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Work for justice

Franciscans International (FI) works at the United Nations (UN) to address human rights injustices that impact on the poor and the vulnerable. We work globally with Franciscans to influence the world's decision-makers to effect positive change for peace, poverty and the environment.

Franciscans at the grassroots play an important role in alerting FI to issues of injustice and ensuring that local and national policies are in place and fulfilled.



Fr. Auguste Félicité Agounpke OFM Cap., Benin, and Sr. Denise Boyle fmdm, FI Executive Director, in the UN Human Rights Council Chamber, Geneva

Franciscans International – A voice for the poor at the United Nations

FI Advocacy Officer, Sr. Odile Coirier FMM (r), working with Franciscans at a FI workshop in the Solomon Islands



We meet with Franciscans and other non-governmental organisations worldwide to share our knowledge about working at the UN and to hear their experiences of systemic injustices affecting the poor. Together we strategically plan advocacy activities to address concerns at the international level.

Make a difference

"Franciscans International enabled us to raise international awareness at the UN about the issue of so-called 'Witch Children' in Benin. Additionally, the FI workshop has helped me in my work at the grassroots: I now have a better understanding of human rights and how to effectively report to the UN if they are being violated. I continue to train all Franciscans in Benin to know more about human rights."

Fr. Auguste Félicité Agounpke OFM Cap., Benin

"When working with Franciscans International to report on the human rights standards in Italy during the country's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at the UN, I realised that our presence is another very important form of missionary work: this time not at the grassroots level but before the states of the world."

Attilio Galimberti SFO, Italy

"My work at Franciscans International has allowed me to plant one foot at the grassroots in solidarity with Franciscans from around the globe, and the other foot in the halls of the United Nations in dialogue with governments and other international organisations. Here FI helps to bring about a better world for the most vulnerable and marginalised."

Fr. Mike Lasky OFM Conv., USA

"Under Franciscans International's name, I have been able to voice my concerns at the UN, participate in influential working groups, and meet with government representatives to share experiences of the negative aspects of the Australian refugee policies. There is still much to improve so it is important to keep putting these issues in the public arena."

Sr. Aileen Crowe FMM, Australia

"It was effective that domestic workers' needs for dignity and labour rights in India were heard at the top level during the UN Human Rights Council. Hence there will be future international conventions for domestic workers at the UN and more Franciscans International in-country workshops on human rights."

Sr. Nisha Mathiew FSM, India

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