

Sarah C. Albert
Director of Social Policy and Advocacy

Sarah C. Albert is Director of Social Policy and Advocacy for the YWCA USA. In this capacity, she provides leadership and management of the organization's public policy work including legislative initiatives, research and policy analysis, and grassroots advocacy efforts.

Ms. Albert has more than 10 years of public policy experience. Previously, she served as Director of Public Outreach for the Global Health Council where she developed, led and managed organizational efforts to inform and mobilize U.S. and international constituencies in support of the organization's advocacy priorities. Her efforts included creating grass-top and local advocacy capacities to advocate for global health priorities, including creating a coalition of international health advocates through the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Program.

Prior to joining the Council, Ms. Albert served as Executive Director of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a position she assumed after serving as the organization's Director of Public Policy. At the Federation, she played a leading role in a number of NGO coalitions on child labor, domestic violence, child abuse, health care reform and human rights. She also created and directed education and outreach initiatives to advocates, the press, NGO organizations, Members of Congress and the federal executive branch.

Ms. Albert currently serves as co-chair for the Working Group on the Ratification of the U.N. *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women* (CEDAW) that is comprised of 200 non-governmental organizations working for ratification of the CEDAW. As Co-Chair, she works extensively on strategies to garner support and eventual ratification. She has served on the Working Group's Steering Committee since March 1998 and became co-chair in November 2000.

A Maryland native, Ms. Albert holds a Masters degree in Public Administration and a BA degree in law and political science from American University.

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