World Connections Committee (WCC) Report

**2016
Co-Dependents
Anonymous Service
Conference**

Countries Where CoDA Exists

This report reflects the World Connections Committee (WCC) support of the growth and development of Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) in countries all around the world. In addition, a broader international group of 100+ members create a distribution list that are contacted regular basis.

Argentina	**Austria**	**Australia**	**Belgium**
Bermuda	**Bolivia**	**Botswana**	**Brasil**
Canada-English	**Canada-French**	**Chile**	**Cayman Island**
China	**Colombia**	**Costa Rica**	**Cuba**
Czech Republic	**Denmark**	**Dominican Republic**	**Ecuador**
Egypt	**Estonia**	**Finland**	**France**
Germany	**Ghana**	**Greece**	**Guam**
Guatemala	**Hong Kong**	**Hungary**	**Iceland**
India	**Iran**	**Ireland**	**Israel**
Italy	**Japan**	**Korea**	**Kuwait**
Malaysia	**Malta**	**México**	**Monaco**
Netherlands	**New Zealand**	**Nicaragua**	**Norway**
Panama	**Philippines**	**Poland**	**Portugal**
Puerto Rico	**Russian Federation**	**Salvador**	**Saudi Arabia**
Scotland	**Singapore**	**Slovakia**	**Slovenia**
South Africa	**Spain Sweden**	**Switzerland**	**Uganda**
United Kingdom	**United States**	**United Arab Emirates**	**Uruguay**
Venezuela	**Zambia**		

Reference to "world or international" is inclusive of all countries, including the United States

Many of these countries are unable to send delegates and participate at Conference. The World Connections Committee has been an extension to connect with more countries who are seeking connection throughout the year.

REVIEW OF 2015-6 GOALS AND ACTION PLANS

Goal 1: Continue research to find contact details of CoDA meetings worldwide
Action Plan:
- o Check for updated meetings on the CoDA website.
- o Encourage members to invite neighboring states/countries to participate.

Results: Updates were made. The focus meetings attracted new members that are now part of the broader group.

Goal 2: Support other voting entities-countries, CoDA World Service Board and committees in the development and growth in CoDA.
Action Plan:
- o Share CoDA World Service information when members request.

- o Collaborate with the CoDA World Service Board and other committees.

- o Invite other members/committees/the Board to advise and share their experiences and successes.

Results: Collaboration with other committees occurred most with Events, Issues and Mediation and Spanish Outreach.

Historically, connections with the Spanish Outreach Committee has been most productive in discussing issues and receiving Spanish translations for meetings, as well as, emails. The greatest number of Spanish communication translations were provided this year, as translators were available.

Goal 3: Increase communication and exchange information
Action Plan:
- o Continue to use teleconference service to communicate, educate, support and problem solve.

- o Host, not only WCC business meetings, but also, topic meetings concerning CoDA related issues.

Results: In order to better communicate and exchange information, the teleconference Focus Meetings proved to be effective on many levels. WCC connected to many countries by hosting several Focus Meetings that focused on service topics that included topics like: sponsorship and maintaining service at local, intergroup and national levels. Experienced members, including Board members and Chairpersons were invited to participate on panels to share their "experience, strength and hope." Questions were posed to the panel and the members responded.

International members who had previously provided contact information were invited to participate. The present teleconference service can host 25 members at one time and as many as 23 members attended from across the world, including CoDA World chairpersons. When the meeting was to commence, videos were turned off, so that the meeting could be recorded and shared with others later. After the panel shared, a "Question Period" followed by member sharing.

It was obvious that having Spanish translations would be most helpful. WCC then created a format to support simultaneous Spanish translations of the meetings. It is most fortunate to use a teleconference service to host these meetings. In addition, gratitude goes to the speakers at these meetings, who imparted helpful and important service information.

The Focus Meetings were a great start to discussions to develop the potential to:

- bridge committees and share their information with the world,
- collaborate with CoDA World committees and the Board, along with other world members sharing "experience, strength and hope" on more topics such as:
    - o starting an Intergroup or national-voting entity,
    - o publishing,
    - o translating,
    - o event planning, and
    - o many more other service topics

to contribute to the growth of the world wide Fellowship. Incorporating the newly acquired teleconferencing service by the Board, now allows 200+ members on one teleconference call. This is an incredible opportunity to have capacity to increase the numbers who can participate.

Goal 4: Explore and discover country needs more in depth and seek solutions.
- o **Action Plan**: Analyze the 2015 survey results, highlight needs and seek solutions.
- o Invite others to share their experiences and successes.

Results: The 2015 survey results identified topics that members wanted more information. WCC started a focus meeting with one of the topics and then queried the broader WCC group as to which one they wanted next, as well, invited members to share. their experiences

For the third year, WCC sent out copies of the Voting Entity-Country Questionnaire Reports to invite world members to share their experiences concerning this year in a Written report. All responses received will be compiled into one report to be shared at Conference.

This report is often used as a reference to highlight what is shared during Voting Entity in Country Reports during the Conference Business Meeting:

- ▪ in person,
- via live teleconference, or
- by audio-visual recording (previously recorded-no faces to respect anonymity).

Some members have chosen to use a PowerPoint presentation to share their voting entity information.

Once reports have been given, any delegates are invited to provide the audio-visual reports to be added in the compilation of the written reports.

Currently, WCC is exploring the opportunity to invite remote members (observers) to listen to live voting entity-country reports.

Goal 5: Increase awareness of cultural and language similarities and differences.
Action Plan
- Increase written translations of WCC
- Investigate means to translate English into other languages at Conference and Convention

Results: As already mentioned earlier, translations of written communication and focus meetings are being done. Russian and Portuguese members will be joining the committee, so more communication can be translated in other languages.

Having languages translated for Conference and Convention did not get explored this year.

Being a very new committee, only two years old, WCC is excited to grow and expand, collaborating with other committees, the Board and the Fellowship as a whole, based on the following plan:

2016-2017 WCC GOALS AND ACTION PLANS

	GOALS	ACTION PLANS
1	Continue research to find contact details of CoDA meetings worldwide.	➢ Check for updated meetings on the CoDA website. ➢ Encourage members to invite neighboring states/countries to participate &/or share contact information for the broader WCC distribution list.
2	Support other voting entities-countries, CoDA World Service Board & committees in the development and growth in CoDA.	➢ Share CoDA World Service information when members request. ➢ Collaborate with the CoDA World Service Board and other committees. ➢ Invite other members/committees/the Board to advise and share their experiences and successes

3	Increase communication and exchange infor-mation. .	➢ Continue to use teleconference service to communicate, educate, support and problem solve. ➢ Host, not only WCC business meetings, but also, focus meetings concerning CoDA related issues.
4	Explore and discover country needs more in depth and seek solutions.	➢ Review 2016 voting entity reports to identify areas of interest for future focus topic meetings. ➢ Invite others to share their experiences and successes.
5	Increase awareness of cultural and language similarities and differences.	➢ Investigate means to translate English into other languages at CoDA Service Conference and International CoDA Convention. ➢ Increase the translations of WCC written communication, as translators become available. ➢ Research the possibilities for translation services to occur during the CoDA Service Conference and the International Convention.

This year, several WCC members were affected by health issues and some needing to leave the committee for health and personal reasons. This has left our committee much less able to perform to full capacity and make group conscience decisions. A recent CoDA announcement was sent to invite new members which has brought forth potential new members. The committee continues to seek additional members to continue fulfilling the goals and expanding opportunities given the vast needs of the worldwide Fellowship of CoDA.

May Higher Power continue to guide and lead us.

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