



The Mission and Role of the NGO Regional Designate

UN Directive concerning NGO Designates

NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC may designate persons to represent them at offices of the United Nations. Designations must be made **only by the Chief Administrative Officer or highest elected officers of the Organization**. Representatives may be appointed to the UN Headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna, as well as the five regional commissions. Accreditation forms must be completed annually even if there is no change in personnel.

5 Regional Commissions

UN ECA Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa. (RIMOA)

UN ESCWA Economic and Social Commission Western Asia, Beirut, (RIMOA)

UN ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, (Asia Pacific)

UN CEPAL Spanish acronym ECLAC English acronym Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, (REAL)

UN ECE Economic Commission for Europe and North America, Geneva, (Europe and North America)

The Mission

The UN Regional Designate brings the presence and voice of the Congregation to the work and structures of the ECOSOC Regional Commissions according to the congregational direction statement – women, children, human trafficking, migration, poverty eradication and human rights.

Appointment:

Annually, the main NGO representative in New York (Chief Administrative Officer of the NGO Consultative Status) reviews the list of NGO Designates with the Congregational Leadership Team Liaison taking account of resignations, new developments etc. Appointment (reappointment) of the Regional NGO Designate is done annually – end of November - by the Congregational Leader in consultation with the Regional Circle of Leaders.

Accountability:

The Regional NGO Designate liaises with and accepts direction from the NGO representative in New York in the following areas:

- Orientation of the Regional NGO Designate to the position
- Facilitating the Regional NGO Designate to develop regional plans linked to the UN Regional and Global agenda.
- Encouraging the development of networks and networking
- Reviewing specific strategic plans for the region individually and as a team member with the other Regional NGO Designates.
- Ensuring collaboration and communication with all members of the GSIJP Team.

The Regional NGO Designate develops and implements regional plans in dialogue with and accountability to the Regional Circle of Province Leaders and the Regional JP Core Team.

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Responsibilities include:

1. Links with the UN Regional Commission on behalf of the Congregation.
2. Communicates and coordinates with the NGO Representative in New York, the Regional Circle of Province Leaders and the Justice Peace Core Team in the Region.
3. Networks with the GSIJP Team – New York, Geneva, Vienna, Communications and Training - other Regional Designates, Unit leaders and JP contacts in the region.
4. Follows developments in the Regional Economic/Social Commission for which the designate is named identifying where Good Shepherd issues are and continually updating strategies to have Good Shepherd voice included.
5. Obtains authorization, prior to speaking or signing statements on behalf of the Congregation, from the NGO Representative at the GSIJP Office in New York.
6. Networks and develops collaborative working relationships with other NGO's whose mission harmonizes with Good Shepherd values and is seeking to influence the Regional Commission policy and programs.
7. Attends relevant Regional Commission meetings and facilitate others in the region to do so.
8. Animates and communicates with the Good Shepherd regional network.
9. Reports annually to the NGO Representative in New York.

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