional structures in Europe, Africa, the Americas, and the Asia-Pacific region, and maintains active representation at major United Nations offices. It contributes to multilateral processes through policy dialogue, capacity-building, CEDAW monitoring and reporting, and sustained engagement with the Commission on the Status of Women and other relevant UN bodies.

Building on more than a century of experience, ICW-CIF remains a reliable and respected partner in advancing gender equality, women's empowerment, and inclusive, sustainable development in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Women lead. Justice follows. Join our Parallel event.

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