

Constituting the South Caucasus Women's Congress (SCWC)

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Goals

- To foster access of women to active political life in the Region
- To support advancement of gender equality in governance and political decision-making
- To consolidate democratic processes
- To increase confidence in regional cooperation

Specific objective

To found an umbrella lobbyist organization “SCWC” that will bring together women of the South Caucasus at local, national and regional levels for joint socio-economic and political activities and mobilize them in consolidating democracy in the region.

■ ***Locations***

South Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan

■ ***Duration of the action***

36 months

■ ***Estimate cost of the action***

| Total Cost of the Action in Georgia | Total Cost of the Action in Armenia | Total Cost of the Action in Azerbaijan | Total eligible cost of the action |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 400 000 GBP | 155 000 GBP | 152 000 GBP | 707 000 GBP |

■ **Partners**

- WPRC Network in Georgia
- NGOs from Azerbaijan and Armenia (to be identified)
- Academics

■ **Target groups and beneficiaries**

- Women who are already involved in politics and women who are not at present active
- Women of ethnic minorities, in Georgia
- Women from conflict zones - Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Nagorno-Karabakh

Main activities

First Stage

- To design political leadership school for women activists to promote women's human rights and consolidate democracy in South Caucasus
- TOT (spreading the gained knowledge among other women)
- To collect materials on women's human rights and democratic developments in the South Caucasus and produce the report on women's human rights

Main activities

Second Stage

- To conduct round table meetings with representatives of the Government bodies, political parties, Civil Society and International organizations to promote women's human rights, conflict transformation and democracy in the South Caucasus
- To arrange PR campaigns to promote women's perspective

Third Stage

- To hold Women's Political Forums in Baku, Erevan and Tbilisi to elect representatives to the South Caucasus Women's Congress (CSWC);
- To adopt SCWC Constitution, elaborate strategic plan and working structure;

Expected Outcomes

- Women activists learned gender mainstreaming tools, **advanced their leadership skills** and **gained essential education** for political leadership and democratic governance
- State of the women's human rights and related democratic developments in the Region will be **analyzed and promoted**
- Women's groups and their constraints are **found representation** in the political discourse covered by the media
- Government representatives and politicians are willing and ready to **observe responsibilities regarding women's needs and accountability** in the Region
- **International organizations are better informed** on women's needs and their status in the South Caucasus
- **Common interests** of women of South Caucasus are identified; the South Caucasus Women's Congress (SCWC) is instituted for ensuring their implementation

Thank You

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