

Activity Report 2022-Dr Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré, IFBPW main representative to UNESCO, elected member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (December 2021-22) on behalf of BPW International-CCNGO-Education-2030 Coordination Group member, representing the Liaison Committee and NGO partners-BPW-UN Standing Committee (Education & Advocacy) & STEM Task Force member.-BPW International CCNGO-Education2030 focal point .

Collective Work as elected member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee on behalf of BPW International-second year of my mandate. I participated in all the monthly online meetings of the Liaison Committee as well as in all the online meetings of the CCNGO-Education2030 Coordination Group and organised systematic consultations with the NGOs working group including BPW International and UN BPW SC members.

With my experience as the first accredited BPW main representative to UNESCO in 2012, twice elected member of the Liaison Committee and past Chair of the ICNGO and Liaison Committee (2019-2020), I was actively involved in the Committee's reflection and debates to update the documents on *Strengthening Partnerships and Dialogue* elaborated during my mandate as Chair of the LC, presented to the Chair of the Non Governmental Partners Committee and approved (by 94% votes) by the 2020 ICNGO, in order to help with the understanding and improvement of **the Liaison Committee Working Procedures**; I also participated in the consultation on the 2022 Directives, advocating, inter alia, for reinitiating the thematic debates to open up a dialogue between NGOs and Member States at the NGP Committee as recommended by the 40th UNESCO General Conference.

BPW International was the Lead for the international NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee first International Webinar on Science Technology and Innovation & Entrepreneurship in support of SDGs (24 May 2022). The theme was proposed by BPW International President to the 2018 ICNGO for an International UNESCO-NGO Forum and postponed due to the pandemic and recommended by the 2020 ICNGO again. Together with Lesha Witmer (WfWP advocacy Lead), BPW LC alternate, we convened two round tables with UNESCO Heads of Education, Inclusion & Gender Equality and WWAP as key note speakers together with high level panelists from CSOs and Academia. A young member of BPW Benin-Cotonou was invited as panelist on the digital opportunities and entrepreneurship, with the support of her President. It was a good opportunity to advocate for more girls and women in STEM, TVET, ICT and also accelerate gender equality in the water domain, and women's leadership at the highest professional level, while focusing on the African region experience.

Given the high need for more girls and women to get an education in STEM fields and ICT at academic and vocational levels, we recommended to explore better opportunities for mentorship, design a program for teachers on gender bias, figure out how to reach parents and communities, International Organizations and decision makers to accelerate gender equality across sectors, and we proposed to the 2022 ICNGO a follow-up to the first international webinar on Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in support of SDGs, to continue mobilizing multi-stakeholders and NGOs across sectors in support of SDGs.

BPW International Advocacy-On 17th Oct 2022, I participated in the Non Governmental Partners Committee of the 215th Executive Board in presentia and made an oral statement on behalf of BPW International and as CCNGO-Education 2030 coordination group member representing NGO partners collectively.

I contributed to BPW International statement for CSW66 & CSW67 and as speaker as BPW International main representative to UNESCO in BPW France CSW66 parallel event (19 March 2022)-“*Transparence sur les tabous : dans le domaine professionnel, privé, et environnemental pour un développement durable inclusif véritable*” *Regards croisés Nord-Sud*.

Advocacy and Education : NGO partners including BPW International and UN Standing Committee through my representation to the CCNGO coordination group, were collectively engaged in the intensive collective work and consultations throughout the year 2022 for contributions to the UNESCO Transformation Education Pre-Summit which I attended in June (28-30) as Observer at UNESCO Head Quarters and to the UN TES in September 2022, which I attended too. I called for BPW International Young who were mobilized through BPW International Young Representative ; it was the opportunity to mentor and introduce them to our representatives from CCNGO coordination group on behalf of CSOs at the HPL (TES Advisory Committee).

The UN TES was a key political process, with youth as central actors and education at the top of the global political agenda of governments- a call for commitment to action to achieve SDG4 targets including, inter alia, -inclusive education, Adult Learning, women and girls education, support for teachers, ESD. It was also a Call to Action on Educational Financing. CCNGO/CSOs members at all levels have offered a strong voice of civil society and called for a real transformation of education from national to transnational levels, framed within a rights-based, inter-generational, climate-saving and gender-transformative agenda.

The last consultation concerned the HLP Steering Committee SDG4(8-9 December at UNESCO headquarters), with our two CCNGO-Ed2030 representatives in the leadership group (GCE President) and in the Sherpa group (ASPBAE Secretary General) -the overall objective being to reflect on how the HLSC and the CCNGO in particular can help accelerate the achievement of SDG4.

ICNGO2022-14-15-16 December-I proposed, co-organised and moderated a thematic session on Education-*The evolving role and future of CSOs and partnerships in the global movement for the transformation of education in a fast changing and challenging world*- on 15 December with CCNGO-Ed2030 to strengthen our partnership and advocacy on education as a human right. You can watch the recording <https://ngo-unesco.net/icngo-2022>

BPW International lost the elections with 2nd best score for Europe seat and at large . I am determined to continue acting through cooperation and strengthen our bilateral partnership with UNESCO Sectors, Delegations and National Commissions to amplify BPW advocacy.

