



## **Re-advertisement for the OECS Region Only –**

### **UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean Civil Society Advisory Group for the English and Dutch Speaking Caribbean**

#### **1. Nature**

The UN Women Civil Society Advisory Groups are advisory bodies established by UN Women Multi-Country and Country Offices to facilitate effective, ongoing and structured consultation between civil society and UN Women.

#### **2. Goal**

To enrich policy and programme development at the regional, sub-regional and country level with the expertise, perspective and knowledge of civil society and to promote sustainable partnerships between UN Women and civil society to advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

#### **3. Mandate: GA Resolution, and Strategic Plan 2014-2017**

- The General Assembly *Request(ed) the head of the Entity to continue the existing practice of effective consultation with civil society organizations, and encourage (d) their meaningful contribution to the work of the Entity* (GA/64/289)

- Strategic Plan Organisational Effectiveness and Efficiency Results Output 1.2 target for 2016: *“Effective partnerships between UN Women and major stakeholders, including civil society, private sector, regional and international organisations.”*

#### **4. Composition**

The UN Women MCO - Caribbean Civil Society Advisory Group will be composed of a minimum of 7 to a maximum of 15 individuals of stature from CARICOM with a track record of impact on the ground, in areas related to gender equality and women's empowerment representing diverse developmental perspectives, drawn from gender equality networks, sustainable development networks, women's organisations, faith-based organisations, LGBTi organisations as well as other non-governmental and grassroots organisations, who are committed to the core values of the United Nations. The Caribbean Civil Society Advisory Group covers the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean only.

Members of the Advisory Group will be credible and authoritative individuals with proven credentials of success in civil society organisations and throughout their careers, who will serve in their personal capacity on the Advisory Board for a period of two years. In order to ensure continuity a percentage of the group will continue to serve until the next nomination period to ensure business continuity and transfer of knowledge to new members.

The Group should include members with experience at the grassroots level and represent diverse developmental perspectives. UN Women will be seeking to ensure that some members also have a strong history in advocacy around inter-governmental processes and the global and regional normative agendas relating to gender equality and development.

## **5. Criteria**

The members should:

- Be strongly connected to national or regional civil society networks, concerned with matters within the competence of UN Women and with extensive experience in national and/or regional advocacy and policy development, including Human Rights.
- Have thematic expertise in at least two of the three UN Women priority areas in the Region;
- Have a demonstrable understanding of the needs and interests of diverse groups of women and gender equality issues in the Caribbean;
- Experience in policy, legislation and/or human rights treaties is valued, particularly at the regional and international levels;
- In order to ensure neutrality and in compliance with UN ethical standards, members must not be engaged in active politics.
- Efforts should be undertaken with an aim at incorporating and engaging men in the Advisory Group.
- Age of members should also be taken into account, with an aim to ensure sufficient representation of young persons, their organisations and networks.

## **6. Role**

- Provide strategic advice to UN Women on its thematic priorities and policies, including during the strategic planning process.
- Provide intelligence and guidance on political, economic, social and cultural developments that should inform UN Women regional/national programming and UN Women's support of the regional and international inter-governmental and normative processes;
- Assist UN Women in strengthening its engagement with civil society at all levels.

## **7. Structure/Operational Framework**

The Advisory Group will meet annually, and will hold virtual discussions throughout the year, as required and will hold regular engagement with UN Women MCO Caribbean Representative and senior staff throughout.

#### **8. Outcome**

The regular meetings shall aim to produce concrete recommendations and feedback to be submitted to UN Women for consideration.

Through the use of web-based platforms made available by UN Women, the members will have continuous access to UN Women, particularly senior management, to engage on any emerging issues that should, in their view, be addressed.

#### **9. Selection process:**

All organisations which intend to nominate an individual for consideration are invited to submit a statement of interest supported by a summary of the person's CV, the work of the nominating organisation, outlining its mandate, functions and programme.

Individuals are asked to submit a statement of interest accompanied by a curriculum vitae or resume.

UN Women will invite networks to submit candidates for the Caribbean Civil Society Advisory Group through completion of the candidates application letter and submission of a CV for due consideration. The modality of the selection process will be a Selection Committee comprising the Representative and senior staff of the MCO Caribbean and the existing CCSAG members.

All correspondence should be sent to the UN Women MCO at: [unwomen.car@unwomen.org](mailto:unwomen.car@unwomen.org)  
To ensure geographic diversity, this extended deadline for receipt of interested applicants is for applicants from the OECS Region only. Please submit by October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015.