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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW), I am very pleased to inform you that the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) has been selected to receive our **2010 Advocacy Award**. NCRW is a network of more than 110 leading research, policy, and advocacy centers. Together with our network, we provide the latest research and information to stimulate fully informed public debates, effective policies, and inclusive practices across sectors in the economy and society. We work in partnership with academic, public policy, business, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations to generate transformative change, both nationally and globally. The *Advocacy Award* recognizes a Member Center’s outstanding policy or programmatic initiative or advocacy campaign that builds on action-oriented research.

In the view of NCRW’s Awards Committee, WEDO has made a significant impact with its work on ensuring a gender perspective and women’s participation and leadership are well integrated into efforts aimed at tackling climate change. The Awards Committee was particularly impressed by its activism and coalition-building in order to propose recommendations at the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. WEDO’s efforts had a significant positive impact on the international climate change negotiations, resulting in the incorporation of gender-specific language in the draft decisions. The Committee commended WEDO’s advocacy work to promote gender-responsive climate policy and to improve the resilience and capacity of women and their communities around the world.

Cate Owren, Program Director at WEDO, has been invited to accept this award in New York City at NCRW’s Annual Conference in June, which will be held in partnership with the U.S. National Committee for UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Once again, on behalf of the National Council for Research on Women, I offer my congratulations and appreciation for this well-deserved recognition.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda".

Linda Basch, PhD

President, National Council for Research on Women