



## International Conference

Women and the post-2015 Development Agenda:  
The challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP)  
World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO)  
World Women's Alliance for Life and Family (WWALF)

22-23-24 May 2015

Venue: The Church Village, Via di Torre Rossa 94, Rome

## Programme

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015

8.30 am Registration

9.00-9.30 am Words of Greeting

Card. Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, President of PCJP

Hon. Olimpia Tarzia, President of WWALF

Prof. Maria Giovanna Ruggieri, President of WUCWO

1<sup>st</sup> panel : Women as agents of change

Moderator: Hon. Olimpia Tarzia, President of WWALF

9.30-10.00 am : Anthropology of women and modern culture. Semantic changes in the basic terms of reference

Dr. Marta Rodriguez, Director of the Institute of Higher Studies on Women, Pontifical Athenaeum "Regina Apostolorum" (Spain)

10.00-10.30 am : Women's role in Education today

Prof. Maria Grazia Vergari, Vice-President of Italian Catholic Action (Adults Sector) (Italy)

10.30 -11.00 am : Interreligious dialogue, road to a lasting peace. The Women's role  
Ms. Rita Moussallem, Co-Director of the Focolare Movement's  
Centre for Interreligious Dialogue (Lebanon)

11.00 - 11.20 am : Coffee Break

11.20 – 12.00 am : Discussion

12. 00 am : Holy Mass celebrated by Card. Peter K. A. Turkson, President of PCJP

1.00 pm : Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> panel: New millennium slaveries

Moderator: Prof. Maria Giovanna Ruggieri, President of WUCWO

2.30-3.00 pm: Life and procreation: technology and the issue of surrogacy  
Hon. Olimpia Tarzia, President of WWALF

3.00-3.30 pm : Human Trafficking  
Dr. Kevin Hyland OBE, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner  
(United Kingdom)

3.30 - 4.00 pm: Violence against women  
Prof. Anne Leahy, past-Ambassador of Canada to the Holy See and  
associated Professor to the Religious Studies Faculty at McGill  
University (Canada)

4.00-4.30 pm : Discussion

4.30-4.50 pm: Coffee Break

3<sup>rd</sup> panel: Women and Work

Moderator: Dr. Flaminia Giovanelli, Undersecretary of PCJP

4.50-5.20 pm : The protection of girls and women in domestic work and in  
manufacturing  
Dr. Amelita King-Dejardin, ILO Domestic work Specialist (Philippines)

5.20-5.50 pm : Women and agriculture

Dr. Valentina Franchi, FAO Gender and Development Specialist  
"Social Protection" Division (Italy)

5.50-6.20 pm : Women, business and financial inclusion

Dr. Rosaline Nkganku Menga, President of WUCWO Coordination  
Africa (Cameroon)

6.20- 7.00 p. m. : Discussion

7.30 pm : Dinner

8.30 pm : Musical Interlude

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2015

Working groups on the SDGs with the aim of drawing up proposals

There will be four different workshops examining most of the SDGs being negotiated at the U.N. . Distributed in linguistic working groups, the participants will attend each thematic workshop in the course of the day. The workshops will be introduced by a best-practice. A permanent rapporteur will record each group's discussion, especially the proposals made. At the end of the day, the participants will meet in a plenary session to receive a synthesis of the proposals drawn up by the rapporteurs.

English working group will follow this schedule:

9.00 – 10.15 am: Education and Work  
(SDGs: Goal 4 and Goal 8)

Rapporteur: Prof. Alessandra Smerilli, SMA, Professor of Economics at the Pontifical  
Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium (Italy)

Best-practice: Dr. Rogelio García Contreras, associated Professor at St. Thomas  
University, Houston (Mexico)

Discussion and preparation of draft proposals

10.15-10.35 am : Coffee Break

10.35-11.50 am : Poverty and environment  
(SDGs: Goal 1 – 2 and Goal 7-11-12-13-14-15)

Rapporteur: Dr. Martina Liebsch, Director of Policy e Advocacy, Caritas  
Internationalis (Germany)

Best-Practice: Sr. Loloahi Tautalanoa and Sr. Malia Nive Kepu, Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (Tonga)

Discussion and preparation of draft proposals

12.00 am : Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Gerard WHELAN SJ, Ecclesiastical Assistant of WUCWO

12.30 pm : Lunch

2.00 -3.15 pm : Peace and Development  
(SDGs: Goal 16 and Goal 17)

Rapporteur: Prof. Rima Malek, Professor at the Faculty of Pedagogy, Lebanese University (Lebanon)

Best-practice: Dr. Carol Cooke Eid, nun of Deir Mar Musa, Professor at the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, PISAI (Lebanon)

Discussion and preparation of draft proposals

3.30 - 3.50 pm: Coffee Break

3.50 -5.15 pm : Human Ecology and women's dignity  
(SDGs: Goal 3 and Goal 5)

Rapporteur: Dr. Ana Cristina Villa Betancourt, Head of the Women's Section of the Pontifical Council for Laity (Colombia)

Best-practice: Dr. Wilma Carvalho, Professor at Sains Malaysia University and KLE Society India – Family Medicine Department (India)

Discussion and preparation of draft proposals

5. 15-7.00 pm: Video presentation and some testimonies.

In the meanwhile, a task-force, guided by Dr. María Lía Zervino, will be drafting a summary of the proposals which emerged in the four thematic workshops.

7.00-7.30 pm: Presentation of the outcome document in plenary session.

8.00 pm: Dinner

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

8.30 a. m.: Departure by bus for St. Peter's Basilica

10.00 a. m. : Solemn celebration of Holy Mass of the Feast of Pentecost

At the end of the celebration, farewells and departures