

structures and decision making, ensuring women's health, and eradicating violence against women.

Current capacity and activities

CCIC has identified several policy goals in this area that address the practices and programs of the Government of Canada and NGOs. For example, it calls upon the Government of Canada to adopt reporting and accountability practices that ensure that WID and Gender Equity objectives are reviewed with the participation of NGOs and women's organizations; it proposes greater roles for women who are gender aware in national and multilateral decision-making bodies and on official Canadian delegations; and it advocates increased financial and policy resources to promote an end to family violence, particularly violence against women, and to support women-specific programming and gender equity.

This initial survey of the community has identified no organized work among CCIC members on these objectives. There has been a great deal of effort throughout the community over the past several years to integrate gender issues into all aspects of programming and policy work. This has been evident in the agendas Canadian NGOs have taken to international conferences such as the World Summit on Social Development and the World Food Summit. But this initial survey did not find evidence of distinct new initiatives by Canadian organizations on gender equity commitments made at UN global conferences. This may be a gap in the work of the community.

The Halifax Initiative supports a project called "Women's Eyes on the World Bank" which monitors the gender impact of the Bank's programs.

There is a small amount of work on population and health issues. The Canadian Women's Committee on Population and Development (CWCPD) is a small, ad hoc research and action group convened in 1993 with membership from Inter Pares, AQOCI's Quebec Committee on Women and Development, and women's health action groups. It advocates population programs that address the quality of women's health rather than coercive population control. It has developed a Bill of Rights for Contraceptive Research, Development, and Use, and calls on governments, research bodies, and NGOs working in the field of reproductive health to follow its principles and guidelines. This evoked a positive response from the IDRC which has said the Bill of Rights will be taken into account in future research projects. At the time of writing, the CWCPD was not active, but some members continue with research of their own. For example, Inter Pares supports research in