



Who we are

Isis International was founded in Rome, Italy in 1974 and moved its office to Manila, Philippines in 1991. For 36 years, Isis International has been working through media and information and communications technologies (ICTs) towards achieving women's human rights and facilitating networking and information sharing of women's movements in the global South.

Our Vision

We envision a world where women's access and ability to actively participate in media and information and communications systems contribute to women's empowerment and development.

Our Mission

Isis International advocates for the realisation of women's human rights in the struggle against patriarchal and fundamentalist forces by documenting feminist visions, creating critical communications, and strengthening social movements. Working primarily with women's groups and networks that use communications for women's empowerment, Isis employs feminist analyses, multimedia production, advocacy, networking, and capacity-building strategies.





Our work

Southern Feminist Practice of Action Research

Isis International conducts action research using Southern feminist analysis as a framework to examine the emerging issues that affect women in the Global South. It also surfaces their experiences and strategies in their struggles for equality and justice based on the intersectionality of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, age, religion, class, caste, citizenship and location, among many others. The topics of these researches vary from media and ICT, migration, peace and conflict, sexuality and heteronormativity, and more. The research findings are disseminated through various Isis' publications and information services with a global reach. These researches also facilitate the strengthening of social movements as well as contribute to Isis' advocacies and policy interventions in different levels.

Capacity Building

Isis activist school for feminist development communications

Effective advocacy has, at its core, good communications strategies. Isis International conducts in-house and on-site training seminars for women activists and development practitioners on the theory and practice of feminist development communications. These seminars are structured around specific themes, such as: women's participation in peace building; gender-based violence, sexual diversity and wellbeing; disaster management and climate change, among others.

Participants gain a deeper appreciation on the role of diverse media in cause-oriented advocacy work and develop and sharpen their skills in community radio; journalism and publications, film and video, ICTs for advocacy and networking; and convergent media technologies. Throughout the trainings, we promote democratic access to technology with the use of free and open source software.



Gender Sensitivity Training for multiple partners and stakeholders

Isis International works with organisations and government agencies to include gender as a crosscutting concern and an integral part of their organisational management, development work and political commitment .

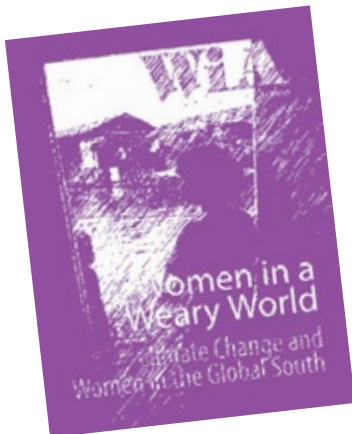


Resource Centre

Isis International maintains a dynamic repository of feminist and gender-focused resources and documentation, housed in its Resource Centre. Here are a wealth of archives ranging from early feminist publications from all over the world, current journals, magazines and audio-visual materials, to digital and photo archives from various women's international meetings and events. The staff can also assist feminist researchers, gender advocates, development practitioners and students in their subject of study.

Information and Communication

Women in Action (WIA) is the Isis International flagship magazine, which popularises visions, strategies, and information relevant to women's movements. It challenges dominant discourses on development issues and presents southern feminist analyses derived from both feminist theory and praxis. It supports advocacies and campaigns on various issues and links women's organisations, feminist networks, and other social movements. Each WIA magazine focuses on a specific issue. Some themes include gender and climate change, food crisis, fundamentalisms, reproductive and sexual health and rights, and gender, media & ICTs.



Advocacy areas

Isis International promotes the perspectives, critical engagements and advocacy strategies of women in the global South. We seek to develop and promote Southern feminist analysis to guide the work of women's movements in the various sites of engagement in community, national, regional and global levels, including United Nations (UN)) with Isis' Special Consultative Status of Category II at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).



Independent and Community Media

In response to globalised corporate media and its market-driven and profit oriented paradigms, Isis International promotes and practices empowering strategies for development communications and information, as embodied in community and independent media. For example, Isis led in the drafting of a Gender Policy for Community Radio, adopted by the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC).

Intermovement Dialogue

Social movements can learn from and strengthen each other through the path towards achieving their goals. Isis International believes that having continuous dialogue and concerted action between women's movement and social movements, such as indigenous people's groups, rural farmers' groups, human rights and peace groups, and LGBT groups, can foster a deeper understanding of and mainstreaming gender as cross-cutting issues as well as intersecting goals among these various movements.

Women's access and ownership of ICTs

Isis International believes that individual women can become agents of social change through the empowering capabilities of communication and information. Beyond information dissemination, Isis proactively engages in building women's organisations and feminist movements' capacities to produce and reproduce knowledge. Isis is also involved in policy intervention on the information society and in the democratisation of access to and ownership of ICTs. Isis also promotes the use of free open source software.



Isis International Women's House

The Isis International Women's House has been a home for feminists, development workers, scholars and other guests especially those from the global South and traveling on a tight budget.



Bed and Breakfast

Well-ventilated rooms and a studio apartment with wireless internet access welcome travelers who can avail of healthy and culturally accepted breakfast meals, quiet study areas and convenient computer stations, and a kitchen complete with basic appliances and utensils.

Recording Studio

An affordable recording studio and digital editing service, using free and open source software to record radio plugs or narration.

Conference Room and Meeting Spaces

Conducive and convenient air-conditioned conference room and meeting spaces. The patio is also perfect for special events. Every space allows guests to have wireless internet access and other communications and logistics equipment and services such as projector, fax, sound equipment and photocopying services.



For inquiries about our facilities and services, please email us at admin@isiswomen.org or call +632 9281956

Our funding partners

(in the past 6 years)

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Global Fund for Women (GFW), USA
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Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund (SCLF), Switzerland
UNIFEM-Pacific, Fiji
World Association for Christian Communications (WACC), Canada
World Day of Prayer, USA

Our Commitment

Democratise access and participation of women in media and ICTs.
Strengthen Southern feminist analyses, advocacy
and policy interventions.

Enhance organisational efficiency and lead to sustainability of
feminist development communications work.

**Isis International is a non-governmental organisation with a
Consultative Status of Category II with the Economic and Social
Council of the United Nations.**

To learn more about Isis International
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