

International Connections



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Since its inception in 1929, the Associated Country Women of the World has supported rural women through group projects for water and sanitation, health education, nutrition and training. More than 1,000 community-based women-led projects have been funded since 1977. To mark the 40th anniversary, the Projects Committee has launched the Anniversary Appeal to raise 150,000 pounds sterling to support the next projects.

Canada Area is supporting three ACWW projects this triennium. A \$2,000 pledge was made in 2016 for Project #1005, a solar pump for South Africa. In June 2017, a \$2,000 pledge was made to support Project #1015 "Art Therapy in Romania" Women's Association in Sibiu. Art therapy activities teach women and children how to create saleable items such as greeting cards and photo frames using various materials and techniques. A pledge of \$6,000 was made to support Project #1022 "Fertilize Your Future" in Guatemala. This project promotes vocational training for forty-five women living around the municipal dump of Guatemala City. After being interviewed, these women will be registered in suitable training such as hair dressing, catering, pastry making or IT.

The following resolutions were carried at the 28th Triennial Conference: the New Constitution, food sovereignty, fructose, sustainable energy, shale gas, protecting the supply of water, vaccination against eradicable diseases, individual membership for Board and committee candidates, subscriptions and civil society and gender. Recommendations that were carried included illegal immigrant border children and refugees. Societies are mandated to urge local, provincial and national government bodies to act on these resolutions and recommendations.

On April 29th, ACWW Day, celebrate ACWW's international work and raise funds for the organization.

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The next ACWW Triennial World Conference is April 4-10, 2019 in Melbourne, Australia.



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Hosted by the Manitoba Women's Institute

July 12 – 15, 2018

Fort Garry Hotel Spa and Conference Centre

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 30, 2018

The registration package is available on the FWIO, FWIC and Manitoba WI websites.