

Newsletter January 2013



Zainab Hawa Bangura, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, shares her observations with the press in Bangui, Central African Republic, at the end of her mission in the country. December 12 2012

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If you are a member of the Gender and Development Network and would like to publicise an event or send us an update on your work, we will gladly include it in the newsletter. If you are not yet a GADN member and would like to become one please download the application form on our website or contact the GADN Coordinator for more information.

1. GADN News

Happy New Year from the Gender and Development Network. We hope you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to all the opportunities coming up in 2013! There are two announcements from us, and as usual, collected information from around the network and beyond.

Feminist Alternatives to Development

In early December, The Feminist Alternatives to Development project held a vibrant and engaging discussion bringing together around 65 researchers, feminist activists, gender and development advocates, programme staff and community workers, from the Global South and North.

The discussion was the first step in what it hopes will become a long-term project aimed at bridging the gap between current donor thinking and ways of developing policy and programmes on the one hand and feminist visions of transformative change on the other. It was focused around three questions:

- What kind of society do we want?
- What have we learned from existing work on alternative narratives and realities?
- How do we need to do things differently to achieve the kind of society we would like?

We will be in touch over the coming months with further outputs from the discussion and next steps to take this work forward.

Launch of Gender and Development Journal – Beyond Gender Mainstreaming

On February 19th GADN will jointly host a launch event for the Gender and Development Journal's 'Beyond Gender Mainstreaming' edition:

19th February 2-3.30pm, at Plan - Finsgate 5-7 Cranwood Street, London EC1V 9LH.

Panel members at the event will be Sylvia Chant, Sylvia Chant, Helen Derbyshire, Hannah Warren, Jenevieve Mannell.

If you would like to attend please email Francesca – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk by Feb 12th. You can access the journal online at www.genderanddevelopment.org

Send GADN your International Women's Day plans

GADN will be compiling a roundup of activities taking place in the UK on International Women's Day (8 March 2012). Please send in your activities by the end of February to Kate – kate.stonehill@gadnetwork.org.uk

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Womankind Worldwide** is currently recruiting for Trustees. They are looking for trustees with the skills and commitment to guide, inspire and support their strategic direction. They are specifically interested in recruiting Trustees with a commitment to women's rights and gender equality, experience of working in international development, fundraising, finance and strategy development.

If you share Womankind's beliefs and are willing to commit up to 12 days a year, Womankind would like to hear from you. For further information and an application pack, please see Womankind's website [here](#) or email recruitment@womankind.org.uk. The closing date for applications is **January 25th 2013 at 12:00 pm**. Interviews will be held the third week of February in the early evening.

- **Womankind Worldwide** is also currently recruiting for a Treasurer to join the Board of Trustees. The ideal candidate will have a professional qualification in accountancy, excellent leadership skills and experience of committee work. For further information please download the application pack [here](#) or email recruitment@womankind.org.uk. The closing date for applications is **12.00 pm 25th January 2013**.
- **Vital Voices** has launched the DFID funded *Lead Fellowship Programme* to support established and emerging female leaders in developing countries who are committed to tackling issues related to economic disparities, violence against women and harmful cultural practices. Recruitment is currently underway for year 1 participants, with a closing date of **14 January 2013**. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **CAWN** is looking for a consultant to provide an overview and critique report of the narratives of British civil society and media regarding trafficking and exploitation of women in connection with major sporting events. A second objective is to inform the work of civil society addressing trafficking and exploitation of women in countries where global sports events will take place, such as Scotland in 2014 (Commonwealth Games) or Brazil in 2014 (World Cup) and 2016 (Olympics).

For the Terms of Reference, please see [here](#). Please send your application to campaigns@cawn.org by **4th February 2013** stating on the subject line: **Research Consultancy Application**.

- **Oxfam** in West Africa invites tenders from qualified research teams interested in a new ambitious and innovating research project aimed at building a gender sensitive approach to food crises vulnerability and resilience among Sahel population: lessons from the 2012 crisis in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

The purpose of this research is to provide insight about the links between vulnerability to the food crisis and women and men differential access, control and ownership of resources within households and communities. The research will also look at both short term and long term interventions which can contribute to women's and men's food security and resilience as well as lead to transformational changes in gender dynamics in the region. The research will take place during the first trimester of 2013, and should start by the end of January.

Please consult the complete version of the ToR [here](#). The closing date is **January 16th 2013**

- **ASTI** is looking for a new Chair to lead the organisation as it expands its work and influence. Full Terms of Reference can be found [here](#).

In summary, the ASTI Chair will ensure that ASTI pursues its objects as defined in its governing document, bring strategic vision to help sustain the continued growth of ASTI, enable the Board of Trustees to give strategic direction to ASTI, by setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and act as a good will ambassador for ASTI, both in the UK and abroad. Interested applicants should send CV with 3 references, and a letter, to: **Director, ASTI, 242 Pentonville Road, London N1 9IN** or email these to director@asti.org.uk. The deadline for applications is **January 21 2013**. For more information on ASTI, visit www.acidviolence.org.

- **Social Development Direct** is looking for a Gender and Conflict Adviser for the Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP) to be based in Abuja, Nigeria. **The Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP)** is supported by DFID/UKAID and is managed by a consortium made up of British Council, International Alert and Social Development Direct. The programme seeks to deliver interventions to reduce the impacts of violent conflict and promote reconciliation processes. The programme will operate at national level and in eight focal states.

The post will be based in Abuja but will make frequent visits to NSRP's regional offices in Maiduguri, Kano, Jos and Port Harcourt and to all the focal states. The appointment is a full time, 2 years fixed-term contract. Interested candidates should download and complete their application form through the link at: www.sddirect.org.uk. Completed application forms should be submitted to jobs@sddirect.org.uk. **The closing date for applications is January 14 2013.**

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **UN Women** is holding an e-discussion on inequalities and urban areas that began on 4 January and will continue for three weeks. The discussion is led by organizations committed to finding solutions for the urban poor: the International Institute for

Environment and Development (IIED), Slum Dwellers International, UN HABITAT and UNICEF. The discussion will aim to gather views from a broad range of stakeholders on how to address Inequalities in Urban Areas in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

This is the eighth of the UN Development Group Global Thematic Consultations on Inequalities, jointly convened by UN Women and UNICEF. The online platform for the e-discussion on addressing inequalities was launched at the beginning of October with the first discussion focusing on gender inequality, followed by a discussion on gender-based violence on 17 October. The **website** is open to the public, following a simple registration process.

The recommendations emerging from the e-discussions, and other discussions on gender within and outside the inequalities track, will be part of a synthesis report that will be presented to a high-level meeting in Denmark in February 2013 on Inequalities. The report will also be provided to the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda appointed by the UN Secretary-General.

- **Confronting Dowry-Related Violence in India: Women at the Centre of Justice**
UN Women, December 24 2012
- **How Women and Girls are Faring: Charting Progress on the Millennium Development Goals**
UN Women, December 21 2012
- **UN Women Condemns Gang Rape of Delhi Student**
UN Women, December 20 2012
- **United Nations Bans Female Genital Mutilation**
UN Women, December 20 2012
- **Supporting Women to Become Entrepreneurs Through Microfinance in Central America and the Caribbean**
UN Women, December 14 2012
- **Breaking the Silence: Survivors of Violence Tell How They Used Their Experience to Enact Change**
UN Women, December 14 2012

4. Development News

- **Women in Swaziland Organise to Confront Discrimination**
The Guardian, January 7 2013
- **Special Report: Female Genital Mutilation – Unreported, Ignored, and Unpunished**
The Independent, January 6 2013
- **New Feminism Tears Down Walls in Brazil**
IPS, January 4 2013
- **India Rape Protests Foretell Feminist Spring**
India West, January 3 2013
- **India Rape Sets Off Debate Over Women's Rights**
AWID, January 2 2013
- **Joyce Banda: 'I want Malawians to Say Our Country Is a Better Place'**
The Guardian, December 17 2012

- **War Widows Struggle in a ‘Man’s World’**
Inter Press Service, December 13 2012
- **Egyptian Women Continue to Strategize, Protest, and Mobilize for a Fair and Equal Egypt**
AWID, December 13 2012
- **The Gender Politics of Funding Women Human Rights Defenders**
OpenDemocracy.net, December 10 2012

5. Blogs

Please note that the views expressed in the following blogs are not necessarily endorsed by GADN or its member organisations.

- **Report Back: Protest Against Sexual Violence in India**
Zohra Moosa, January 7 2013
- **Nothing For Us Without Us: Sex Workers the Decision Makers in New Fund**
Claire Foster, January 3 2014
- **Emerging Voices: Amanda Richardson on Land Rights for Women**
Amanda Richardson, January 3 2013
- **Grief and Rage in India: Making Violence Against Women History?**
Naila Kabeer, January 3 2013
- **Sport Can Lead The Way for Young Women Everywhere**
Rebecca Adlington, December 27 2012
- **Heterogeneity Matters: When the Average Hides What is True for Most**
Jessica Hoel, December 9 2012
- **Take Action for Women in Afghanistan: The Importance of Solidarity**
Rhiannon Redpath, December 6 2012

6. Publications & Resources

- **Ending Violence Against Women: An Oxfam Guide**
Policy and Practice, November 2012

7. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **The International Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility** invites papers on gender and responsible business for the ICCSR Annual Symposium to be held on **June 20 2013**. The symposium brings together researchers to explore how we conceptualize and research responsible business with regard to gender issues. The symposium will also provide an opportunity to learn from corporations, NGOs and policy-makers about leading responsible business practice, in order to inform a more coherent research agenda in this field.

Authors interested in submitting a paper for presentation at the symposium should submit an abstract of 1000 words to Kate Grosser & Lauren McCarthy at **lauren.mccarthy@nottingham.ac.uk** by **February 28th 2013**. For more information, visit the ICCSR **website**.

- The November 2013 issue of the international journal **Gender & Development** (published for Oxfam GB by Routledge/Taylor and Francis) will look at Conflict and Violence from a gender justice and women's rights perspective.

Development and feminist policymakers and practitioners, and researchers, are all invited to share insights in this issue of Gender & Development. Please send a paragraph outlining your proposed idea for an article for this issue to **csweetman@oxfam.org.uk** as soon as possible, and before the commissioning deadline: **15 January 2013**. If we are able to offer space for your contribution, we will write to you by 25 January 2013 to say so. Commissioned articles will need to be completed for a deadline of **15 April 2013**.

You can find more information about submitting to the issue **here**.

8. Events and Conferences

- In **March 2013**, the **Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG)** is hosting the ***End Forced Marriages Event***, which will focus on the impact and effects of forced marriages in the UK and around the world.

Forced marriage is a marriage in which one or both of the parties are married without consent or against their will. The United Nations views forced marriage as an abuse of human rights as it violates the principle of freedom and autonomy of individuals. The purpose of the event is to provide a platform to discuss forced marriage among healthcare professionals, charities and community groups. There will also be a medical perspective offering information on related issues including teenage pregnancy, unwanted and unplanned pregnancy, and ante/postnatal depression.

This event is free to attend but places are strictly limited and offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Please send expressions of interest to **Caitlin Walsh**, Health Policy and Public Relations.

The event will take place on **March 8 2013** from **2:00-5:00 pm** at **RCOG, Regent's Park, 27 Sussex Place, London NW1 4RG**. For more information on the event, please visit the event webpage **here**.

- **Public Policy Exchange** is holding an event titled “Tackling Human Trafficking in Europe: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution” on January 30th 2013 at the Silken Berlaymont Hotel in Brussels. Key speakers include Petya Nestorova, Neil H. MacBride, and Linda Eriksson Baca.

In order to encourage greater political will, facilitate policy discussion and explore comprehensive and integrated solutions to fighting the 'hidden' crime of human trafficking, Public Policy Exchange welcomes the participation of all key partners, responsible authorities and stakeholders. The Symposium will support the exchange of ideas and encourage delegates to engage in thought-provoking topical debate. If you or your organisation would like to attend the event, please book [here](#).

- **Professor Naila Kabeer** will be speaking at **SOAS** on **January 24 2013** at **6:30 pm**. Professor Kabeer’s talk is titled “Reflections on Researching Women’s Empowerment – Journeys, Maps and Signpost” and it will take place in the **Brunei Gallery Lecture** in the **Brunei Gallery**. The event is the inaugural lecture of the SOAS Inaugural Lecture Series and Professor Kabeer will use it to reflect on her many years of working within the theme of women’s empowerment, addressing what the concept means, how it has changed, what kinds of strategies have worked and how it links up to the broader concept of gender justice. To RSVP for the event, please sign up [here](#).

9. Job Openings

- **Summer 2013 Internships/Institute for Women’s Policy Research/Washington, DC**
Closing Date: March 1 2013
- **Experts on Gender and Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development/UNDP/Home-based Assignments**
Closing Date: January 23 2013
- **Executive Adviser (Trafficking)/OSCE/Vienna, Austria**
Closing Date: January 15 2013
- **Summer Intern Positions/INTERIGHTS/London, UK**
Closing Date: January 21 2013
- **Country Director/Concern/Malawi**
Closing Date: January 31 2013

10. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Madam President: Meeting Malawi’s Joyce Banda**
The Guardian, December 17 2012

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