



ACWW

Associated Country Women of the World



Women Worldwide - the Voice of Today



ACWW's Aims & Objectives

- **TO RAISE** the standard of living of rural women and families through education, training and community development programs.
- **TO PROVIDE** practical support to its members and help them set up income-generating schemes.
- **TO GIVE** rural women a voice at international level through its links with UN agencies.



About ACWW

- largest international organisation for rural women
- 360 Member Societies
- in over 70 countries
- offers mutual support, friendship & practical help to its members through projects
- Consultative Status at United Nations



ACWW priorities

- **Status of Women**
 - including women's rights & the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- **Status of the Girl Child**
 - including children, family, work / labour, refugees / migration
- **Health – including HIV/AIDS**
- **Agriculture**
- **Water & sanitation**
- **Literacy**
- **Communication**



History of ACWW

- **LATE 19th CENTURY** – rural women's groups set up independently in various countries.
- **LONDON APRIL 1929** – first International Conference of Rural Women – 46 women from 24 countries attended four-day conference.
- **VIENNA 1930** – conference decision by the International Council of Women to form a 'Liaison Committee' of rural women's organisations.
- **STOCKHOLM 1933** – this committee became the Associated Country Women of the World.

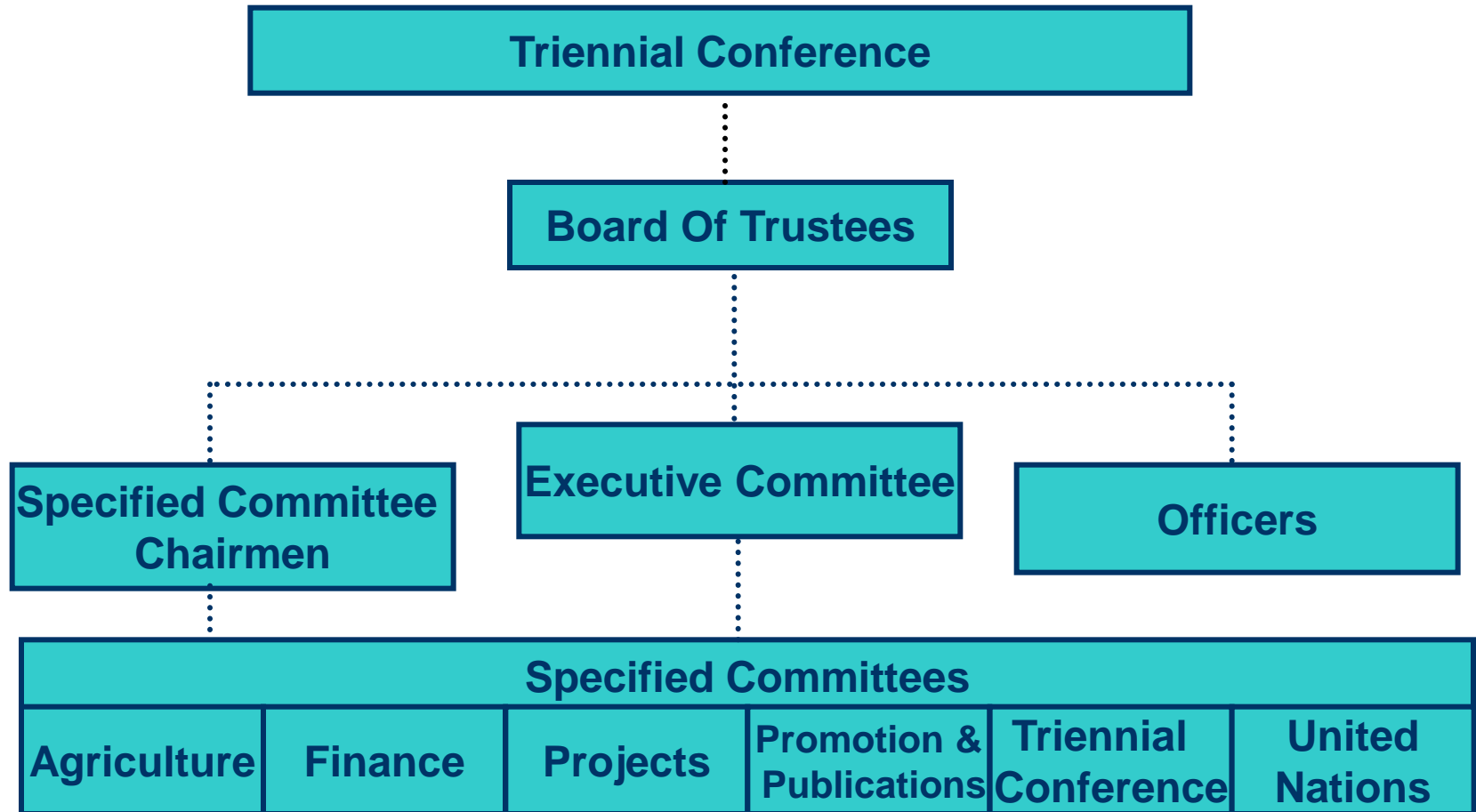


ACWW Tree of Friendship

ACWW Areas



Structure Of ACWW



All supported by ACWW Central Office staff who are responsible for administration, under leadership of General Secretary



ACWW Executive

World President

May Kidd, *Scotland*

Deputy World President

Anphia Grobler, *South Africa*

Secretary

Jo Ellen Almond, *USA*

Treasurer

Alison Burnett, *Wales*



ACWW Area Presidents

- Margaret Yetman, *Canada*
- Rose Rajbansee, *Caribbean, Central & South America*
- Sister Viji, *Central & South Asia*
- Emende Evelyn Nojang, *East, West & Central Africa*
- Merja Siltanen, *Europe*
- Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Pehang Princess Azizah, *South-East Asia & Far East*
- Dr Semane Bonolo Molotlegi, *Southern Africa*
- Ruth Shanks, *South Pacific*
- Beverley Earnhart, *United States of America*



ACWW Committees

- **Agriculture Committee**
Chairman - Anphia Grobler (South Africa), Deputy President
- **Finance Committee**
Chairman - Alison Burnett (Wales) , Treasurer
- **United Nations Committee**
Chairman - Sharon Hatten, (Canada)
- **Projects Committee**
Chairman - Margaret Mackay, (Scotland)
- **Promotion & Publications Committee**
Chairman - Alison Bayley, (Scotland)
- **Triennial Conference Committee**
Chairman - Jo Ellen Almond (USA), ACWW Secretary



How ACWW is Financed

- **PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP,**
 - donated voluntarily by *Member Societies & Individual Members* are main source of ACWW's income
- **DUES**
 - payable per annum by *Member Societies & Individual Members*
- **DONATIONS, LEGACIES AND GRANTS**
 - welcome to all our funds
- **ACWW receives no government funding**



ACWW Projects

ACWW and Member Societies fund more than 600 projects, working towards UN Millenium goals where possible

ACWW actively supports a range of development programmes in rural communities around the world:

- **leadership & skill training**
- **nutrition / education projects**
- **literacy & basic education programmes (including family planning & HIV/AIDS awareness)**
- **small business initiatives & small-scale agricultural, income-generating schemes**



Life cycle of a project

- **Society has idea for project, does costing, etc.**
- **Society submits application form to ACWW**
 - available from Central Office and online
- **ACWW Projects Committee consider application**
- **If approved, society notified and funds released**
- **Project is monitored throughout its life to ensure it meets objectives**



ACWW PROJECTS FUNDS

- **General Projects Fund**
Family planning initiatives, HIV/AIDS awareness, small business schemes, skill training.
- **Water For All Fund**
Clean water & sanitation projects: water tanks, bore wells, hand pumps, education & training, programs to improve health & hygiene.
- **Women Feed The World**
Subsistence food production & co-operatives, training in farming techniques, credit savings schemes.



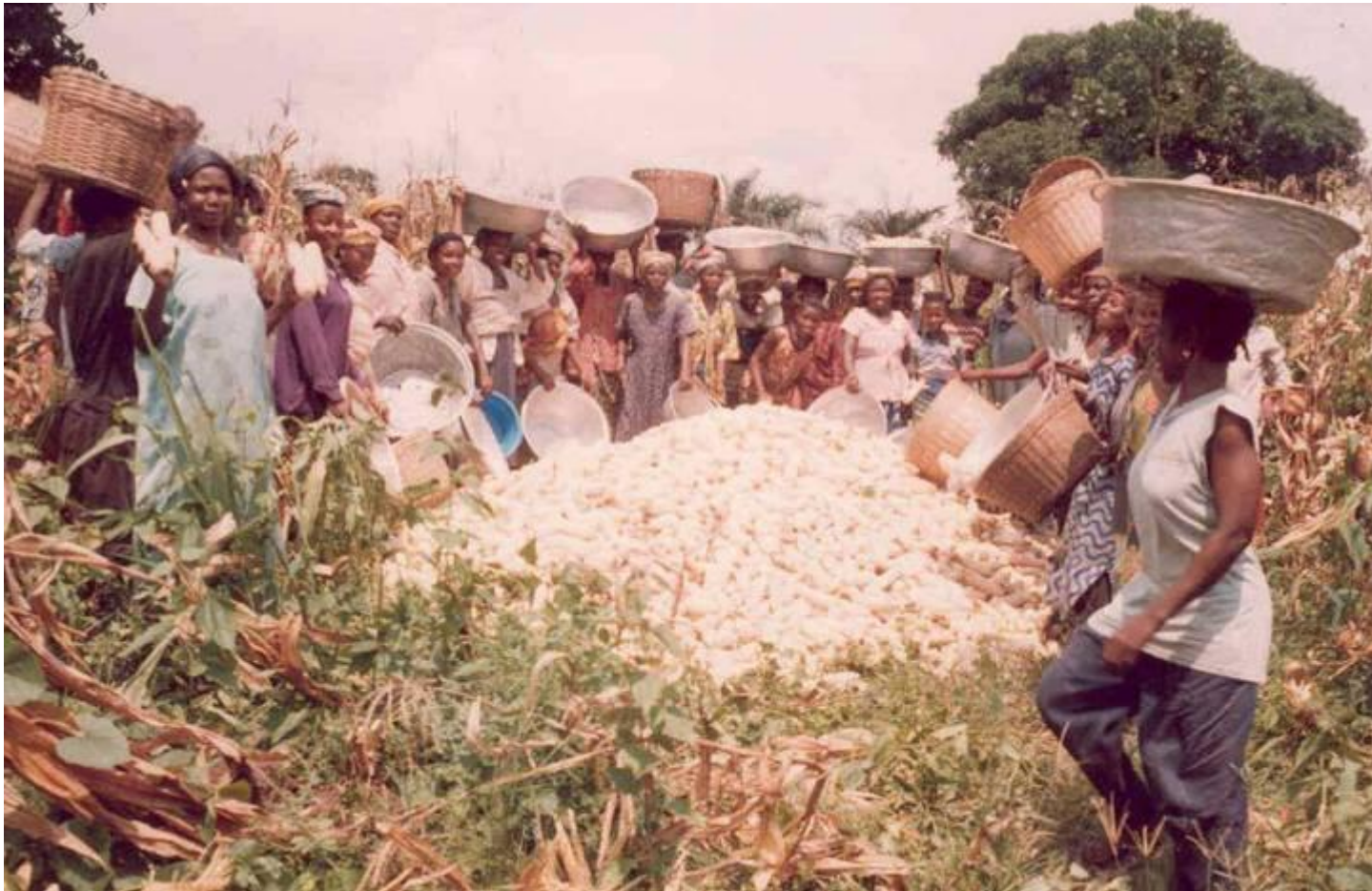
ACWW FUNDS (cont'd)

- **Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund**
Scholarships, courses in home economics, courses in welfare and citizenship for leaders in rural communities
- **Elsie Zimmern Memorial Fund**
Advanced training in organisation & leadership
- **Nutrition Education Fund**
Good nutrition, improved hygiene, food production



ACWW Project in Ghana

**Corn crop in first phase of maize farm project devised by
Akukpom Women Cooperative, funded by ACWW.
More than 120 people are benefiting directly or indirectly**





ACWW Project in Cameroon

Disease prevention training programme devised by Mambi Rural Women's Group - Area President presents gift of clothing to a little girl orphaned by AIDS.





ACWW Project in India

Three brand new fishing crafts built using grants from ACWW's Tsunami Disaster Fund are putting to sea from villages at the southernmost tip of mainland India.





ACWW Project in Kenya

Kayioko Widows & Widowers Group project to improve fishing & nutrition on Lake Victoria - purchasing vital equipment & organising training in engine maintenance, fishing techniques & record keeping.



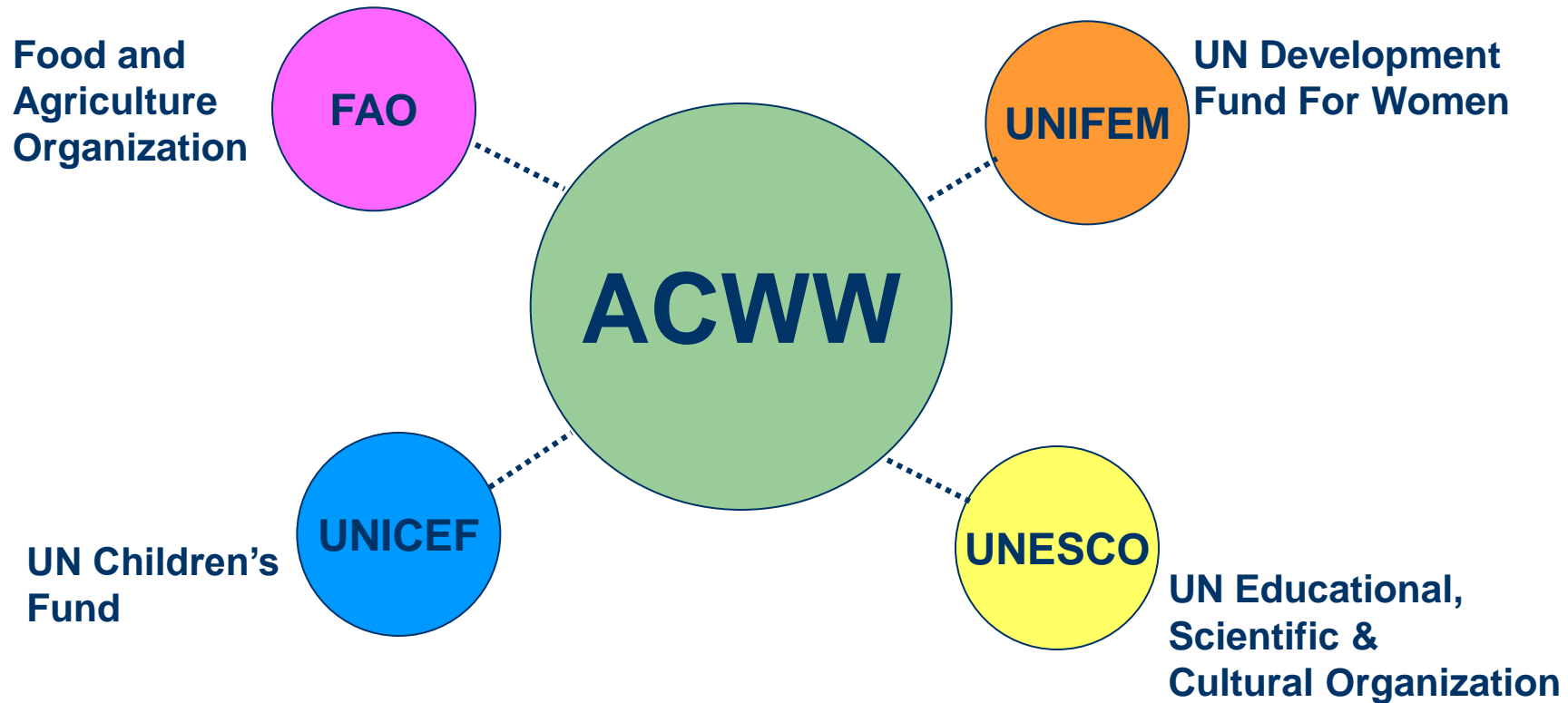


ACWW and the United Nations

- **International non-governmental organization working closely with the United Nations (UN)**
 - Consults UN agencies e.g. Economic Social Council (ECOSCO)
- **ACWW UN representatives in New York, Geneva, Rome, Vienna, & Bangkok**
- **ACWW speaks for rural women at UN meetings & updates UN about its activities**
- **ACWW informs its members about UN developments**
 - Helping them to identify areas where they can participate in UN activities



ACWW and UN agencies





ACWW Conferences

- **ACWW holds a World Conference, the Triennial Conference, every three years**
 - keynote speakers
 - resolutions & recommendations
 - elections for Board members
 - discussions & workshops
 - information stands, etc.
 - friendship & fun
- **Also Area Conferences are organised every three years in each of the nine ACWW Areas**



25th Triennial Conference Turku, Finland





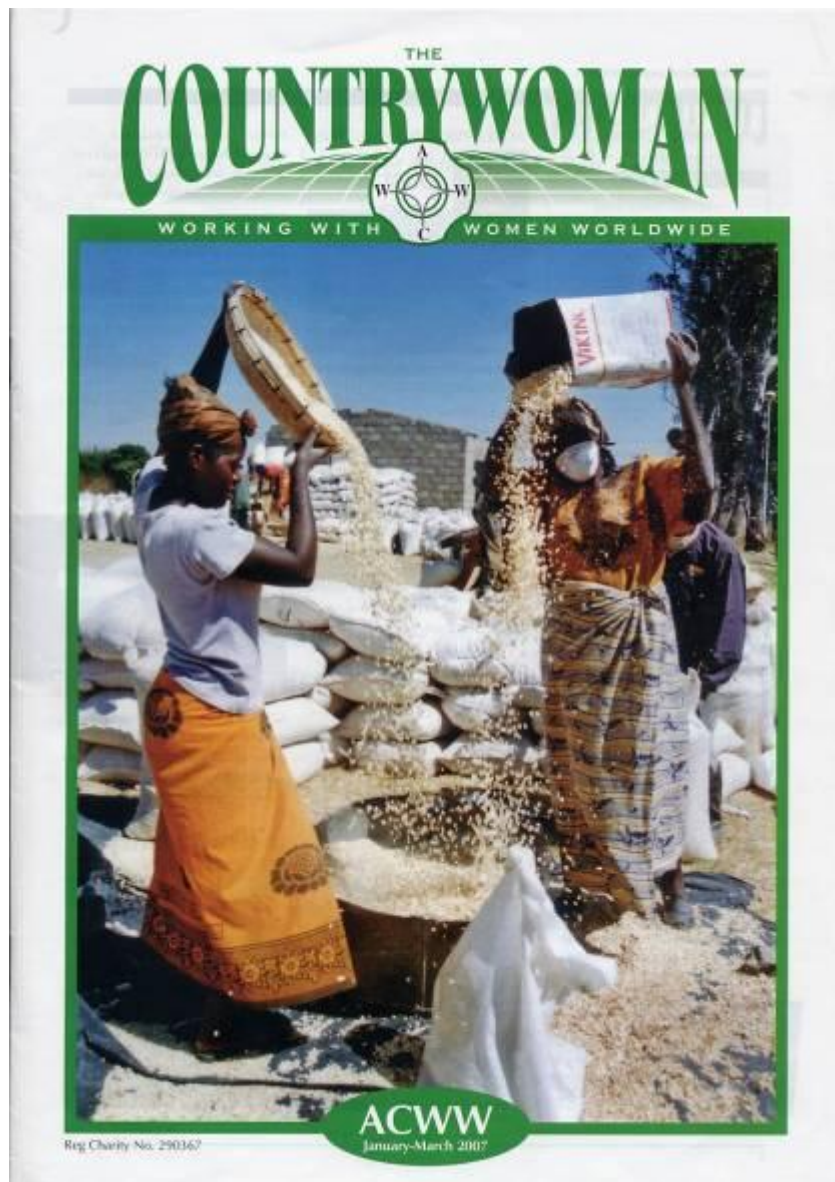
27th Triennial Conference

Chennai

India

**September or October
2013**

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ACWW's Magazine

The Countrywoman

- ACWW news & information
- 4 issues per year
- copy included in subscription
- project news
- conference reports & updates
- Area news
- images from around the world



Your link with ACWW

YOU can

- Join ACWW as a society, group or individual member
- Enroll in programs to help rural women
- Receive quarterly issues of 'Countrywoman' as a member
- Encourage donations to Pennies for Friendship
- Organise an ACWW awareness Day
- Find out more on our website: www.acww.org.uk



Membership dues

Societies

Category I - voting £95

an association with minimum of 500 members

Category II - voting £58

an association with minimum of 100 members

Category III - voting £48

umbrella or national organisation

Category IVA - non-voting £32

a group

Individual members

Category IVB - non-voting £20 for 1 year

£50 for 3 years



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