
World Council of Churches
United Nations Advocacy Week

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Schedule-at-a-glance

Time	SUNDAY 15	MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20		
8:00		<i>Morning Worship : Climate Displaced Peoples</i>	<i>Morning Worship : Indigenous Peoples' Rights</i>	<i>Morning Worship: Colombia</i>	<i>Morning Worship: Advocacy at the UN</i>			
8:45								
9:00		Opening Session (CCUN, 2nd Fl)	Indigenous People's Rights (I) (CCUN, 2nd Fl)	Colombia (I)	Mission Visit Final Preparations		Closing Keynote Addresses	
10:00		Coffee Break						
10:30		Opening Keynote Addresses from the UN and the Churches & Interactive Dialogue	Coffee Break				Coffee Break (enhanced)	
11:00			Indigenous People's Rights (II) (CCUN, 2nd Fl)	Colombia (II)	UN & Mission Visits		Concluding Plenary Regional Reports Plenary Discussion & Next Steps Evaluation	
12:00		*UNAW-GPT only* Orientation Lunch (CCUN, 7th floor PUNO Conf Rm)						
12:30								
12:45								
1:00								(coffee available throughout the session)
2:00	Registration	*Enter UN Headquarters*						
2:15			Regional Breakout Session (I)	Thematic Breakout Session	UN & Mission Visits			
2:30								
3:00			Group Feedback					
3:30			Coffee Break					
4:00			Climate	Regional	UN & Mission			

4:15	Participant Introductions	Nations Conf .Room 3)	Displaced Peoples (III) -- Advocacy at the Missions	Breakout Session (II)	Visit Reporting	*UNAW-GPT* Departure (outside CCUN)
4:30		Climate				
5:00		Displaced Peoples: (I & II) (United Nations Conf .Room 3)				
5:30	Opening Worship (5:30-6:30PM)					
6:00						
6:30						
7:00				Reception (6:30-8:30PM)	*UNAW-GPT Only* Dinner Session (CCUN, 7th floor PUNO Conf Rm)	
8:00	**** Unless otherwise noted, sessions will be held on the second floor of the CCUN***					

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Fifth Annual
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15 – 20 November 2009

UNAW Annotated Agenda

[NB: Activities will take place on the second floor of the Church Center (CCUN) for the United Nations. Address: 777 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017 unless otherwise noted.]

Sunday, 15 November 2009

12:00 UNAW-GPT Orientation Lunch *CCUN, 7th floor PUNO Conf. Rm*

2:00 Registration

3:00 United Nations 101 Introductory Session

Speakers:

- **Ms. Jessica Hawkinson**, Associate for International Affairs and Education Presbyterian United Nations Office.
- **Ms. Elizabeth Lee**, Programme Associate of the United Nations Liaison Office World Council of Churches.

4:15 Participant Introductions

Facilitators:

- **Mr. Malte Lei**, Intern for Evangelical Lutheran Church in America/Lutheran World Federation.
- **Ms. Christine Mangale**, Assistant to the Director of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America/Lutheran World Federation.

5:30 Opening Worship *CCUN Chapel, Organizing the Body of Loaves and Fishes World*

Monday, 16 November 2009

8:00 Morning Worship *CCUN Chapel, Climate Displaced Peoples*

9:00 Session I: Opening Session

Welcoming and Introductions:

- **Rev. Chris Ferguson**, World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations.

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Session II: Keynote Addresses

Moderator:

- **Dean Anders Gadegaard**, Dean of the Cathedral of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Speakers:

UN Keynote

- **Mr. Olav Kjørven**, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for Development Policy at the United Nations Development Programme.

Church Keynote

- **Ms. Lois Dauway**, Program Committee, Central Committee of the World Council of Churches Interim Deputy General Secretary, GBGM-UMC.

- **Interactive Dialogue**

1245 Lunch Provided CCUN, 8th Floor Boss Rm

CLIMATE DISPLACED PEOPLES

3:00 Session III: Climate Displaced Peoples (I) Conference Room 3

Moderator:

- **Mr. Dennis Frado**, Director of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America/ Lutheran World Federation.

Speakers:

- **H.E. Collin Beck**, Ambassador of the Solomon Islands.
- **Mr. Jakob Strom**, Counsellor of Swedish Mission

4:30 Session IV: Climate Displaced Peoples (II) Conference Room 3

Moderator:

- **Ms. Kyriaki Avtzi**, Executive Secretary Conference of European Churches.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Peter Emberson**, Climate Change Campaigns Officer of the

- Pacific Conference of Churches.
- **Mrs. Mbari, Kioni**, Director, All Africa Council of Churches
 - **Ms. Juila Berger**, Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations.

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

8:00 **Morning Worship** *CCUN Chapel, Indigenous Peoples*

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS

9:00 **Session I: *Indigenous People's Rights (I)***

Moderator:

- **Ms. Kathryn Fournier**, Senior Policy Advisor of Government of Canada.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Tonya Frishner**, Vice Chairperson of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- **Ms. Carol Pollack**, Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- **Esmeralda Brown**, Executive Secretary for Global Justice Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries.

10:30 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session II: *Indigenous People's Rights (II)***

Moderator:

- **Dr. Ferdinand Anno**, Professor of Liturgy at Union Theological Seminary.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Ana Maria Guacho**, Co-chair of Abya Yala of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- **Ms. Musanga Timani**, Coordinator of ACPROD-BATWA (Action Communautaire pour la Promotion des Défavorisés Batwa).
- **Rev. Matías Adadikam**, Superintendent of the Protestant Church in Timika, West Papua Indigenous Situation.
- **Mr. Argemiro Bailarin Bailarin**, Comunidad indigena de Alto Guayabal Resguardo de Urada Jiguamiando

12:30 Lunch Session CCUN, 8th Floor Boss Room (Optional: Human Rights Advocacy Work, Present and Future Challenges CCUN, 11th Floor)

2:00 Session III: Regional Breakout Session

Moderator:

- **Ms. Elizabeth Lee**, Programme Associate of the United Nations Liaison Office World Council of Churches.

Regional Caucus will convene to identify how Climate Displace Peoples and Indigenous Peoples Rights relate with their churches, countries and regions. Each group will be required to choose a facilitator and reporter.

(NB: Regional Reporting take place Concluding Plenary)

3:30 Afternoon Tea

4:00 Session IV: Climate Displaced Peoples (III) Advocacy at the Missions

Moderator:

- **Dr. Guillermo Kerber**, Programme Executive for Climate Change & Human Rights of World Council of Churches.

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

8:00 Morning Worship, CCUN Chapel, Colombia

COLOMBIA

9:00 Session I: Colombia (I)

Moderator:

- **Rev. Doug Hostetter**, Mennonite Central Committee Representative to the United Nations.

Assistant Moderator:

- **Mr. Tito Cantreras**, Advocacy Assistant of Caritas Internationalis.

Speakers:

Churches- Red Ecumenica de Colombia (Ecumenical Network)

- **Bishop Juan Alberto Cardona**, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Colombia.
- **Rev. Jario Suarez**, Director Office of Justice and Life of Lutheran Evangelical church of Colombia.
- **Ms. Maria Mercedes Duque-Lopez**, Deputy Manager Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe Regional Office for Latin America.
- **Prof. Lilia Solano**, Director Project Justice for Life.

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Session II: Colombia (II)

Moderator:

- **Ms. Noemi Espinoza**, Vice Moderator of CCIA-WCC and President of Theology Community of Honduras.

Assistant Moderator:

- **Ms. Jessica Hawkinson**, Associate for International Affairs and Education Presbyterian United Nations Office.

Speakers:

- **Prof. Jenny Neme-Leiva**, Director of Centro Cristiano para Justicia, Paz y Acción Noviolenta –JUSTAPAZ.
- **Mr. Joseph Donnelly**, Caritas Internationalis Representative to the United Nations.
- **Mr. Gonzalo Vargas Llosa**, Senior Policy Advisor of the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees.

12:30 Lunch Provided CCUN 8th floor Boss Rm (Optional: Colombia Strategy Session Location TBD)

2:00 Session III: Thematic Breakout Session

Moderator:

- **World Council of Churches**

Each group will include thematic experts from all three areas of focus; they will strategize in creating advocacy points to be brought back to their regional groups.

(Regional group should decide prior to this session ensure representation of their regional group in each thematic breakout sub-group)*

3:30 Afternoon Tea

4:00 Session IV: Regional Breakout Session (II)

Moderator:

- **Ms. Elizabeth Lee**, Programme Associate of the United Nations Liaison Office World Council of Churches.

6:00 WCC United Nations Reception

Welcoming Remarks:

- **United Nations Liaison Office**
- **Ms. Lois Dauway**, Program Committee, Central Committee of the World Council of Churches Interim Deputy General Secretary, GBGM-UMC.
- **H.E. Dessima Williams**, Ambassador of Grenada Mission.

*** Dress: Formal**

Thursday, 19 November 2009

8:00 Morning Worship, CCUN Chapel, Advocacy at the UN

9:00 Session I: Mission Visit Final Preparations

Moderator:

- **Ms. Faautu Talapusi**, Director of Youth of the World Council of Churches
- **Ms. Elizabeth Lee**, Programme Associate of the United Nations Liaison Office of the World Council of Churches.

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 UN & Mission Visits – Missions

12:30 Bagged Lunch Available (Meals taken between Mission visits)

2:00 UN & Mission Visits Continuation– Missions

3:30 Afternoon Tea

4:00 UN & Mission Visits Reporting

7:00 UNAW-GPT Dinner Session, CCUN, 7th floor PUNO Conf Room

Friday, 20 November 2009

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- 9:00 Closing Keynote Addresses**
Speakers:
Theological
- **Rev. Dr. Hyunju Bae**, Professor of Busan Presbyterian University.
- Activist**
- **Mr. Paul Divakar Namala**, General Secretary of Swadhikar.
- 10:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 Concluding Plenary**
Moderator:
- **Rev. Chris Ferguson**, World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations.
- 2:00 Closing Worship – Prayer and Sending Fourth**
- 4:30 UNAW- GPT Departure (outside CCUN)**

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**Programmatic Content:
UNAW Goals, UNAW Thematic Priorities, GPT
and Advocacy Context**

UNAW Goals

Throughout the WCC work with the ecumenical movement in general and through the WCC United Nations Liaison Office in particular, advocacy has become a leit-motiv of ecumenical collaborative work. Currently, the WCC's United Nations Advocacy Week (UNAW) is an evolving model of this ecumenical collaboration.

The UNAW is a particularly significant moment for expressing concerns and addressing questions of power and structural injustice through a concerted and coordinated ecumenical approach to international advocacy. It is a moment to challenge ourselves to develop and commit to discussed methodologies which coordinate approaches to international, regional, national and local advocacy work.

In this context, these are the outlined goals of UNAW:

- gather global ecumenical partners in a forum dedicated to common strategic global ecumenical advocacy;
- enhance relationships with ecumenical advocacy partners: churches, national councils of churches, specialized agencies, regional ecumenical organizations and regional advocacy networks;
- strengthen the capacity and understanding of ecumenical partners with regard to advocacy within the UN system;
- deepen theological and ethical insights on identified priorities;
- strategize together on identified priorities to develop a common strategic global ecumenical advocacy platform;
- put designated advocacy priorities into action in dialogue with Member States at the United Nations;
- strengthen ecumenical cooperation on advocacy work at the UN by enhancing active ecumenical networks through networking, information sharing and advocacy strategizing for cooperative impact at the national, regional and international levels.

The UNAW will place special emphasis on ensuring and empowering a strong presence of traditionally marginalized members of the ecumenical family, including voices from the global South, women and youth.

The events of the week moved through four moments: (1) Setting the context for ecumenical advocacy, (2) deepening common understanding of priority advocacy issues, (3) engaging as one in ecumenical advocacy, and (4) setting common commitments to networking and follow-up for common strategic global ecumenical advocacy.

Thematic Priority I: Climate Displaced Peoples

While the general issue of climate change is being addressed within the United Nations (UN) system, some aspects of the problem are not. As a follow-up to last year's theme on Climate Change, United Nations Advocacy Week (UNAW) 2009 will focus on Climate Displaced Peoples; specifically exploring some of the political, social and economic effects of climate change on vulnerable communities. Some of these communities have reached the point of having to consider displacement as a response. At the same time the sessions for 2009 will look and advocate for ways in which the UN system can better address this situation.

Questions to be addressed include:

- Which parts of the UN system have given this topic attention?
- How is the phenomenon of climate displaced people (including internal displacement, displacement across borders, resettlement of populations like those in Tuvalu, Kiribati or the Maldives) being addressed?
- What are the implications for a community's cultural identity when forced to leave their home area due to climate change?
- How are their human rights affected?
- What is the impact on their sovereignty?
- What moral and ethical responsibility should the international community assume?
- How are the churches responding? How should they respond?

The work will consist of *three modules*:

- Information and discussion sessions:
 - Climate displaced people in the UN System
 - Churches and religious responses to climate displaced people
- Missions and UN Advocacy: Preparatory Work
- Advocacy at the UN and Missions

Thematic Priority II: Indigenous Peoples' Rights: Promotion and Implementation of UNDRIP

While the establishment of the United Nations in 1945 was praised by many, the UN failed to recognize the distinct voice of Indigenous Peoples. Seeking to

address this problem, from 1985 to 1993, the Working Group on Indigenous Populations drafted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In 1995 a Commission on Human Rights was established to review the draft. It was in 2006 that the Human Rights Council adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). One year later, in a historic moment 144 member-states voted for the adoption of the UNDRIP during the 61st Session of the UN General Assembly. In 2009, Australia endorsed the UNDRIP, though USA, Canada and New Zealand and some islands in the Pacific continue to oppose its adoption. Although a long struggle, the Indigenous Peoples international movement achieved one of the major international laws (UNDRIP) to defend Indigenous Peoples' legitimate rights. As Victoria Tauli-Corpuz said in that historic moment: "This is a Declaration which makes the opening phrase of the UN Charter, 'We the Peoples...' meaningful for the more than 370 million indigenous persons all over the world."

Two years after the historic passage of UNDRIP, the biggest challenge continues to be the promotion and implementation of UNDRIP by member-states, UN bodies, Indigenous Peoples themselves, the society at large and the churches.

Member churches of the WCC are present throughout the world and represent at least 560 million Christians. Indigenous Peoples, who represent a significant proportion of these Christians, are showing with deep faith the indigenous face of the Church of Christ. Inside and outside the Church, Indigenous People are presenting the proposal of the *Good Living/Suma Qamaña/Sumaj Kawsay* as the framework in which actions and faith should be reflected.

Despite UNDRIP's adoption, violations of Indigenous Peoples human rights continue due to economic reasons related to natural resources; this is especially the case in the area of land rights. Peru and West Papua are just two examples of what is happening in the daily life of Indigenous Peoples in the world.

The sessions on Indigenous Peoples Rights will address the following questions:

- How has UNDRIP advanced the struggles of Indigenous Peoples?
- How are churches engaged with Indigenous Peoples struggles especially related with land rights and criminalization of their struggles?
- How can the churches support the promotion and implementation of UNDRIP?

It is time for churches to strengthen the reconciliation process because of the churches' historic involvement of colonization and violence against Indigenous Peoples.

Thematic Priority III: Colombia

For over 40 years, the conflict in Colombia has become one of the world's most violent hot spots. Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed, on average 14

civilians every day, and almost four million Colombians have been driven from their homes. The conflict is fueled by violent disputes over land, resources, including oil, and military control. Some United Nations agencies continue to keep Colombia as a priority, but the Security Council has shown no willingness to take up the concerns of the country.

- **How might the world's churches give voice to those who suffer?**
- **How can the church stand in solidarity with Colombians involved in the struggle for justice and peace in their country?**

The United Nations Advocacy Week answers these questions by creating a space in which Colombian voices can define and lead advocacy efforts throughout the week.

Global Platform for Theological Reflection: Praying, speaking out and acting together- Theological reflection on advocacy

The Global Platform was launched in 2007 with a view to create a space for different stakeholders of the WCC - churches, specialized ministries, ecumenical organizations, Christian World Communions, etc., to address certain issues of critical importance to the life and work of and relationships within the global ecumenical community. GP is expected to facilitate sharing of different view points, to understand the same better, even if they do not agree. The objective is not to produce a consensus statement at each session but an aide memoire that unpacks the issues and their complexities besides opening up possibilities for further reflection. The themes are not necessarily those covered by the programmatic instruments of the Council. "Migration: Churches as sanctuaries of hope" was the theme of GPTR 2007 and "Bible: Crisis and catastrophe" was for 2008.

In partnership with UNAW 2009, GPTR's 2009 theme is "Praying, speaking out and acting together- Theological reflection on advocacy." GPT will take place immediately following UNAW from Nov 20-22, where a number of the UNAW participants will examine the following issues:

1. Why advocacy? Re-articulation of theological rationale for advocacy today in the context of massive abuse and destruction of life. Discern a more holistic ecumenical theology of life that does not stereo-type faith responses.
2. Dealing with hesitations and limitations by taking into account the empirical realities of church's and their public space in different contexts.
3. Approaching struggles for life – for human rights, justice, peace, etc., not just as social / ethical issues but as challenges to our affirmation and

practice of Christian faith. Ecumenism as 'unity in action for life'. (Focus on Faith and Order)

4. Reflection on Christian responsibility in situations of injustice, exclusion and abuse of power. Why should only the victims speak out against these? Why not others? Bridging the gap between preaching and practicing salvation. (Focus on evangelism and mission).

UNAW in Context

Churches have worked since their founding to address different dimensions and forms of power relationships impacting on peoples' lives and livelihoods at the local level. Increasingly, economic, social, political, military, environmental, gender, ethnic, religious and cultural issues intersect and have to be monitored and responded to through a comprehensive and integrative approach. This is equally true for the way in which global realities shape local realities and vice versa.

Today, the imperative to challenge the systemic structures of injustice which pervert truth and deny justice requires a new level of ecumenical cooperation, coordination and leadership to undertake effective transformative and prophetic public witness at national and international levels. The broad constituency base of churches, rooted in the local but connected to the global, provides an opportunity for a concerted and coordinated ecumenical approach to advocacy not only at the United Nations but in capitals in nearly every country in the world.

This sets the context within which we approach common strategic global ecumenical advocacy: deepening theological and ethical insights, strengthening ecumenical cooperation, building common strategies, strengthening networks, enhancing communication and developing workgroups on priority issues of common concern with concerted national and international efforts.

As a fellowship representing more than 550 million Christians from over 340 Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and other churches, the World Council of Churches (WCC) has been mandated by its member churches to take a leading role in this public witness by facilitating, networking, coordinating and challenging churches and organisations within the ecumenical movement. In this framework, the WCC undertakes a prophetic role with emphasis on the theological and spiritual imperatives of speaking truth to power as part of the global churches' public witness for justice, peace and reconciliation.

The WCC UN Liaison Office

The WCC's United Nations Liaison Office (UNLO) works to make the voices of the churches and ecumenical organizations heard in order to influence the policy decisions made at the United Nations. The UNLO places special attention on

enhancing ecumenical cooperation and coordination in advocacy, witness, accompaniment and ethical and moral input at the international level. The UNLO works to ensure that a common ecumenical perspective is developed and communicated and that the voices of the ecumenical community of the global south and most specifically the voices of victims are heard.

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Presenter Biographies

Opening Keynote Address

Mr. Olav Kjørven: Bio

Olav Kjørven is the Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for Development Policy at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

From 2005-2007 Olav led UNDP's Environment and Energy Group, promoting sound environmental management & access to energy for poverty reduction and tapping into new financial mechanisms for development such as carbon finance.

Prior to joining UNDP, from 2001 to 2005, Olav served the Government of Norway as State Secretary for International Development. Together with the Minister of International Development, Olav was responsible for policy making and the overall management of Norwegian international development efforts. He also held the post of Political Adviser to the Minister of International Development and Human Rights (1997-2000).

Olav has also worked as Director of International Development at ECON--Centre for Economic Analysis in Oslo (2000-2001) and an Environmental Specialist at the World Bank (1992-1997). He holds a Master of Arts in International Affairs from George Washington University.

Lois M. Dauway

Currently serving as Interim Deputy General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries to organize and shape a new Mission and Evangelism Programs Area of the international mission agency. The units brought together are: Community and Institutional Ministries, Evangelism and Church Growth, Mission Context and Relationships, Mission Personnel and Mission Volunteers.

Previously Ms. Dauway served as an Associate to the Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division: General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Before taking on this position, Ms. Dauway served as the interim Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division. She also served as the Assistant General Secretary, Section of Christian Social Responsibility for the Women's Division.

The portfolio of that section includes the following programs and foci: children, youth and family advocacy program; constituency education; conflict resolution; development education and action; public policy; racial justice; the United Nations and international affairs; women's concerns; and, ecumenical work.

Prior to assuming her duties with the Women's Division, Ms. Dauway was the Associate for Inclusiveness and Justice of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. [NCC]. Her responsibilities for that institution included monitoring the programs and policies of the NCC for the presence of racism, sexism and classism; assisting the constituency in working toward inter-ethnic solidarity; and, developing strategies for eliminating barriers to inclusiveness in church structures. She served in that position for more than eleven years.

She has traveled throughout North America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Latin America examining cultural differences, the varying nature of conflicts and developing training resources for churches and non-profit institutions.

Ms. Dauway's educational background includes a B.A. in psychology and graduate studies in educational administration. She is a United Methodist laywoman.

Ms. Dauway was recently re-elected as a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. She also serves as the Moderator of the Programme Committee of the WCC.

Climate Displaced Peoples

H.E. Collin Beck

H.E. Collin Beck is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to Solomon Islands of the UN, he has served in this capacity since November 6th 2003. Previously he served in his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Assistant Secretary of the Political and Security divisions Pacific and Asian branch. Prior to that in 1995 he was the Ministries Chief Desk Officer.

From September 1993 – January 1995 he served as counselor at the permanent mission of his country to the European Union in its embassy in Germany, the Netherlands, High Commission to the United Kingdom and Belgium.

He received his Masters Degree in International Relations in Southeast Asian Politics 1999 from the University of Queensland. He also holds a Foreign Services Certificate from Oxford University. He received his Bachelors degree from Administration and Political Science from the University of the South Pacific.

H.E. Beck was Vice Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States. Also recently he served as the Vice President of the General Assembly during the 63rd session.

Mr. Jacob Strom

Jacob Strom is a diplomat in the Swedish Foreign Service, Counsellor for economic and social affairs at the Swedish Mission since 2007, including climate change issues.

Currently, Sweden holds the EU Presidency. Mr. Strom has worked with multilateral affairs during the most of the past 20 years, including the Rio Conference in 1992 and the Johannesburg Summit in 2002. In addition he has written a couple of books for a Swedish audience about the United Nations.

Mr. Peter Hans Emberson

Mr. Emberson was born in Fiji and educated in Fiji and Australia. Emberson currently holds the post of Climate Change Campaigns Officer with the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC). Emberson has extensive lobbying, advocacy and reporting experience in the Pacific.

Prior to joining PCC, he spent five years with the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre as Assistant Director- Information, where he honed his experience in lobbying and reporting on the Pacific Islands Forum (PIFS) processes, Commonwealth ministerial processes and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

Mr. Emberson recently completed a Masters degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland, focusing his thesis on the link between media and conflict.

Mrs. Mbari Kioni

Mbari Kioni is from Kenya. She obtained her Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Nairobi, following that she received her Diploma in Law from Kenya School of Law. She also holds a certificate in Christian Theological Foundations for Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.

Mrs. Mbari Kioni holds the position of the Director of Peace, Healing and Reconciliation/Good Governance for the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC). Her profession is a practicing attorney, Senior Lawyer with a broad legal background. She is an expert in contract negotiation and arbitration. As well as an election specialist in all areas including legal frameworks monitoring and observation

In addition to this she is a member of the Associate Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Kenya Chapter and an Advocate High Court of Kenya

Ms. Julia Berger

Julia Berger is the Senior Researcher and Writer at the Bahá'í International Community's United Nations Office. She oversees and coordinates the research

related to our work in social and sustainable development, gender equality. Prior to joining the Bahá'í International Community, Ms. Berger was Research Associate at Harvard University's Program on Religion and Public Life, where she conducted research about religious NGOs at the United Nations as well as local and state involvement in faith-based services in the United States. She is a consultant to a UK-funded research project exploring the role of religious NGOs at the United Nations. Ms. Berger holds a Masters degree in International Development from the University of Toronto, Canada. She lives with her husband and twin daughters in Queens, NY.

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

Ms. Kathryn Fournier

Kathryn Fournier is a member of the Pinaymootang First Nation of Canada. Her mother is Cree and her Father is French-Canadian. She is a member of the United Church of Canada as well as of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches. She works for the Government of Canada in the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. She has three adult children and enjoys singing, hiking and reading.

Ms. Tonya Frichner

Tonya Gonnella Frichner, Esq. (*Snipe Clan, Onondaga Nation, Haudenosaunee*) is President and founder of the American Indian Law Alliance, a lawyer and activist, whose academic and professional life has been devoted to the pursuit of human rights for Indigenous peoples. Ms. Frichner earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, *magna cum laude*, from St. John's University in NYC, and her *Juris Doctor* from the City of New York Law School at Queens College, where she is a member of the Board of Visitors. She sits on the Board of Directors and serves as legal counsel to the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team, *international* competitors at the World Cup level representing the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. In 1987, shortly after graduation from law school, she served as a delegate for and was of legal counsel to the Haudenosaunee at the UN Sub-Commission on Human Rights/Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva, Switzerland. Since that time, Ms. Frichner has been an active participant and legal (as well as diplomatic) counsel to Indigenous delegations in virtually all United Nations international forums affecting Indigenous peoples.

She has worked most closely with elders from the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (especially the Onondaga nation) and the Lakota Nation (through the Teton Sioux Nation Treaty Council and the Owe Aku). Her work at the American Indian Law Alliance is known by others to be principled, effective and transparent, thus facilitating collaborations with other groups and nations based on shared traditional values. She has considerable experience in the process of the establishment of the *Permanent Forum On Indigenous Issues*, and in the negotiation process concerning the draft *UN Declaration on the Rights of*

Indigenous Peoples and the OAS Proposed American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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Ms. Carol Pollack

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Ms. Esmeralda Brown is the Representative to the UN of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church. She comes with vast experience and advocacy on indigenous peoples' rights, the UN, the Global South, and ecumenical engagement. She has expertise in the areas of Sustainable Economic Development, Human Rights, Environmental Justice, Racial Justice and Economic Equity. She served as the Southern Co-Chair for the NGO Steering Committee of the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development and is a co-founder of the Peoples Alliance for the Earth Summit.

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Ana Maria Guacho nació el 3 de Agosto de 1949, dirigente indígena desde 1972 hasta la actualidad, cofundadora de la CONAIE, y de otras organizaciones, mis estudios primarios lo realice en la Escuela Pedro de mercado, los estudios secundarios en el Colegio Nicolas Tapiua, los estudios superiores en el instituto Misael Acosta Solis, Naturopata. Actualmente es la Co-Responsable del Cónclave de Abya Yala en el Foro Permanente sobre Asuntos Indígenas hasta el año siguiente.

Ms. Musanga Timani

Musanga Timani was born October 11, 1969. Ms. Timani is married to Ilundu Bulambo Stephane and the mother of Mazambi Dina. She is an active member of the CEPAC, PENUEL Swahilophone Church.

Currently she is the leader for a committee of women from her church which is a part of the community. In addition Ms. Timani serves as an advisor to the CONGO CHRISTIAN CHURCH a part of her commune IBANDA. As well as holding the position of Coordinator for the Centre Wamama Batwa Tuungane. This is where she assists in the promotion of women's rights and environmental issues for the organization ACPROD-BATWA (Action Communautaire pour la promotion des Défavorisés Batwa).

Mr. Matías Adadikam

Reverend Matheus Adadikam was born in Biak, West Papua in 1964. Mr. Adadikam is married to Agnes Robka Rumsarwir and they have three children: Michael Oridek, Berlin Insyowi and Alegro Manbefore. Rev. Adadikam studied theology in I.S. I.S. Kijne Theology Seminary in Abepura-Jayapura, West Papua. These courses were taught by a diverse staff coming from the Mennonite Central Commute, United Evangelism Mission, Ecumenical Network in Chiang May and Pastoral College in Wuppertal.

He has worked as Reverend in Evangelical Christian Church (Reformed Church) in Papua since 1992 located in Waropen area. For a total of 9 years he was responsible for taking care of local churches especially Evangelism Post acting as a coordinator. In 1999, Board Of Sinod Evangelical Christian Church in Papua relocated him from Waropen area to Timika area. While at the Church Conference in Timika 2001 Mr. Adadikam was elected Superintendent serving his first term until 2006 and was then re-elected for second term that ends in 2011. As Superintendent he is responsible for managing 25 Reverends from 26 Churches with a total of 14,000 members in their congregations. The Church members in Timika come from many churches in Indonesia. Majority are members of the Indonesia Uniting Churches (PGI).

The local church members in the Evangelical Christian Church in Timika are comprised of about 35 % of Papuans. In addition since 2002 he joined the Amungme and Komoro Community Development Organization (LPM-AK) as Chairman of the Board. He is also the contact person for Justice Peace and Integration of Creation (JPIC), ELSHAM Papua, member of the HIV/AIDS Commission in Timika Regency. His concerns are related to Indigenous Peoples, specially West Papuans, Justice, Peace and Integration of Creation, Gender, Global Warming and Children on the Street.

Colombia

Bishop Juan Alberto Cardona Gómez

Presbyter Juan Alberto Cardona Gomez is originally from the Coffee Region of the beautiful and joyous country of Colombia. He has been married to Patricia Marin for 21 yrs. He has three sons: Juan Albert, Juan Alberto and Jose Esteban. From very humble peasant beginnings, Bishop Cardona In 2004 he was elected as the first President of the Colombian Methodist Church and in

2006 consecrated as its First Presiding Bishop. His formation have been in the area of administration and pastoral studies. Bishop Cardona has served in many capacities including the chairing the powerful Life and Mission Commission of the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Vice-Moderator the Latin American Council of Churches - Colombia. Bishop Cardona is well known for his leadership in human rights and peace efforts.

He has offered prophetic leadership in the Negotiation Table of the Santa Fe de Ralito process for the disarmament and dismantling of the paramilitary groups and militia as well as in the Gutemberg-Bogota process for the disarmament of small caliber arms in Latin America and the Caribbean. With a profound ecumenical spirit, Bishop Juan Alberto has put his working boots on and rolled up his sleeves to work hand in hand with the impoverished grass roots communities both within and beyond the people called Methodist.

Rev. Jairo H. Suarez

In 1998, Jairo Suarez received his bachelor's degree in Theology from the Escola Superior De Teologia de IECLB in Brazil. Director of the Office of Justice and Life of the IELCO from February of 2002. He is the administration of financial and material resources for the human rights programs.

Mr. Suarez Experience ranges from work with displaced communities and social organizations in zones depressed in great cities. Like director of the Office of Justice and Life, I coordinate the formation of human rights, humanitarian international right from the Biblical and theological perspective. From year 2003 Mr. Suarez began to develop a program focused in the accident prevention with mines and the creation of pedagogical tools to prevent landmine accidents. His focus is specifically on communities affected directly by this problem, and on the other hand, focused to enable leaders of protestant churches.

The work of human rights from this perspective looks for from the church and ecumenical differences. He is the member of the commission of restoration, life and peace of CEDECOL and coordinates the regional center. In addition to referring one for Colombia of YOU CREATE. In addition I comprised of the equipment founding entertainer of the Ecumenical Network of Colombia.

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Ms. Maria Mercedes (Miche) Duque López

Maria Mercedes (Miche) Duque López is a Colombian economist with education and experience in result-oriented management and training of work teams for personal and professional growth. She is an expert in humanitarian and development projects management with great skills in resource management.

She has taken part in national and international forums on the humanitarian and human rights situation in Colombia and on the causes and effects of the conflicts and how the most vulnerable groups of the population have been affected.

From 2001 to date, she has been collaborating with *Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe*, an organization of the German Protestant churches, as deputy director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean with headquarters in Bogotá (Colombia), from where support to people who have fallen victim of natural disasters or war in the continent is provided from a Community Risk Management approach. She has represented *Diakonie* at various ACT International forums and at the Colombian forum of the ACT Alliance.

Professor Lilia Solano

Lilia Solano is a teacher, a researcher and a human rights worker. She is the director of the human rights organization Proyecto Justicia y Vida (Justice and Life Project), which works mainly in marginalized sectors and with the victims of State crimes.

She is a philosopher at the University of Valle and a Political Scientist at the Javeriana University. She has also studied at the Toronto University in Canada and taught at the Javeriana University and at the National University of Colombia. She has been director of the Cátedra Camilo Torres Restrepo, Liberation Theology in Latin America (National University), and participated in the research projects on Justice and Economy. As director of the Justice and Life Project, Lilia is committed to the consolidation of the Colombian social movements, especially through the mechanisms to fight against impunity and through international lobbying against human rights violations. She has been invited several times by the Permanent Commission for Latin American Issues of the Canadian Federal Parliament; she has served as a judge in People's Courts in Europe and she has participated as a lecturer in forums, seminars, conferences and workshops in various countries.

Ms. Jenny Piedad Neme Neiva

Jenny Piedad Neme Neiva was born in Bogotá and is trained in Social Work. She is married and has a twelve-year-old daughter. Her professional experience evolves around accompanying children at risk of becoming street children. For several years, she worked as a Legislative Assistant of the Bogotá Council. She was the coordinator of the areas of Conscientious Objection, Conflict Transformation, and Non-violence and Peace-building, especially in ecclesiastical contexts.

She is currently the Director of the Christian Center for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action (JUSTAPAZ), which is a program of the Mennonite Church of Colombia; she is a member of the Mennonite Church of Colombia (Teusaquillo Church) and of the Justice and Peace Committee of the Teusaquillo Mennonite Church. She is also a member of the National Committee of the Peace

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Joseph Cornelius Donnelly

Joseph Cornelius Donnelly serves as Caritas Internationalis' permanent delegate to the United Nations as a member of the Catholic Confederation's senior management team. He has been engaged with advocacy efforts with the UN for 20 years, both from New York and overseas. As a faith-based NGO representative, he has been extensively involved with the Holy Land and Middle East leading local and regional peace building efforts while living in Jerusalem and the West Bank. He has been a key voice promoting partnerships between civil society, Member States and the UN system. His current work especially includes Sri Lanka and the Great Lakes/Central Africa region as well as leadership around the challenges of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). He is a member of Caritas' International Colombia Working Group. He is a North American Catholic with family roots in Canada and strong ecumenical and Inter-religious investments.

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Senior Policy Advisor of the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees. In 2006, Alvaro Vargas Llosa was presented with the Juan Bautista Alberdi Award of the Hispanic American Center for Economic Research (HACER) in Washington DC.

In 2007, he was nominated Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum based in Davos, Switzerland. He is currently the director of the Center on Global Prosperity at the Independent Institute, and his articles are syndicated by the Washington Post Writers Group in both English and Spanish throughout the U.S. Latin America, Europe, and Asia. He is a proponent of free-market economics and democracy under the rule of law, calling for more open trade between Latin America and the United States. He has been critical of the legacies of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara in Cuba and Bolivia, and more recently, the policies of the Hugo Chávez government in Venezuela and the Evo Morales government in Bolivia. He is a member of the International Council of the New York-based Human Rights Foundation.

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Closing Keynote Address

Rev. Dr. Hyunju Bae

Hyunju Bae is an ordained minister in the PCK (Presbyterian Church of Korea) and teaches full-time in the Department of the New Testament Studies at Busan Presbyterian University in Korea. She studied at Presbyterian Seminary and Theological College in Korea, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Drew University in the USA. The interpretation of the Bible in light of contemporary ecumenical challenges and feminist theological perspective constitutes a major interest in her work.

Her major articles are as follows: "Dancing Around Life: An Asian Woman's Perspective," *Ecumenical Review* 56 (2004/4) 390-403; "Paul, Roman Empire, and Ekklesia," *CTC Bulletin* 22 (2006/2) 5-14; "The Economy of the Roman Empire and the Alternative Economy of Jesus" *Madang* 9 (2008), 7-27; "The Moments of Divine Eros in Luke 7:36-50: In Search of a Usable Past from a Korean Feminist Perspective," in *Religion, Ecology, and Gender: East-West Perspectives* (Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2009); and "Embracing Life and the Bible: Toward a Hermeneutics of Compassion in Detachment" in *Korean Women Read the Bible* (Sheffield, forthcoming). She has been involved in the ecumenical networks such as CCA, AWRC, WARC, and WCC, as a lecturer, a bible study writer, a resource person, a seminar participant, and a delegate.

Mr. Paul Divakar

Paul Divakar is currently the General Secretary and one of the founding members of the National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR). He is also a founding member of the International Dalit Solidarity Network, present in 12 countries. He led a team of 120 members to the UN World Conference Against Racism, 2001 in South Africa. NCDHR is the recipient of the prestigious Rafto Award for Human Rights from Norway in 2007.

Paul Divakar Namala hails from a Dalit family in Andhra Pradesh. He holds degrees in Statistics, Law, Social work and currently pursuing part-time doctoral studies at the Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi. He worked in international Development organisations in USA, Somalia and Indonesia. In mid-eighties he came back and started work in remote villages of Andhra Pradesh and is currently based in New Delhi.

He lives with his spouse, Annie Namala in New Delhi, India and they have two children, and Adarsh.

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Participant Analysis

Region	Africa	Count	Asia	Count	Caribbean	Count	Europe	Count
Country	Burundi	1	India	4	Dominican Republic	1	United Kingdom	3
Country	DRC	2	Australia	4	Jamaica	1	Germany	4
Country	Chad	1	Philippines	2			Norway	2
Country	Kenya	1	Indonesia	1			Denmark	1
Country	Zimbabwe	1	Republic of Korea	1			Lithuania	1
Country	South Africa	1	New Zealand	1			Spain	1
Country							Greece	1
Country							Switzerland	1
TOTAL	6	7	6	13	2	2	8	14

Region	Latin America	Count	Middle East	Count	N. America	Count	Pacific	Count
Country	Colombia	14	Egypt	1	United States	14	Fiji	2
Country	Ecuador	2	Lebanon	1	Canada	4	Kiribati	1
Country	Honduras	1	Palestine	1			Tahiti	1
Country	Puerto Rico	1						
Country	Uruguay	1						
Country	5	19	3	3	2	18	3	4

Total Countries	35	
Delegates from the global South	43	54%

Total Total number of Delegates from North	37	46%
Confessional Distribution		
Confession	Count	
Anglican	6	
Baptist	5	
Blank	12	
Brethren	1	
Evangelical	3	
Independent	1	
Latin Rite Catholic	4	
Lutheran	8	
Mennonite	6	
Methodist	2	
Nondenominational	2	
Old Catholic	4	
Orthodox	4	
Pentecostal	1	
Post denominational	1	
Presbyterian	4	
Protestant	2	
Reformed	4	
United and Uniting	9	
Total Confessions	18 (not including those left blank)	

Indigenous Distribution				
Indigenous Regional Breakdown	Count	Percentage from region of total	Gender Male	Gender Break Down Female

Africa	1	9%	0	1
Asia	4	36%	4	0
Latin America	2	18%	1	1
Pacific	4	36%	3	1
Total	11	100%	8	3

Total Indigenous Peoples 14%

WCC participants -- Youth Distribution				
Youth Regional Breakdown	Count	Percentage from region of total	Gender Male	Gender Female
Africa	2	15%	2	0
Asia	2	15%	1	1
Caribbean	1	8%	0	1
Europe	2	15%	0	2
Latin America	2	15%	2	0
North America	3	23%	2	1
Pacific	1	8%	3	1
Total	13	100%	10	6

Total youth 16%

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Participant Evaluations

At the close of the UNAW, participant evaluations were provided as a written evaluation form covering five categories. Rev. Ferguson encouraged all to be ample in filling out the assessment, so that it may be noted in follow-up and suggestions for improvement. From a total of 80 delegates at UNAW 2009, 34 evaluations were submitted in the three different languages listed below all were translated and collected for the evaluation analysis.

19 –English speaking participants

2 - French speaking participants

13- Spanish speaking participants

Below is the summary of the results:

The delegates of UNAW were asked to provide evaluative responses on the overall strength and weakness of the week long conference. This was segmented into worship, themes, mission visits and regional caucuses.

Although the 8:00am start time was too early for some the majority of respondents found the worship services to be well encompassing of the diversity of UNAW constituency with a powerful linkage of content to the three thematic priorities. 19 out of 22 respondents found the “overlapping dynamic” helpful for networking and building solidarity, the critical view of 36% was centered on the lack of follow-up and reference to UNAW’s past themes. Amongst those that answered the questions on the mission visits and regional caucuses 3/4ths were appreciative of the experience of sharing ideas while taking advocacy into direct action.

Also included was the assessment on the logistical aspects of time management, on-line registration, accommodations, and support of the UNAW staff.

Over half the respondents agreed that “good time management” was displayed during the conference; some recommended a block of time be reserved for “free-time” to network. On-line registration was regarded as an efficient method for nearly all respondents in this category, with an individual that disagreed stating there were too many difficulties with the process. 15 out of 21 delegates noted that accommodations were favorable; the remainder was concerned with the trouble of finding bargained deals for hotels. Collectively the remarks on ease of transportation and meals were considered ok to good. The interpretation was also held on high regards with the

exception of one respondent who felt an emphasis was placed on Spanish and English speakers with few regards for the French speakers. All reviews of staff and volunteers were positive.

The commentary and recommendation sections provided a space for suggestions and acknowledgement of key components to UNAW.

Those who responded were overwhelming pleased with the “cross-section of the ecumenical family” and high level of participation for UNAW. Individual acknowledgements ranged from the appreciation in the integration of GPTR, gratitude of the interpreters, staff and volunteers. Some recommendations noted the need for an increase in media involvement, and the distribution of follow-up material on past conferences.

Written Evaluations Summary

Strengths, Weaknesses and Recommendations (Worship, Themes, Mission Visits and Regional Caucus Activities)

Worship

Amongst the total number of respondents 91% were impressed by the organization and structure of the worship services, from the “rich cultural aspect”, relevance to the thematic themes and the depth of the theology and ecumenism. The use of symbols, variety of languages and gender balance presented during services was a composition of what the participants valued.

Although a majority of reviews of worship were positive a few suggestions for logistical improvement noted that the 8:00am daily start time was far too early for a week long conference. Specifically because a full breakfast was not provided for participants, the recommendation was to push the time back to 8:30am or provide breakfast.

Themes

From the pool of participants who provided answers for strengths of the themes 19 out of 22 appreciated the selection and “overlapping dynamic” of the three themes, viewing this as an enhanced opportunity to network. Yet in addition to that a small group was adamant about not allowing more than three themes in order to ensure depth and quality of discussion.

Those that responded critically of the theme process totaled 36 % that commented on the lack of follow-up and reference to the past UNAW and the outcome of those conferences. 2 respondents recognized that the progress of development for solutions was most cohesive in the Colombia theme.

Mission Visits & Regional Caucus

Over 3/4^{ths} of the respondents in this category said that the Mission Visits and the Regional Caucuses were good to excellent in that they offered an educational, “brainstorming” and connecting experience.

With the Mission Visits many noticed a lack of presence from what they considered some of the most influential mission on the subject of Climate Change i.e. Northern Missions such as the US. In efforts to avoid confusion and ambiguity some respondents recommended that a more focused

approach to mission preparation be implemented for to yield a more targeted approach. For example one disadvantage was the French and Spanish speaking representatives who did not have talking points translation available.

The Regional Caucuses were examined in regards to value added to participation, although the majority of respondents were enthusiastic about the intimate group setting there were 5 comments for improvements. The overarching concept emphasized that was not reached was the need for extensive discussion and follow-up in such a limited time.

Methodological evaluation (Sessions, Working Groups, Moderations and Time Spent)

Sessions

Strengths from the methods used in the sessions included over half of the respondents agreeing on the “good time management”, others respected the balanced setting which allowed “everyone to have a voice.” On the other note recommendations of sessions mentioned by 38% of respondents in this category fell under two groups one being the discomfort with room size and the other suggested a better breakup of session that would set time for strategizing, church leaders to meet and reliable follow-up.

Working Groups

In the Working Groups category, those who responded were more likely to respond positively ranging from ok to good on topics like participation of delegates, opportunities to share ideas, and network. Among those who responded negatively however the concerns varied from “the different expertise levels of delegates”, the low diversity of age, and Latin American community (most from Colombia).

Moderations

This section of the evaluation yielded few responses 5 out of 34 total evaluations. Of this 4/5 had an attitude towards moderations recorded as good to excellent. An individual response stated that it “didn’t appear that moderator’s actually lead the sessions” and that facilitation in small groups was poor.

Time Spent

There were mixed reviews under the time spent section, most gave “good” as a brief reflection of how there opinion on how time was managed throughout the flow of the conference. Some individual recommendations were made with regards to a need for some “free time” incorporated into the agenda, starting the session in timely manner, and that the full week was tiring.

Qualitative and Quantitative Evaluation of Participation

Qualitative

Among those who responded about the participation in qualitative terms the “cross-section of the ecumenical family” as well as the “high level” of participants and speakers was what they were overwhelming pleased with. Some stand alone proposals consisted of an increase in interactive sessions, make sure keynotes are not so general, and an integration of the specialized ministries advocacy work.

Quantitative

3/5ths of those that responded to Quantitative section said that they agreed with the amount of delegates and space provided. The only reservations were the remainder of respondents who noted the serious need for an increase in Caribbean presence at UNAW.

Logistical Evaluation (On-line Registration, Accommodations, Transportation, Meals, and Interpretation)

On-line Registration

Out of the 26 respondents 22 rated on-line registration as good to great for accessibility and support of staff, while 3 were okay with service and the remaining 1 commented that there was “too many difficulties” with it.

Accommodations

A higher number of respondents (15) found the accommodations to be favorable, with a less than half (6) who had trouble finding bargained deals for hotels. Specifically 2 individuals suggested WCC conduct negotiations for better prices.

Transportation

All respondents in the category of transportation found the information provided beneficial ok to good.

Meals

Nearly all respondent with the consideration of one enjoyed the meals during the duration of UNAW, the individual intervention was that in an era of Climate Change the catering selected should reflect those that are conscious of the environment i.e. producing less garbage.

Interpretation

The interpretation service was generally held on high regards; with the exception that one respondent felt that translation was catered more towards the Spanish and English speaking delegates with few regards for the French speakers.

Meeting Room & Staff and Volunteers

All reviews were positive ranging from good to excellent with no reservations.

Other Comments and Suggestions

With a total of 32 comments in this section they can be summarized as follows

Praise:

In praise for UNAW there was enthusiasm for the incorporation of GPTR, appreciation of ecumenical network and fellowship, many were encouraged for follow-up, and establishments of relationship with UN as well as personal thanks to entire UNAW staff and offices, the UNLO team, interpreters and all volunteers.

Recommendations

Comments suggested improvement on media involvement for promotion of conference, possible themes for UNAW 2010, for participants from South please consider full day of rest to adjust, provide detailed reference material of information from present and past conference on web.

