

Dear Presidents and National Coordinators,

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MWIA CENTENARY FABRIC COLLAGE

The MWIA centenary celebration will take place on 25<sup>th</sup>-28th July 2019, in New York, USA. It promises to be an exciting time for MWIA members to commemorate this landmark occasion of one hundred years of our existence.

As part of the preparations towards the centenary, we are inviting National associations to contribute to the MWIA centenary fabric collage. The fabric collage will be a symbol of our unity, sisterhood and diversity.

Each National Association is invited to submit a piece of fabric which will be 14 inches wide and 14 inches long in size. This is approximately the size of a regular handkerchief. The small square fabric may be cut out from a larger piece of fabric, hand woven or crocheted, patterned or beaded but should be indigenous or peculiar to a country. A National Association may decide to use a pattern indicating its National emblem. For example, Canada may decide to present a fabric with the maple leaf pattern which is cut out from a larger fabric or painted onto a handkerchief.

A ribbon will be attached to each of the edges of the handkerchief sized fabric, and these will be used to tie it to a similar sized square from another country. The name of the contributing country will be on the back, with a short description or history of the fabric.

The fabric collage will be displayed at the venue of the Congress for participants and guests to view the front, and walk to the back, to view which country each of the small squares originated from.

A poster version will also be produced as a keepsake for participants.

We hope to be able to continue to display the fabric collage after the event, at a museum in the United States.

We look forward very much to receiving your contributions to the centenary collage.

With very warm regards,

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