



WorldYWCA

Information for: member associations

29<sup>th</sup> World YWCA Council  
17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019  
Johannesburg, South Africa

## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The World YWCA is committed to working in partnership with member YWCAs in the development of our global advocacy and priorities and policies. The World YWCA Board invites member associations to send their proposed resolutions in advance of World Council so that they can be circulated to all other member associations. The sharing of proposed resolutions creates opportunities for international education and dialogue on issues of importance to member associations. This process also informs the movement about key issues during the drafting and development of the next Strategy towards [Goal 2035](#).

The World YWCA Board will submit to World Council a **limited number** of resolutions that have broad-based support within the global YWCA movement; are consistent with the [World YWCA vision, purpose and priorities](#); and propose concrete actions that can be taken by YWCAs toward improving the lives of women, young women and girls and [achieving Goal 2035](#).

Resolutions must be received no later than **May, 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**.

The World Council will enable space for member associations to discuss international advocacy and policy priorities at World Council as part of the strategic planning and consultation process in order to ensure that the programme and advocacy work of the World YWCA is reflective of and relevant to the realities of women, young women and girls in communities. Every association proposing a resolution must also be prepared to host a workshop during Council which provides a briefing on the resolution and the opportunity for other member associations to ask questions and propose amendments to the text.

A **World Council Resolution** is long-term commitment that gives the YWCA movement direction about how to address policy priorities. In other words, a resolution tells the movement what to do to create positive changes in women's lives around a particular priority. A resolution becomes a major statement of policy, requires implementation by the whole YWCA movement, and may have financial implications.

**It is very important to carefully read the full document before proceeding.**

It is highly recommended that before submitting recommendations you consult the [World YWCA Statements of Policy](#) to ensure that the past World YWCA Councils have not adopted the same ones. Resolutions should not repeat existing World YWCA Statements of Policy but rather build upon these.

**Presentation of motions for resolutions**

1. A motion for a resolution must be presented in the following format (see the [resolution submission form](#)):
  - Text of the motion submitted for World Council vote
  - Supporting evidence for the motion
  - A description of how the motion is consistent with [World YWCA purpose, priorities and its relevance to the collective achievement of our Goal 2035](#)
  - Strategies and concrete actions to be taken by YWCAs
  - Expected outcomes and results
  - Financial implications for member associations and the World YWCA (please state what resources may be required for implementation, do not provide a budget)
  - A short description of the resolution workshop to be delivered at World Council
2. **Only one resolution** may be submitted by a member association to World Council.
3. It is the responsibility of the member association submitting a resolution to ensure that the action proposed is feasible, will have impact, is financially viable, and relevant to the priorities of the YWCA movement.
4. Each resolution submitted must be seconded by a member association from a different YWCA region and supported by at least 12 additional member associations (representing at least 3 additional YWCA regions).
5. Only the "text of the motion" will be voted on at the World Council.
6. Motions can be submitted in English, Spanish or French. The text must be clearly and comprehensibly written.

Only those resolutions that meet the criteria will be considered.

	<b>TIMELINES</b>	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
<b>Calendar</b>	March – May 2019	Call for WC resolutions Member associations develop resolutions and dialogue with sister YWCAs about priorities and strategies for action.
	May 31st, 2019	<b>Deadline for the return of proposed resolutions to the World YWCA office.</b>
	June - August 2019	Dialogue between the World YWCA and member associations to further develop resolutions and ensure broad-based understanding and support of key priorities.
	September 2019	<b>The final list of proposed resolutions will be circulated to all member associations.</b>
	November 2019	Workshops - Dialogue and voting

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact: [worldcouncil2019@worldywca.org](mailto:worldcouncil2019@worldywca.org)