



## IBVM NGO

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



# UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

## NEW YORK





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MISSIONS**

**CIVIL SOCIETY  
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# NGOs AND THE UNITED NATIONS

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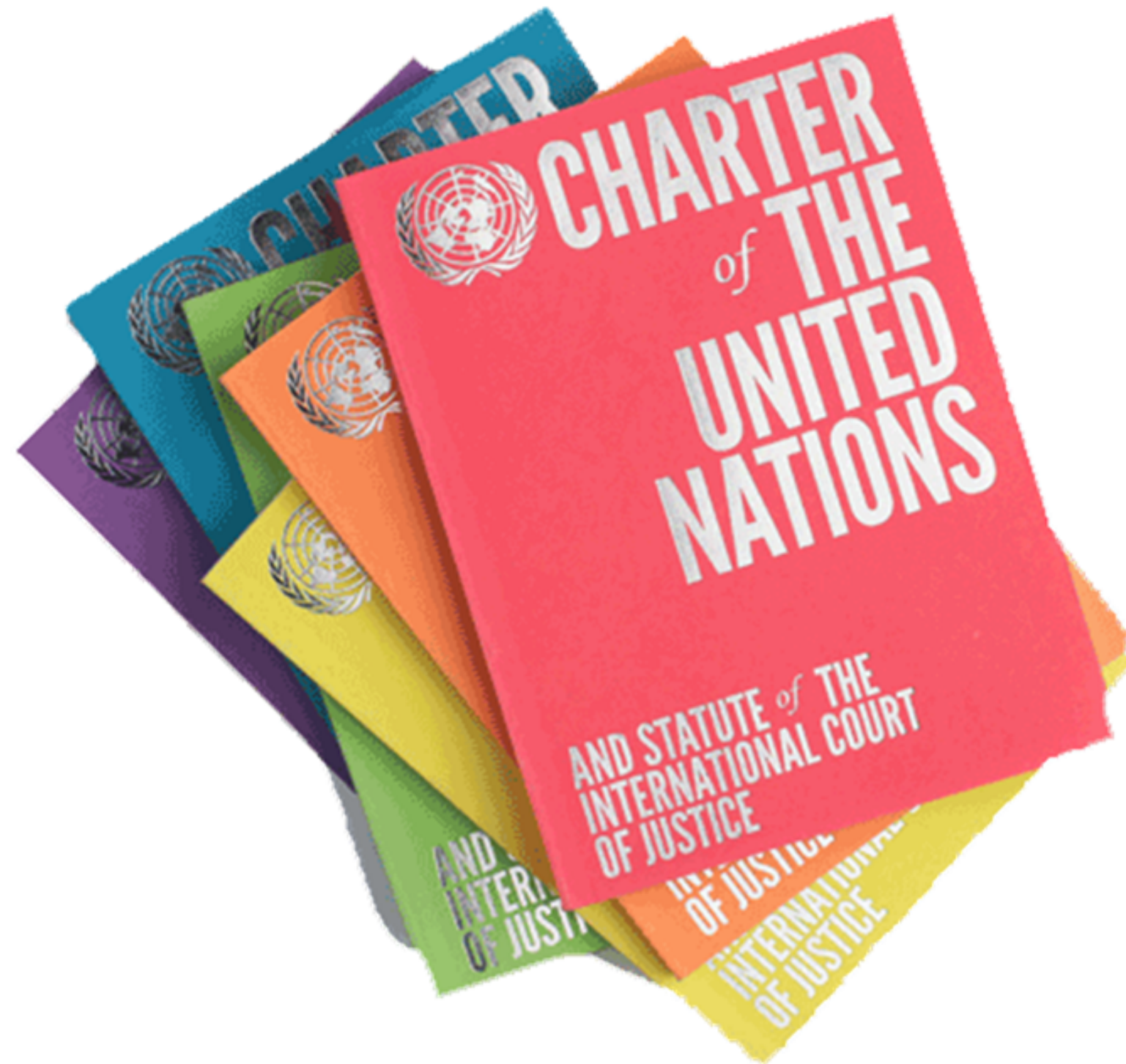
**ECOSOC**  
United Nations

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



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# 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:**

- 1. NGO Office engagement with the United Nations:**
- 2. Specific Youth Engagement**
- 3. 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**

**Human  
Trafficking**

**Financing for  
Development**

**Migration and  
Refugees**

**NGO  
Committees**

**Working  
Groups**

**Major  
Groups**

**Coalitions**

**Networks**

**Working  
Group on  
Girls**

**Coalition  
Global Citizenship  
2030**

**NGO  
Major Group**

**Children and  
Youth  
Major Group**

**Religious  
NGOs**

**Justice  
Coalition  
of Religious**

**Religious  
at the UN  
RUN**



## **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:**
  1. **Nairobi - Environment (UNEP) and UN Habitat – Faith-based Faith 4 Earth**
  2. **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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# Network



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World Network**

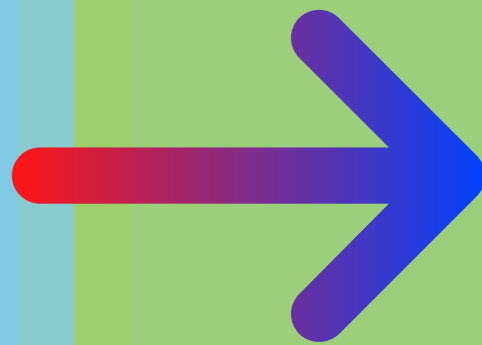


**NGO Office to the  
United Nations**

**NGO  
Office**



**Network  
"YOU"**



**Engage with  
UN Processes**



**UN75**  
**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**



**Cynthia Mathew CJ**

