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World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP)

Description:

WFM/IGP is a non-profit organization that is registered as a 501(c)(3) entity in the United States and as a Stichting in The Netherlands.

Stakeholder(s):

World Federalists

Vision

A world in which all people have peaceful, dignified and prosperous lives under the rule of law.

Mission

To promote global governance to address inequality, violent conflict, mass atrocities, climate change and corruption.

Values

Humanity:

As world federalists, we view the world as one society embracing all of humanity in all its diversity.

Diversity

Community:

We affirm that the ideals and principles of community life which are basic to civilized existence can and must be applied to international relations.

Citizenship:

We also affirm our determination to exercise our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the whole world in order to achieve the high purposes of the United Nations.

Rights

Responsibilities

Institutionalization:

To this end, we call for urgent progress in developing the democratic world institutions of law by which the world's people and nations can govern their relations to assure a peaceful, just, and ecologically sustainable world community. These institutions must have actual and sufficient authority to make and enforce law in their given jurisdictions in accordance with the basic federalist principle of subsidiarity, which is the division of political authority and jurisdiction between different levels of government and the solving of problems at the level at which they occur, in general at the most local level possible.

World Federalism:

For this is the essence of world federalism: to seek to invest legal and political authority in world institutions to deal with problems which can only be treated adequately at the global level, while affirming the sovereignty of the nation-state in matters which are essentially internal.

Authority

National Sovereignty

Peace

Prosperity

Security

1. Campaigns

Advance a mission of peace, prosperity, and security for all

We collaborate with the United Nations, governments, and other international and regional institutions around the globe – as well as with thousands of committed individuals and world leaders – to advance a mission of peace, prosperity, and security for all.

1.1. UN Officials

Require merit-based selection and appointment of UN officials

1 for 7 Billion campaign ~ We are facing global problems that threaten our survival, we need global solutions. The WFM/IGP is calling upon people to support us.

In 2014, WFM/IGP coordinated a network of over 750 civil society organisations under the 1 for 7 Billion campaign, which demanded that UN member states implement a more open and inclusive process for the selection and appointment of the UN's Secretaries General.

The WFM/IGP is relaunching this campaign ahead of the selection of the next UN's Secretary General in 2022. The goal of this campaign is to get the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly to adopt resolutions that will formally recognize and require the merit-based selection and appointment of:

- UN Secretaries General; and
- all senior roles in the United Nations Treaty Body system.

We need your support to ensure that this upcoming selection process and appointment is transparent, fair and inclusive. Donate now to help us get the best UN Secretary-General to lead 7 billion people through the challenges of the 21st century.

Stakeholder(s):

UN Officials

UN Security Council

UN Member States

UN General Assembly

UN Secretaries General

1.2. Transnational Crime

Create a Latin American and Caribbean Criminal Court against Transnational Organized Crime

COPLA campaign ~ Global problems and crises require global solutions. The problems of the current world, such as the economic, ecological and demographic crisis, the loss of control by the national states of technology and the monopoly of violence on a large scale, cannot be solved only at a local level.

Latin America has become the most violent region in the world. The criminal organizations associated with drug trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, and other transnational crimes have reached a regional dimension and escaped the control of national institutions.

The campaign to create a Latin American and Caribbean Criminal Court against Transnational Organized Crime (COPLA) was born in 2013 within the framework of an Argentine non-governmental organization, Global Democracy, in response to criminal organizations that have overflowed national borders and reached a regional scale. This proposal seeks to be a complementary and subsidiary institution to the existing justice systems in order to favour the effectiveness of public policies, ensure the protection of fundamental rights, and guarantee the preservation of life and human rights under the rule of law.

We propose COPLA’s creation through the promotion of individuals, civil society organizations and policies of the region and the support of Latin American governments interested in confronting the problem of organized crime from a regional and international cooperation perspective.

The campaign for the creation of COPLA needs funds to establish a regional NGO network and generate documents, meetings, presentations and conferences, among other activities. Please support us by donating below.

Stakeholder(s):

Latin America

NGOs

1.3. UN Parliament

Create a Parliamentary Assembly alongside the General Assembly of the UN

UNPA campaign ~ A United Nations Parliamentary Assembly | For many years WFM/IGP has promoted and sponsored the creation of a Parliamentary Assembly alongside the General Assembly of the UN as the voice of “we the peoples of the United Nations” rather than just the states members. This has been ably pursued by Andreas Bummel, an active member of WFM/IGP and Democracy Without Borders.

Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people. Everybody who is affected by a decision of a public institution in a direct and fundamental way should have the opportunity to democratically participate in the decision-making process. According to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, democratic elections are the foundation of legitimate government authority. This right to democracy transcends national boundaries because in the era of globalization major public decisions are more and more being taken beyond the nation-state. Democracy Without Borders supports global democracy and a holistic approach to democratic promotion that spans from the local to the global levels and at the same time embraces the dimensions of representation, participation, deliberation and co-decision. A key objective is a Parliamentary Assembly at the UN.

Please read more on the UNPA Policy Review and The World Parliament book. Please kindly support us by donating ...

Stakeholder(s):

UN

Andreas Bummel

2. Pathways

Achieve targeted impact, ensure sustainability, and expand influence

Strategic Pathways ~ A new organizational model was presented to and endorsed by our Member Congress in July 2021 which incorporates a Secretariat, Institute, and Influencing model to achieve targeted impact, ensure sustainability, and expand influence.

Based on the geopolitical need for WFM/IGP's expertise and support, the growth of emerging global threats facing the world in this decade and beyond where coalitions would provide a mechanism for global action, this model seeks to ensure a generational shift occurs to increase the organization's momentum through the next decades.

The new model is structured under 'one umbrella' of operations with a more cohesive whole, featuring four strategic pathways under which WFM/IGP can expand its impact and influence to meet the changing needs of the world today and over the next decades. Flexibility is built into the model for future innovation to allow WFM/IGP to react and plan for changing global dynamics through this decade and beyond.

2.1. Coalitions

Strengthen and expand the coalition model

The Coalitions ~ Strengthening and expanding the coalition model by addressing emerging issues demanding global accord | WFM/IGP has an established a successful history building two global coalitions with direct impact results. This model can and should be replicated to address emerging global issues that require a global response.

Through the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, WFM/IGP demonstrated that a coalition of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) can help deliver significant, long-term outcomes on issues of global significance.

WFM/IGP has identified three critical factors that set the foundation for an effective Coalition:

1. Recognition that collective action was stronger than individual action to confront the obstacles facing the creation of a court.
2. An understanding that the scope was larger than any individual organization, no matter how large or influential.
3. The resources and capacity required to establish and maintain relationships ongoing with nation-states, who were vital partners, was significant. Based on the above criteria, WFM/IGP has launched two new coalitions, with two further coalitions in development, focusing on Asia, Africa and Europe.

The Coalition for 3+3 ~ Launched in July 2021, the Coalition for 3+3 brings together civil society organizations across the world to support the Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (NEA-NWFZ) with a Three-plus-Three Arrangement (3+3).

2.2. Institute

Expand WFM/IGP's advisory capacity

The Institute ~ Expand WFM/IGP's advisory capacity to governments, international organizations, and regional groups through an Institute model WFM/IGP has extensive experience building, developing, and maturing cooperative models with non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations. In many ways, this expertise is an untapped resource that can be mobilized to strengthen institutions as a means toward global federalism – from governments to international forums and regional groups. Throughout this section, we use the term 'regional groups' as a definition for continental and regional economic and cooperative unions, such as the African Union, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) to name a few.

Regional groups worldwide require further foundational building by enhancing internal capacity and encouraging new pathways towards multilateral cooperation. Regional groups by their very nature are a federation; by working to strengthen their capabilities, WFM/IGP would be gradually setting the stage for the larger concept of a global federation or ‘meta regional group’.

The Institute will operate both as a think tank and consultancy to other international organizations, academic institutes, civil society organizations, national governments, regional groups, and other entities in our areas of expertise. In its operation as a think tank, the Institute will provide a space to explore relevant ideas and may conduct a variety of activities, such as conferences, ongoing educational programs, and other special events, as well as research, reports, position papers, and other relevant publications. The Institute shall allow serious engagement in the organization’s short-term or long-term goals as part of its work to ensure the organization remains flexible and innovative.

2.3. Forum

Establish a sustainability platform and influence network

The Forum ~ Establishing a sustainability platform and influence network through an expert forum | WFM/IGP is introducing an innovative model to ensure the sustainability of the organization over the long-term while also providing another avenue for governance support.

Through the Forum, up to fifteen influential members from diversified geographic regions, expertise, and sectors, who have either a demonstrated interest in world federalism or an ideological leaning towards the concept of federalism, would commit to contributing or fundraising annually to sustain the organization while also providing advisory to leadership and governance on the direction of the organization, identifying new and innovative ways to make an impact by voting for one Forum member annually to serve on a ‘public’ seat on the Executive Committee.

Each member would:

- Provide core support annually in line with governance policies
- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding committing to a three-year membership and contributing annually either through individual donation or fundraising
- Provide targeted support to projects and towards an endowment for young federalists

These members would provide a consistent level of core support which would help stabilize the organization while it innovates.

Sustaining WFM/IGP’s Advancement and Impact ~ The Forum will sustain WFM/IGP’s advancement and impact by:

- Supporting WFM/IGP’s strategic pathways and operations.
- Identifying and involving experts in capacity building activities.
- Deepening WFM/IGP’s external relations through introductions to new networks.
- Enhancing WFM/IGP’s ability to create impact through sustained core support.

Membership Profile and Benefits ~ WFM/IGP will cultivate individuals who meet the following key criteria:

- Capacity – the financial resources to give at the level required
- Connection – has an individual connection to the organization
- Interest – has an interest and propensity to sustain their involvement

The opportunity for potential Forum members includes network access across industries and regions, opportunities for policy discussion and debate, and opportunities to expand their profiles into the area of international relations in a collaborative, impactful and visible way.

To learn more about the Forum or to become a member, please contact us at fundraising@wfm-igp.org

2.4. Movement

Engage, connect, and mobilize a new generation

The Movement ~ Engagement, connection, and outreach to mobilize a new generation through a revitalized movement | The effort to create a world federation, upon which the organization was founded, has not been the central purpose by which the organization has operated for several decades, leaving that objective to the Member Organizations (MOs) and Associated Organizations (AOs) that have continued to promote it. Instead, the focus has shifted to building and strengthening global institutions, supporting international law, and campaigning for select UN reforms.

Historically, these have been considered incremental steps towards establishing a world federation, but that conversation has largely been absent from the organization's strategic discussions.

Externally, however, several potentially significant developments have occurred.

First, there is a growing interest among youth in our movement, as demonstrated by an increasing number of young people actively volunteering within our member organizations, as well as the establishment of a youth organization, the Young World Federalists, who have made inroads in the past two years towards tapping into Generation Z's discontent with national governments and capitalizing on the anxiety of that generation towards the future of the planet. As mentioned in the Executive Summary, the past year has raised questions on whether the current nation-state model is still useful, with calls by younger generations for more global cooperation on issues of commonality.

The Movement can be embodied within the organization as an educational awareness-building effort to engage with and encourage a new generation of federalists worldwide, with a specific goal of engaging countries and regions with expanding youth populations – the Global South (Africa, Asia, and South America). It can also serve a similar role as an alumni group that grows with the organization overtime, supporting and influencing the Movement.

Engaging a New Generation ~ An untapped opportunity exists through targeted digital marketing to reach young people across the world. This reach will enable us to influence federalism's future by listening and connecting young people while educating them on the history and future potential of the Movement.

Our goal is to create life-long supporters who remain engaged with WFM/IGP by building affiliation and pride among young members. We will harness these two motivating factors to ensure we create sustained momentum by Identifying and developing champions within this supporter network with those who are passionate about the brand, our work, and our impact.

To join the movement, please contact us at info@wfm-igp.org

3. Working Groups

Engage in in-depth analyses of subjects with a view to policy formulation

Transnational Working Groups ~ Transnational Working Groups (TWGs) are open to all members, whether individuals or members of a Member/Associated Organization. As they meet electronically, the physical location of the members is not critical to participation. They are based on different themes and subjects and engage in in-depth analysis of the subject with a view to policy formulation. If you have a particular interest or expertise you will be welcomed and if you feel that a new one should exist, then you are able to make this suggestion to the Executive Committee.

3.1. AI & Technologies

Discuss global governance of AI and other disruptive digital technologies

Artificial Intelligence ~ The Transnational Working Group on Artificial Intelligence and Disruptive Technologies (TWG on AI) brings together experts on global governance and artificial intelligence from around the world, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, to discuss effective global governance of AI and other disruptive digital technologies, capable of managing both the risks and opportunities associated with these technologies.

Stakeholder(s):

Transnational Working Group on Artificial Intelligence and Disruptive Technologies

3.2. Africa-Europe Relations

Organise events, draft policy documents, plan public campaigns and create other resources

Africa-Europe relations ~ The Transnational Working Group on Africa-Europe relations was launched in April 2022. The group has four thematic workstreams, and it is open for proposals for new workstreams.

The working group is an arena for organising events, drafting policy documents, planning public campaigns and creating other resources.

You can join the group by contacting the contact points of the workstreams:

- Conflict prevention: Domenico Moro (morodome (at) gmail.com)
- Youth mobility & democratic participation: Juuso Järviemi (juuso.jarviemi (at) jef.eu)
- Safe drinking water & sanitation: Dafni Gogou (dafni.gogou (at) yahoo.fr)
- Sustainable growth & green transition: Kennedy Karanja (kennedyranja (at) gmail.com)

Stakeholder(s):

Africa

Europe

3.3. World Security

Guarantee the security and freedom of members and act as their peacebuilding and peacekeeping arm

Coalition for a World Security Community ~ The Coalition for a World Security Community (CWSC) is a Transnational Working Group of the WFM-IGP in the field of Peace & Security. We propose the formation of a World Security Community (WSC) with a global mission, first to guarantee the security and freedom of all its members, and then to act as their peacebuilding and peacekeeping arm in the wider world, under the aegis of the UN. We aim to follow the strategy pioneered in Europe in forming the European Union: start with a smaller group of members (the democracies), and build up in stages towards an eventual democratic world federation.

Stakeholder(s):

**Coalition for a World Security Community
(CWSC)**

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