



IBVM NGO

**Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate,
IBVM and Congregation of Jesus (CJ) at The United**



UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS



UN STAFF

**MEMBER
STATE
MISSIONS**

**CIVIL SOCIETY
NGOS ETC**

NGOs AND THE UNITED NATIONS

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Working Together: Making a Difference.

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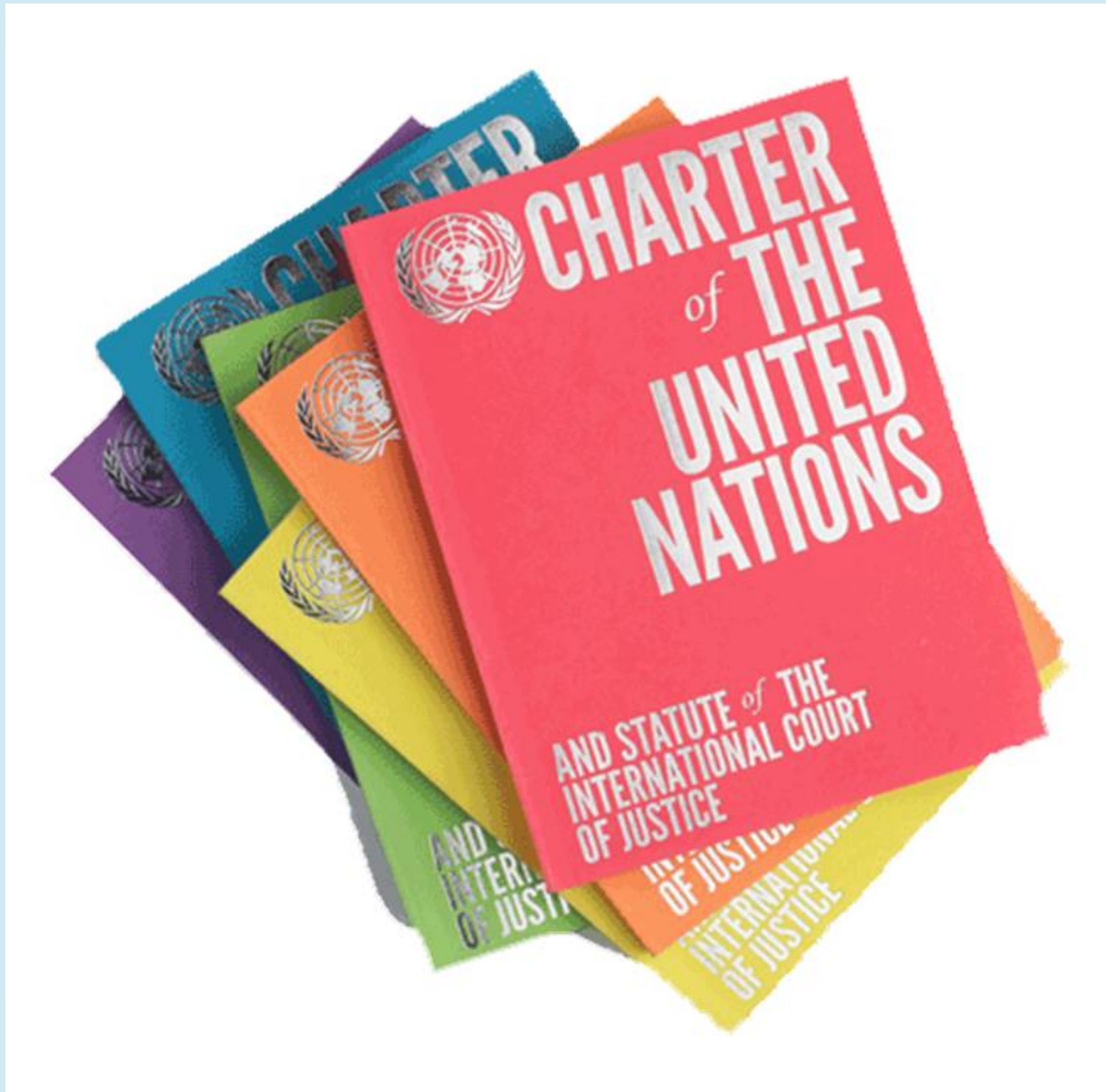
ECOSOC
United Nations

Consultative Status as a NGO with the
United Nations through the Economic and
Social Council



DEPARTMENT OF **GLOBAL
COMMUNICATIONS**

A NEW NAME FOR A
CHANGING WORLD



Art. 71

What does it mean to be accredited?

Accreditation allows NGOs to participate in UN proceedings by:

- **Attending UN Forums, conferences, commissions, briefings,**
- **Making oral statements**
- **Submitting written statements**
- **Sponsoring events inside and near UN Headquarters**
- **Meeting with diplomats**
- **Making formal or informal recommendations on new UN declarations and resolutions as they are being negotiated**
- **Submitting reports and comments to national review processes (e.g. CEDAW, Voluntary National Reviews on SDGs, Universal Periodic Review at Human Rights Council)**

What is the role of NGOs in the UN System?

- **Raise issues that are of concern to us at local and national level. Feed-back from members working on the ground is essential for this.**
- **Shape decisions through input to UN processes.**
- **Hold our national governments and the UN accountable. With partners on the ground we observe, critique, report and offer alternatives.**

Religious Presence among NGOs at the UN

- **Over 30 NGOs collectively represent over 200 congregations of Catholic women and men Religious**
- **Bring credibility by providing insights from members' work ministering to the poorest and most vulnerable populations "on the ground"**
- **Bring impartiality as most are present in many nations and have no national identity**
- **Bring moral voice as faith-based groups known for a life of dedication to human dignity of all and care of the natural environment**



Structure for NGO Office

- 1. Staff: Representatives IBVM and CJ - fulltime
Short term Interns, Youth Representatives, Members on immersion experience.**
- 2. UN NGO Advisory Committee**
- 3. Province Structure**
 - Network of Province UN Representative (Essential for the advancement of NGO worldwide)**
- 4. Other**
 - Network on Human Trafficking**
 - Latin American and Caribbean Network (LAC) – Spanish speaking**



Role and Responsibilities of IBVM/CJ NGO Representatives

- Promote and raise awareness of the IBVM/CJ network about United Nations and key issues on its agenda especially those relating to women and girls
- Promote and raise awareness of the IBVM/CJ network about Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030)
- Advocate at a global level for the concerns and issues of the communities where IBVM/CJ are present
- In collaboration with IBVM/CJ network provide the UN with information and analysis on issues as required based on their experience on the ground
- Assist in monitoring and implementing UN Conventions, Declarations and International agreements in member countries in collaboration with IBVM/CJ network
- Provide opportunities for IBVM/CJ network to attend UN Commissions and Forums international conferences by informing and preparing them for applicable events
- Provide opportunities for immersion and internship with IBVMUNNGO in New York

How the NGO Functions

As an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC we contribute to UN processes Commissions and Forums in the following ways through:

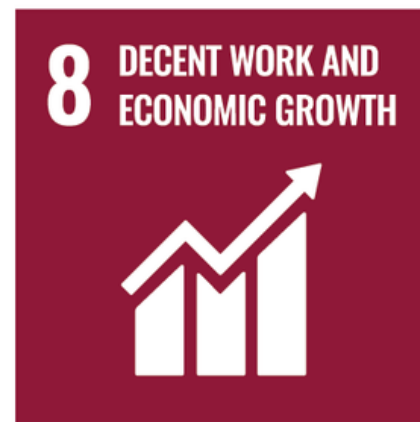
- **NGO Office engagement with the United Nations:**
- **Specific Youth Engagement**
- **International Network engagement**

1. NGO Office Representatives

- **Participate in UN Forums, Commissions, Briefings, Conferences (New York, Geneva, Vienna)**
- **Written and Oral Statements - either individual or in collaboration with other NGOs**
- **Input into processes (e.g. preparation of documents for Forums, Commissions)**
- **Side- Events, led by our NGO and others which we co-sponsor.**
- **Collaboration with NGO Committees, Working Groups and Major Groups.**

Framework for our work

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



We work in collaboration with:

Social
Development

NGO
Committees

Major
Groups

Working
Group on
Girls

Human
Trafficking

Working
Groups

Coalitions

Coalition
Global Citizenship
2030

Financing for
Development

Networks

NGO
Major Group

Migration and
Refugees

Religious
NGOs

Justice
Coalition
of Religious

Religious
at the UN
RUN

Children and
Youth
Major Group

2. Specific engagement of Youth Representatives to UN Commissions, Forums, Conferences and processes by :

- Taking the lead in organizing events in New York and online**
- Engaging with Children and Youth Major Group (MGCY)**
- Engaging with the ECOSOC Youth Group (ibvm/cj network) in topics related to the ECOSOC Youth Forum.**

3. Members of ibvm/cj network engage in the following United Nations locations in addition to New York

- **Santiago Chile – Regional Meetings on SDGs and COP25 scheduled to take place in Santiago but transferred to Madrid, Spain**
- **Africa:**
- **Nairobi - Environment (UNEP) and UN Habitat – Faith-based Faith 4 Earth**
- **Zimbabwe – Regional Meeting on SDGs**
- **Busan, S.Korea> Global Citizenship Education conference**
- **Geneva - Human Rights and Social Forum**
- **DGC Conferences – Korea, New York, Salt Lake City, (USA)**

Two-way Communication

NGO Office shares:

- **UN Updates, Towards Global Citizenship, other documents on specific topics.**
- **Social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website**
- **NGO office holds webinars and shares videos on YouTube**

COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA



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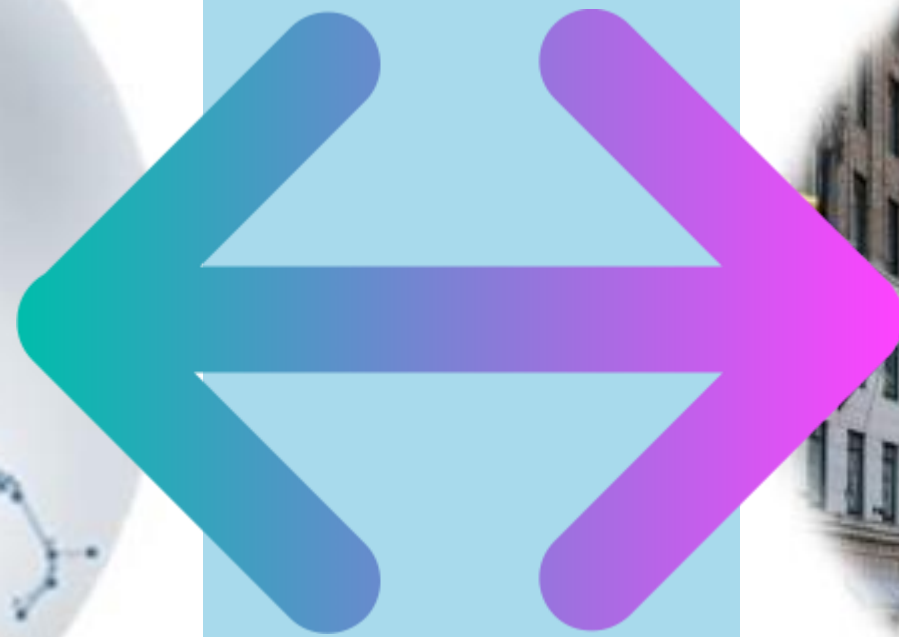


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Network



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World Network**



**NGO Office to the
United Nations**

**NGO
Office**



**Network
"YOU"**



**Engage with
UN Processes**



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2020 AND BEYOND

**HAVE YOUR SAY.
SHAPE YOUR FUTURE.**

Other: Educating ourselves on issues

- **Work with those attending UN Meetings on documents and preparatory processes.**
- **Invitations for reflection on specific issues**
- **Study of specific documents**

UN NGO Reporting and Accountability

- **Representatives meet with the UN Advisory Committee four times per year.**
- **A Report of the work of the NGO is presented and discussed at each meeting.**
- **Notes from the Meetings with Province UN Representatives are presented and discussed**
- **Notes/feedback from meetings with Human Trafficking and LAC are discussed.**
- **The Advisory Committee takes initiatives to support the work of the NGO**

The Possibility of Collaborating with the United Nations



For the Whole Network Worldwide

**Let us not do alone what we can do better
together**



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**Any
questions**

