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Overview.

Location & dates

The Latin America and Caribbean Region warmly invites us to **Bogota, Colombia**, and the dates are **26 February – 6 March 2015**. There will be a **Women's and Men's Pre-Assembly** on the 27th. The Colombian context will provide many insights to the issues we plan to consider at the Assembly. Colombia is undergoing a challenging peace process; we wish to lend our support toward a just peace in Colombia. The local SCM, churches, and ecumenical organizations and agencies in Colombia welcome our presence and have committed to share the realities of their country and the work they are doing as inputs to our

Delegates

To be a delegate at the General Assembly is not only a unique and exciting experience for the delegate, but is also an essential and complex responsibility towards the Assembly and the Federation.

The delegate represents her or his SCM in the Assembly and takes part in a process designed to allow the community to discern the Federation's future as a whole. The ability to fulfill both roles effectively is important to consider as movements select their delegates.

Each movement affiliated or associated to WSCF is entitled to **one delegate** to the General Assembly:

- Delegates from **affiliated movements** and from the Executive Committee have the right **to speak and vote**.
- Delegates from **associated movements** have the right **to speak**.

What should an SCM do?

1. Select **two** potential GA delegates of your SCM, 1 male, 1 female
2. Candidates can be: Students, former Students or Senior Friends active in your SCM
3. Propose them to the Inter-Regional Office (IRO), naming your 1st and 2nd preferences
4. The IRO (in conversation with you) will choose one delegate from your SCM to ensure gender balance and fair representation of current SCMer

Costs

Your SCM should cover both the airfare (ca. 1,200EUR) and the participation fee. (The latter varies between different SCMs, please see the application form for an overview. Where you find it difficult to cover these amounts...

There is a solidarity fund available for both expenses. Resources are limited, though, as the fund covers the expenses for participants from all over the whole world.

So don't despair! See raising the money as opportunity to create enthusiasm about a project that you believe in!

For advice see our [WSCF-E fundraising pack](#).

Process of the Assembly

Through the Assembly the delegates will look at aspects of our identity, mission, vision, and strategy.

- **Identity**

We will look again at our core identity as “World Student Christian Federation” and look at the changing nature of students, our relationship with the churches and ecumenical community, and the potential and calling for a global federation in today’s globalizing world.

- **Mission and Vision**

We will leave the Assembly with a renewed articulation of our mission and vision for this moment. We will engage the wider ecumenical conversation in this discussion, especially the CWME Mission Statement.

- **Strategy**

Impact: Advocacy is a clear priority for WSCF and we will consider how to be more effective. The area of “development” or transformational diaconia is one that we have been grappling with for the past few years. We will explore the meaning of framing our work in these terms and our role in contributing to the larger ecumenical world’s work on transformational development.

Themes: We will consider which themes to continue to guide our work and how to nuance them for the coming years. These will include economic and environmental justice, overcoming violence and peace-building, inter-religious partnership, and the role of dialogue in celebrating and negotiating diversity while working in and for unity.

Capacity Building: We will evaluate our approaches to leadership building and the organizational structures we employ and will find strategies for both improvement and building the capacity to make necessary changes at all levels.

We expect to leave this Assembly with the affirmation that we are headed in the right direction, and some specific mandates about focus areas for the new Executive Committee to work on.

Framework of the Assembly

Moment	Time needed	Content
o: reports	1 day	Global, regions, working groups.
I: Identity	1/2 day	Reflection on the identity of the WSCF from four perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Student . Christian – ecumenical . Movement based . Global action
II: Mission and Vision	1/2 day	First definition on the mission and vision of the WSCF
III: Strategic plan: impact	1/2 day	Analysis and proposals on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Transformational development . Resilient communities (preparedness and recovery from situations of crisis) . Advocacy
Strategic plan: thematic areas	1/2 day	Analysis of the work done and future proposals in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Eco justice . Inter-faith partnership . Peace building and conflict management . Identities, diversity and dialogue
Strategic plan: capacity building	1/2 day	Analysis and proposals on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Leadership development . Biblical and theological analysis . Organizational development: systems, policies, procedures.
II: Mission and Vision	1/4 day	Second round of reflection on the mission and vision of the WSCF
IV: New Leadership	1/4 day	Elections
V: Decisions	1 day	Resolutions Priorities for the next strategic plan Installation of future leadership

This basic program of the assembly will take 5 days; the GA will be 6 days to include an exposure, inputs from Colombian partners, worship, and Bible studies. There will also be one day for Women's and Men's Pre-Assemblies. The total number of days will therefore be 7 days.

The methodology will include short presentations or panels, both in the plenary and in small groups, and then discussions for analysis and proposals. In these groups we should expect significant inputs from ecumenical and social organizations in Colombia; specific SCMs with experience of work on some issues; partners; and Senior Friends. Also, we will expect proposals from a gender perspective in all groups.

In order to be able to move forward in an effective way and reach the last day with concrete proposals, we will appoint a **good synthesis committee** in the assembly. Each day we will hear a presentation of the synthesis of the work of the previous day at the beginning of each day.