

GLOBAL COUNCIL

The Museum's Global Council, formed in 2005, is an international group of 25 diverse community leaders from Nigeria, Iraq, India, Israel, Singapore, United Kingdom, Mexico, Philippines, Peru, Uganda, Afghanistan, Russia, Latvia and the United States, and other women whose country of origin includes Iran, Canada, Sierra Leone and Ireland. These leaders are committed to strengthening and improving the lives of women around the globe through: education, health care, social welfare, community development, politics, law, the arts, media, science, technology, sports, philanthropy, business, protection of the environment and the promotion of world peace and justice. Their charge is to advise the Board of Directors and the President on an ongoing basis on important issues including: global relations and communications, funding and the capital campaign, museum building design, programs and program content, exhibitions, lectures, outreach, and educational technology and resources. Council members help to establish and develop connections to the wider global community, and provide information and resources about issues affecting women in their region or field of expertise. Additionally, they serve as ambassadors of IMOW and are an active and global voice to create broad support and visibility.

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