

## IPA NGO Report of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter -January –March 2015.

This has been a very compact quarter with many things happening at the same time.

### Administration:

- Meeting with the IPA leadership group in January in California. January 7-13
- Set up IPA NGO business account and short term representatives' Accounts with Chase Bank New York.
- Met with a few other NGOs to discuss volunteer policy and programs and developed the volunteer policy with Margaret Mooney.
- Worked on updating understanding IPA with Margaret Mooney.
- Joined the conference call with select Justice Contacts to discuss the possibility of training for JCS and followed up with Fatima and Elena on the proposals from Union on UPR training.
- Organized and participated in the meeting of short term representatives with Mary Deane and Fatima during their visit to the UN.
- Registered IPA representatives for the different UN commissions and meetings.
- Worked with Joseph Morrow and concerned people for his time of volunteering at the UN.
- Worked with Ana Ibarra and Los Angeles Presentation sisters and IPA leadership to facilitate Ana's request for summer Internship with IPA.
- Got Rabekka, Jancy and Salome to share their ministry experiences with other NGOs and the office of the Propagation of faith.
- Search for new office space to move in to in June
- Worked with Rose Gargan to learn the accounting system used earlier.

**Hospitality:** Arranged for accommodation and took care of the hospitality needs of IPA visitors to the UN

**January** end -March end: Salome Joseph and Rabekka Selvaraj

**February:**12-16 Mary Deane & Fatima Rodrigo

**March** 8-21 Manju Kulapuram SCSC

8-till July end Joseph Morrow

25-30 Rose Gargan.

### UN

- Got Mary Ivers to contribute to the OHCHR report on migration in Peru and submitted it on behalf of IPA.
- Participated and facilitated the participation of others in the Commissions on Social development in February and the Status of women in March.
- Registered Rabekka and Jancy to attend the youth forum.

- Arranged for t Rabekka to be a resource person on a panel at a side event organized by the Temple of Understanding and the Mining working group on mining and health during the CSW and further interactions with the resource people and Manju Kulapuram SCSC for future involvement.
- Organized a side event with the mining working group and others on “Unearthing Development, Women’s experiences and Extractivism “ for CSW and arranged for Manju Kulapuram SCSC to speak on the Jharkhand Human rights’ violations.
- Registered for an oral intervention at one of the main panels on the Human Rights of marginalized women and girls and got Joseph Morrow to be a respondent.

### **Main UN Meetings attended:**

#### **January**

- 16<sup>th</sup> : Stake holder forum
- 19-21: post 2015 Intergovernmental stock taking.
- 27-29: First drafting session of the outcome document for the FFD conference

#### **February**

- 9-10 PGA High level thematic debate on the means of Implementation for a transformative post 2015 agenda
- 2-13 53<sup>rd</sup> Commission on Social development
- 17-20 Post 2015 Intergovernmental declaration

#### **March:**

- 4-6 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Statistical Commission
- 9-20 59<sup>th</sup> Commission on the status of women.
- 23-27 Post 2015 SDGs and Targets.

#### **NGO Committees:**

- In March IPA organized the prayer for the RUN meeting.
- Regular attendance at the meetings of the Mining working group, monthly breakfast meetings organized by Baha’i and ATD fourth world, NGO committee on Financing for development, NGO committee on social development, Indigenous committee, working group on girls and Committee on stop trafficking in persons .
- Send out surveys on migrants in crisis and on water and sanitation through Elena.
- Signed on the letters for common for Social Protection and the Human rights caucus.

#### **Mission visits:**

- To the permanent mission of Zambia with the working group on girls and Mexico with the Migration executive committee.

- Helen visited the permanent mission of Canada with the working group on girls

**IPA leadership group:** Communicated with IPA directors as needed and Elena more frequently.

**Short term representatives:**

- Facilitated their participation in different NGO committees and UN events and got their input in to the oral statement for CSW.
- Organized weekly review meetings with them to share experiences and feed backs.
- Organized orientation with Cristiana Dieze of the ATD fourth world and facilitated their participation in some of the training programs with NGO major groups
- Prepared for the evaluation of their time at the UN with Patricia Anastasio and prepared the notes.
- Involved them in research on a number of issues
- Organized a Farwell dinner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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