



## ***NEWSLETTER -- June 28, 2023***

### **Facilitator Orientation and Preparation**

A training for facilitators was held June 16-18 hosted by Alek Richman & Behnoose Aziz in Scottsdale, AZ. Axel Sippach – whom our team met at the UN Commission on the Status of Women Conference (NYC in May) – came from Washington. He brought two friends from Tennessee – Janelle & Dedrick Torry – and Marcos Coronado Ortega from Baha, Mexico.

Thanks to Alek & Behnoose for hosting the training. Thanks, also, to David He, Board Treasurer, and Mandy Tao, Alum, who helped with the training. Congrats to our new facilitators!

Click the photo to view a slideshow (11 photos) of the training. This is also available from [wafw.org/home](http://wafw.org/home).

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*from left: Alek, Marcos, Jerrie, Mandy (front), Axel, Janell, Dedrick, David*

### **MOUs in Process**

New sites are required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Global Interactions, the 501(c)3, the legal entity under which the World Academy program operates. We have several locations currently engaged in completing MOUs with plans to initiate an on-site World Academy by the beginning of 2024. These sites are:

- The Autonomous non-Residential College, Begumpet, Telangana State, Hyderabad, India



*Introduction to students of Asian University for Women*

- Cavendish University, Kampala, Uganda
- Universidad Autonoma de Baja, California, Mexico
- Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh



WAFW Site visit

Following the signing of an MOU, we make a site visit to the location to determine the feasibility by reviewing the facilitator living quarters, classroom space, and WAFW office space. We interview students for a leadership team to promote and recruit members of the new World Academy.

Do you have an interest in joining the site visit team – in any of the locations? Contact [Jerrie](#) for details and dates.

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## US Grant Applications

Cyd West, Sias Board President, and Patrice Reynolds, volunteer for fundraising and recruitment, have submitted a grant application to the UN Embassy in Beijing for funding that would support the operation and expansion of the World Academy at Sias Campus. A response from China is expected by early July. Thank you Cyd and Patrice!



A second proposal will be submitted to the US Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Mandy Tao and Jerrie met with Embassy staff in Dhaka in April to discuss details. The proposal will be submitted by the end of June, with an expected late summer response.

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## Schedule for Facilitator Orientation and Preparation Training

Due to the probable increase in WAFW sites, we estimate a need for 48 additional facilitators per year. Having completed one training sessions this year, we have three more planned. We welcome an invitation from a future site for such training.

Upcoming facilitator training:

Houston, TX—July 7-8

Scottsdale, AZ—August 25-27

Sias campus, CHINA—September 16-17

For details on how to register please [click here](#) for locations and registration. Note: A fee is required for the training. The fee varies due to location, cost of travel, and site fees.

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## UN Task Force Team



*Annum Nashra (Bangladesh Alum) who studies in New Jersey, Rachel Lu (Chinese Alum) who graduated from university in Florida and works in New York, Martha Burk, Board member, Jerrie, Cyd West, Board President and facilitator, Elizabeth Ursic, WAFW anthem composer and facilitator, Mandy Tao (Chinese Alum) (March, 2023)*

Members of the UN Task Force Team meet each Thursday at 9AM Pacific time to explore ways to increase our consultancy role with the United Nations Economic and Social Sections. We welcome others to join us to determine ways to increase our visibility and connect with organizations seeking similar outcomes.

We welcome new members. It is anticipated that Task Force members will be our team to attend the 2024 UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York next March. Contact [Jerrie](#) if you wish to become a Task Force member.

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## Social Media Team

Our [LinkedIN](#) presence is growing thanks to [Miriam Wickertsheim](#). She has been working out of Barcelona this year. She made time to meet-up with us in Shanghai in May. If you have information suitable for [LinkedIN](#), send it her way.

[Annum Nashra](#) is promoting the World Academy via [Facebook](#). If you have an idea, photo, or text suitable for [Facebook](#), please send it to her.

Big thanks are in order to Miriam and Annum for their leadership with Social Media. You can always access our Social Media platforms via the footer/bottom of each [wafw.org](http://wafw.org) web page.

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I hope this newsletter reminds you of the difference the World Academy makes. This is due to your commitment and support. For this, I send gratitude and love,

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