

## Soroptimist International Mission

Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships.

## Our Values

- Human rights for all
- Global peace and international goodwill
- Advancing women's potential
- Integrity and democratic decision making
- Volunteering, diversity and friendship



## Millennium Development Goals

Soroptimist International supports all eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals, targeted by the United Nations for achievement by 2015.

Particular focus will be given to

### Goal 3—

### Promote gender equality and empower women

Soroptimists will help to achieve this through strategic

**Awareness, Advocacy and Action**

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## Soroptimist International at The United Nations



SI Programme Director leading SI workshop—UN Building—CSW52 sponsored by the Australian Mission to the United Nations

## International Relations

General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, United Nations (ECOSOC);

Operational Relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

Special List of the International Labour Organization (ILO);

Official Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO),

Official Relations with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);

Consultative Status with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Accredited to the Commonwealth as a Civil Society Organization.



## Soroptimist International -

## Transforming the lives of women and girls

### Making a difference at the UN—

Soroptimist International has permanent representation at the five major United Nations Centres and United Nations Regional Commissions.

These volunteer representatives work on many United Nations NGO committees which deal with issues important to women and address human rights inequalities. Many Soroptimists have been regular active participants at United Nations NGO sessions and meetings throughout the world since 1948, serving as delegates as well as organizing and presenting panels and workshops on a wide variety of gender issues.

Large delegations of Soroptimists attend CSW in New York each year and present a Soroptimist International Workshop. SI regularly co-sponsors additional workshops, produces statements and co-signs statements of like minded NGOs.



SI delegates participating in the UN.GIFT Forum, Vienna 2008

and

Three of our delegation of eight Soroptimists at the DPI Conference, Paris 2008



### Making a difference working in partnership—

SI is committed to improving the lives of women and girls. Soroptimists work in partnership with governments, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and through the media to raise awareness and advocate for human rights. Soroptimists also monitor actions in relation to the rights of women and girls and work with local communities around the world to implement practical initiatives in support of our principal aims.



Project Sierra, Sierra Leone

### Our International Partners include—

Hope and Homes for Children

<http://www.hopeandhomes.org/soroptimist/index.html>

Women for Women International

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/>

International Committee of the Red Cross

<http://www.icrc.org/>

Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund

<http://www.fistulatrust.org/>

Oxfam GB

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/>

World Health Organization (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/en/>

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/>

### Making a difference through advocacy—



### Programme Focus Goals 2007—2011

#### Soroptimists will ensure that women and girls

- enjoy equity and equality
- live in safe and healthy environments
- have access to education
- have leadership and practical skills

Soroptimist International is in association with: 'STOP THE TRAFFIK' Global Coalition

<http://www.stophetraffik.org/>

UNIFEM 'Say NO to Violence Against Women' (Launch partner)

<http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/>

UN Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT)

<http://www.ungift.org/>

Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign (GEAR Campaign)

<http://www.gear.collectivex.com/>



United Nations, Vienna