

## North America Group:

- Promote female experts amongst on all questions in religion
- Mosque participation and access (women who study impact)
- Abuse
- Education/mentoring
- Convene and Cooperate
  - o Women's groups/ workers
  - o Between different "perspectives of Islam"

## USA

- More democratic Muslim organization
- **A Muslim directory – resources, organizations and individuals**
- Value race relations
- Need a centralized, media voice to answer international issues
- Intrafaith dialogue
- Development and outreach for youth
- Develop dialogue skills and conflict resolutions
- National umbrella organization
- Diversity of Muslim voices
- Shura – voting, electing council members and writings
- Ijtihad to construct and redefine the usual and methodologies
- Research and identify vehicle for women's issues
- Hermeneutical framework of the Qur'an
- Blog to communicate and advise Shura Council

## Africa

- Education, health and economic empowerment
- Representation of diverse people
  - o Local Centers for Women
  - o Use of effective traditional channels of communication (ie: community/opinion leaders use of specific terminology)
- **Work with other groups who are working on similar goals (ie: Center for Training Jurists – Amadou Bello University)**
- Studying male organizations but are studying Shura Council

## Asia

- National vs. International representation and maintain local representation
- **Provide opinions on different issues (fatwa council)**
- **Issue based sub-committees on the larger council**
- **Membership: have activists and religious experts on the council**
- **Have membership turnover/fixed term/ as democratic as possible**
- **Have people with religious knowledge to issue opinions with strong religious foundations**
- **Diversity must be guiding principle**
- **Issue opinions on contemporary issues to counter other opinions**
- **Communicate opinions through international press/networking/internet**
- Must be independent of any government and financially independent
- **Network w/ non-Muslim organizations that provide services to Muslims**
- Lobby governments
- Face-to-face meeting (internationally every 3 years)
- **Have some central place where questions can be sent**

## Middle East

- Reinterpretation and revisiting of family laws
- Increasing awareness of women's issues and concerns
- Improved civil rights (not just for women)
- Education for leadership

## Shura Council (WISE women) and provides legitimacy of Advisory Council (both men and women)

- Shura Council made up of spiritual leaders, grassroots, youth, professionals, private, public
- Develop Shura Council into committees with rotational international representation and also develop regional representation

## Advisory Council

- Both men and women
- Develop regional councils that have local, known and legitimate scholars
- Identify local scholars and engage local communities

## Enablers

- Global attention
- Young population
- Common language
- Communication-information-technology media
- Culture of support for women in segregational society