

WOCAN: Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture & NRM

A new global network WOCAN has been formed for women professionals working in agriculture and natural resource management to build an alliance of women (and men who support them) to support a process of change for gender equality in

programs of governments, national and international agencies. A fundamental principle of this network is that organizations themselves need to become gender sensitive in order to promote sustainable development for rural communities.

Since the WOCAN's call for members on January 1, 2005, over 260 women and men of 73 countries have applied, with the numbers increasing daily. Of those accepted, 67 members are from Africa, 75 are from Asia, 5 are from the Pacific region, 15 from Latin America, 9 from the Middle East, 27 from Europe, 40 from North America, and 14 from international organizations.

Members have offered their voluntary contributions as trainers, consultants, researchers, fund raisers, proposal writers, hosts for meetings, time to act as focal points, sources of expertise on gender relations in their countries, etc.

If you qualify for membership, agree with our Guiding Principles, and would like to join us, please fill out the application form on our website: **www.wocan.org**.

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