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Addendum to the WGNRR Strategic Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The WGNRR Strategic Plan set out objectives and activities over the course of 2014-2016, building towards the achievement of a three-year goal:

Active participation in SRHR social movements with a coherent strategy for connecting global and local actions. Enhanced recognition and protection of each person's human right to express and enjoy their sexuality, gender identity and choose whether, how many, when and with whom to have children. SRHR is recognized by governments and policy makers as essential for sustainable development, combating poverty and addressing inequalities. (Pg 11)

In June 2017, the WGNRR Board agreed to extend the WGNRR 2014-2016 Strategic Plan for an additional two years or until a new plan is formulated. The decision was made in recognition of the need to assess and update the plan, but also realising that many of the strategic plan's aims and goals remain relevant to the organisation's work and that of its members. Given the current global context of increased attacks against sexual and reproductive rights, particularly focused around the violation of the rights of LGBTQI persons; and that of people's bodily integrities including the right to safe abortion, the strategic plan remains highly significant and topical.

In preparing this addendum, the Board retains the basic structure of the strategic plan, as well as the goals (pg.11) and the priorities (pg.15). We emphasise our continued pledge to carrying out our set vision and mission, in line with our identified values.

Based on a review of WGNRR's new commitments and shifts in programme focus, a few aspects of the strategic plan have been modified.

The emphasis on influencing the emerging new development agenda (NDA), for example, has shifted into continued participation in global advocacy efforts including around the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals; and other identified advocacy and campaign spaces. Some activities have been scaled back, given present organisational resources. They may be reinstated at a later date, after suitable assessment and reflection.

Despite these changes, the strategic plan remains a consultative document; drawing on an analysis of the current global context, staff priorities, and member feedback. The strategic plan remains a 'living document', responding to the needs of our membership and our current capabilities and available resources.

WGNRR'S VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Over the course of WGNRR's thirty years in SRHR advocacy, campaigning, and organising; WGNRR's vision, mission, and values have been grounded in the realities of the most vulnerable people lacking economic, social and political power. We continue to work towards the realisation of the full SRHR of all people, with a particular focus on the most marginalised.

We reiterate our working values, where we employ rights, justice, and feminist frameworks. We are member-focused, self-reflective, and independent from political, governmental, and religious institutions.

WGNRR'S THREE YEAR PLAN

In the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan (pg. 5), WGNRR set out a bold vision; framing sexual and reproductive rights (SRHR) as human rights.

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For the 2017-2018 addendum, we reassert our unflinching commitment to SRHR as Human Rights, and to utilising a reproductive justice approach to our work. We continue to recognise that people's SRHR are impacted and influenced by social, economic, cultural, and religious issues; and requires a comprehensive understanding of SRHR that includes social and economic justice for the realisation of peoples' rights. We remain dedicated to fostering transformational social change to achieve our aims.

We continue our commitment to our network members by connecting them with SRHR advocates and activities around the world, supporting campaigning and advocacy activities, sharing SRHR knowledge and communication, critical analyses and capacity building, and seeking new ways to strengthen the global SRHR movement.

Our network members and allies remain central to our work, and continue to be our greatest strength. We continue to work closely with SRHR international organisations, and strengthen our collaborations for effective campaigning and joint advocacy. Our work around Women's Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) continues to be a strategic priority (pg.6).

EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME

We retain our overall three year goals, extending the time frame to end-2018.

We will continue to organise around intergovernmental commitments and Human Rights frameworks, and utilising monitoring; reporting; and protection mechanisms in our work. The current hostile context around SRHR- as evidenced by the reinstating of the Global Gag Rule, as well as several examples of the passing of regressive laws affecting people's' bodily integrities and violating their SRHR- underscores the need to champion HR frameworks and language to challenge both new and ongoing threats.

The completion of the Post-2015 consultations and the confirmation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the key development framework until 2030 (pg.4), shifts WGNRR's focus from influencing the creation to advocating for the implementation of promises, the critical assessment of progress on the goals, and continued campaigning for a more progressive vision for SRHR. Indeed, WGNRR's work proceeds on two fronts: (i) the continued push for more progressive SRHR commitments within international platforms and spaces such as the SDGs and; (ii) the continued

resistance against any regression or revision of agreed goals; language; or commitments. This is evident in our activities and programme focuses which aim to make progress on SRHR-related goals, whilst resisting any backsliding or retrogression.

OUR PROGRAM AREAS

We will continue to work within our four programme areas with their own specific objectives, supporting the realisation of the overall goal (now extended to 2018). All activities and actions focused on specific SRHR aspects will continue to link to stated goal of the organisation.

Our four programmatic areas are:

- (i) SRHR of Young People,**
- (ii) Access to Safe, Legal Abortion,**
- (iii) Access to Contraceptives, and**
- (iv) Sexual Rights for all people.**

The four areas, and their goals (pg.15), continue to be pertinent for both members, and for larger SRHR movement goals. The rationale behind the four programmatic areas addresses the significance they hold, and why they form the core objectives of the organisation.

The outlined activities for each of the programme areas will continue, with any deviations or additions addressed on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the programme officers in charge; the network membership; and the WGNRR Board. Where relevant, the activities will evolve in keeping with available resources and identified

priority actions. Any changes will be documented and will be reflected in annual reporting.

WGNRR will continue to use a five-pronged approach (pg.24) to achieve our vision and goals. These five approaches are;

- (i) campaigning,**
- (ii) advocacy**
- (iii) networking and movement building,**
- (iv) communications, and**
- (v) capacity- building.**

CONCLUSION

This addendum extends the WGNRR Strategic Plan for an additional two years, pending further review.

The WGNRR Strategic Plan will continue to be the basis for the organisation's programmes and actions, governing all activities and positions. The three-year goal will be extended by a further two years, with the programmatic goals and objectives remaining the same. Programme activities will be undertaken keeping this in mind, and any significant changes to activities will be addressed through a consultation with programme staff, network members, and the WGNRR Board.

The WGNRR Strategic Plan will be reviewed and updated as and when needed, until a new plan is conceptualised with full team, board, and network participation in 2019.