

# GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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UNAMID Organizes DDR Outreach Activity in North Darfur, 25 July 2011  
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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

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### **Beyond Women and Girls' Vulnerability: a debate on gender, climate change and disaster risk reduction**

At the start of July, GADN, together with BRIDGE, Oxfam and Plan UK, hosted an event to promote recent and upcoming publications on gender and climate change from BRIDGE, Plan International and Oxfam (see '**Publications**' for links). 'Beyond Women and Girls' Vulnerability' aimed to generate discussion around key questions relating to gender, climate change and disasters informed by perspectives from our three speakers and considered ways in which we can move forwards collectively and as individual organisations to address the issues and concerns raised in concrete, strategic ways.

GADN was delighted to welcome expert speakers Lorena Aguilar (Global Senior Gender Adviser, IUCN) Ulrike Röhr (co-founder of GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice and Head of [genanet](#)) and Irene Dankelman (Lecturer, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands and Consultant).

The speakers highlighted the need to go beyond the obvious dualisms, from 'women as victims' to 'women as agents', and to look at intersectionality. The notion of vulnerability is meant to show that not everyone experiences or contributes to climate change in exactly the same way, yet conceptual carelessness has created 'vulnerable groups'. The speakers also stressed that perspectives were on a spectrum; can feminist perspectives find entry points in mainstream perspectives? A third dichotomy revolves around working together. Does not working together mean working apart? There is value in diversity. We need to accept there may be a continuum of strategies and we need to find the ones that contain women's rights as the bottom line. We also need to look at women's constituencies at the national level.

Moving forward, our speakers advised us to look at trajectories and processes throughout history to understand where change happens and where the obstacles have been. We need to look at life stories and allow women to tell their own story. We should think outside the box and challenge questions, seeking out another perspective on these issues. We need to create a common language to enable people to work together across these divides and we should learn to share knowledge and strategies; online, face-to-face, and by building networks.

### **GADN Members Meeting – 10 October 2011**

GADN members are invited to join us on October 10 to update other members of the Gender and Development Network on their latest activities, highlight their recent publications and upcoming events and identify possible areas of collaboration.

The GADN Secretariat will also report back and update members on the latest news from GADN. As part of this meeting, we will also begin to look at development alternatives and ask for members' views.

If you are a member of GADN and would like to attend, please email Lauren on [gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org)

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **Call for participation from WaterAid:** Menstrual hygiene is a much neglected issue within the water and sanitation sector and there are critical gaps in the body of evidence on menstrual hygiene, including a lack of systematic studies analyzing best practices in Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). To address this gap, **WaterAid** is currently developing MHM guidelines for practitioners from the WASH sector, and other related sectors such as reproductive health and education.

MHM is complex and needs to be addressed holistically and in context as a package of services that includes voice and space to talk about the issue, adequate water, privacy, facilities for washing and disposal and increased awareness amongst men, women, boys and girls. Based on a review of existing literature, manuals and programme documentation, and interviews with practitioners with experience on the ground, the guidelines will set out the key elements of MHM programmes and how to contextualise them.

The research team (Sarah House, Therese Mahon and Sue Cavill) would be pleased to hear from practitioners and organisations with documentation or experiences to share. Please send any relevant documentation or suggestions to **Sue Cavill**. The guidelines are being produced through the **SHARE initiative** and will be available at the end of 2011.

- **Plan's** recent report '**Weathering the Storm: Adolescent Girls and Climate Change**' highlights the need to better integrate the specific needs of adolescent girls in climate change and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

The findings presented in the report are based on interviews with girls involved in Plan International's programmes in Ethiopia and Bangladesh. We were particularly keen to hear stories from girls themselves in relation to how climate change is impacting on their lives and what they feel that policy makers should do differently.

The impacts of climate change, whether they are gradual changes in agriculture and living conditions or the more cataclysmic effects of a cyclone or flood, are different for different populations. Whilst inevitably children everywhere are badly affected we illustrate how girls, in particular, bear the greater burden. The report evidences how, as a result of climate change, adolescent girls face increases in household responsibilities and are more likely to be forced into work resulting in less time for them to attend school or study at home. It also emphasises the policy and funding gap to address these issues by policy makers. The girls themselves were clear on where they felt that policy priorities should be targeted. They wanted greater access to quality education where they can learn skills to improve their adaptive capacity; greater protection from violence especially early forced marriage, sexual violence and forced labour and they wanted their concerns to be heard and acted upon by policy makers.

- **Oxfam** have launched a training pack on **Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction**. Understanding how gender relations shape women's and men's lives is critical to disaster risk reduction (DRR). This is because women's and men's different roles, responsibilities, and access to resources influence how each will be affected by different hazards, and how they will cope with and recover from disaster. Unequal power relations between women and men mean

that, despite the incredible resilience and capacity for survival that women often exhibit in the face of disaster, they also experience a range of gender-specific vulnerabilities.

Oxfam believes that all of its work should strive to strengthen gender equality and women's rights by transforming the balance of power between women and men. It sees this as both a matter of justice and basic rights, and as a means of addressing poverty and suffering more effectively. This is particularly important in preparing for, and responding to, disasters and the impacts of climate change, as these tend to magnify existing inequalities between women and men.

This training pack has been written for Oxfam programme staff, partner organisations and other agencies working in areas associated with DRR. Its purpose is to provide a 'gender lens' through which they can plan, implement, and evaluate their work. The focus here is on the operational aspects of projects and programmes, and to a lesser extent on influencing broader institutional policies and practices through policy and advocacy work. The pack aims to develop participants' skills and competencies in addressing gender issues throughout the project cycle, from assessment, analysis, and planning through to implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

- **Oxfam GB** are hiring a **Consultant** for the development of a livelihood project in Southern Tajikistan in Tajikistan and a **Project Officer** for Women's Collective Action in Oxford. Please follow the links for more information.
- **Save the Children** are pleased to share with you their new report '**An Equal Start: Why gender equality matters for child survival and maternal health**'. This report has been produced in support of our global Every One campaign, which seeks to highlight and tackle the toll of preventable child and maternal deaths. The report provides evidence of the impact of gender discrimination upon child mortality and maternal health, and goes on to discuss how we can address the issue. It adds an important dimension to the global debate on how to reduce child and maternal mortality and challenges us to place women and girls at the centre of our work, and to break the cycle of discrimination.

The report demonstrates that unless the unequal status of women is tackled, further efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality are likely to be undermined. Currently, gender discrimination is resulting in lives lost unnecessarily, wasting economic potential and holding up progress on MDGs 4 and 5. Research presented in this report suggests that, although child mortality is on the decline, more girls than boys are dying during childhood, and in some regions the gap is widening.

With this report, we are urging policy makers and governments to fully recognise the scale and impact of gender inequality as an integral part of the global momentum to reduce child and maternal mortality. The report provides a number of examples of successful initiatives already underway. These need to be scaled up and reinforced by better gender mainstreaming within health service delivery. In addition, we call for a dramatic increase in efforts to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the scope and effect of gender inequalities through data collection and research.

Should you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact any of the authors of the report, **Jessica Espey** or **Nadja Dolata**.

- WIDE have produced a Spanish version of **One World Action's** toolkit on Just Budgets. To access **Budgeting for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Practical tool** in Spanish, click **here**. The English version is also **available**.
- **NFWI** have produced a **final project report** for their **Women Reaching Women** project. The report gives an overview of the three year educational project on world poverty, climate change and gender inequality, working alongside Oxfam GB and The Everyone Foundation. *Women Reaching Women* aimed to broaden awareness of these issues amongst WI members, their families and communities.

The report was produced to share key achievements and lessons from the project on how to engage the wider public on these issues in a way that inspires, informs and empowers, and was disseminated at the end of project conference in April (a huge thank you to those that were able to attend). A toolkit of key lessons is also attached, and we hope both documents will offer useful insights on public engagement for organisations working on these issues (particularly in light of **DFID's Awareness Review** published in May

NFWI's members are keen to keep working on these issues, so NFWI are currently exploring next steps and would like to hear from organisations that do work around linking grassroots women's groups here in the UK to those in developing countries or can offer us some insight into this area. All WI groups are registered charities, so they are unable to fundraise for other charities, but can take part in awareness raising activities or activities around engaging with grassroots international women's networks. Please contact **Yetundé Akintola** for more information.

- **GAPS** are currently working with the Associate Parliamentary Group (APG) on women, peace and security on an Inquiry on UNSC1325 and Northern Ireland. They are calling for evidence for an inquiry which will focus on questions around how UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security should be implemented in Northern Ireland. The broad areas of investigation can be found on the **GAPS website**. Findings from the call for written evidence will be evaluated and used to inform the Inquiry ahead of oral evidence sessions after the summer. At the end of its considerations, the APG will publish a report of findings along with recommendations.

The deadline for submitting evidence is **18.00 on Monday 22 August 2011**, in soft-copy by email to **Chris Levick** with "Northern Ireland Inquiry" in the subject line.

- **GAPS** and the Associate Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security (APG), are calling for submissions for the annual review of the UK National Action Plan (NAP) on women, peace and security. The UK NAP is a key tool for the implementation of the UK's commitments on women, peace and security under UN Security Council Resolution 1325. In order to strengthen the NAP and ensure its implementation, GAPS and the APG would like to invite written submissions based on the terms outlined **here**. This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the UK's policy on women, peace and security and submissions are welcomed from organisations and individuals. You can read the current UK NAP on the **FCO website** and responses to past reviews of the NAP on the **GAPS website**.

- **ActionAid** have produced a leaflet on **Building comprehensive resilience and facilitating women's leadership**. The leaflet outlines two factors critical to the success of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) efforts - the need to build comprehensive resilience and the importance of promoting and facilitating women's leadership in DRR initiatives. Published to coincide with the Third Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in May 2011, the leaflet gives an overview of ActionAid's experience in DRR and provides practical examples from our work with communities living with the threat of disasters.
- **CAWN's** 20th Anniversary newsletter is now available on their **website**. The newsletter is a celebration of CAWN's origins, achievements and the wonderful women in Central America that we have been working alongside for the last 20 years.

## **NEWS FROM WIDE**

### **Agrofuel Production: the World Food Situation, the Right to Food and the Impact on Women**

Increasing oil prices, rising energy demands, climate change and Kyoto Protocol commitments are the causes of an emerging worldwide renewable energy boom. These renewables include agrofuels, such as agrodiesel made from rapeseed, palm oil, soybean oil or other types of vegetable oil, as well as agroethanol made from corn, wheat, sugarcane, sugar beet and other starch-containing plants. This paper aims to study the relation between the extensive cultivation of crops (staple, for the most part) for these fuels and the right to food, as well as the obligation of states to ensure food security. Moreover, we will also analyse agrofuels' real climate change mitigation potential.

Read the analysis developed by WIDE Austria in **German** and in **English**.

### **WIDE, EWL and CONCORD Joint Statement on European Union Funding Programmes for the Financial Period 2014-2020**

The European Women's Lobby (EWL), WIDE Network, and the Gender Working Group of CONCORD the European Confederation of Relief and Development NGOs, call on European and national policy-makers to ensure that EU funding programmes for the 2014-2020 financial period will provide the framework and sufficient financial resources to strengthen the EU commitment to promote women's rights and gender equality in all areas of its internal and external policies. This paper complements the joint statement of the three organisations '**Towards gender responsive, accountable, and participatory post 2013 EU Multi-Annual Financial Framework**' released in May 2011. **Read the joint statement**

### **WIDE Participates to the Public Consultation on EC Trade and Development Communication**

WIDE gave its input to the public consultation on the upcoming **EC Trade and Development Communication**. Read the WIDE contribution and take action replying to the European Commission, as individual or as organisation. **Deadline for answering to the consultation: 21 August 2011.**

Please contact **Natalie Giorgadze** to have the full text of the WIDE contribution submitted to the consultation. **Participate in the consultation.**

### **WIDE publishes new report: EU Donors under Women's Watch**

The new report EU Donors under Women's Watch published by WIDE checks up on gender equality and women's rights in the aid effectiveness agenda of EU Member States. With a focus on five European countries – Austria, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the UK – this report maps the degree to which these countries comply with the commitments they have made. This study is an attempt by WIDE to take stock of the current level of implementation of the principles of ownership and mutual accountability set out in the Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda for Action.

For more information about the research, please contact **Kasia Staszewska**. Download the **publication**.

### **WIDE Annual Conference 2011 to Take Place in Brussels**

We are delighted to announce the upcoming WIDE Annual Conference "**Women's Rights and Gender Equality amidst the 'Arab Springs'**" to be held on 27-28 October 2011, in Brussels, Belgium. The conference is being organized by WIDE in close cooperation with the Collective for Research and Training for Development – Action (CRTD-A).

What is now known as the 'Arab spring' has had a dramatic ripple effect all over the region, still in upheaval to different extents. Although women were prominent actors of those upheavals, issues of non-discrimination, equality and women's rights face difficulties to be included in the frameworks of ongoing and/or upcoming constitutional reform processes.

The international community is playing a significant role both in terms of diplomacy as well as direct support and selective media coverage. "The Arab spring" has created new international interests as well as new funding pots. What are the implications for the peoples of these countries and for women's rights in particular?

Find out more from **WIDE website** or from **WIDE Annual Conference Blog**.

## **3. DFID/EU/UN**

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- **Call for new research proposals now open**  
DFID, July 2011
- **Annual report for 2010-11 now published**  
DFID, July 2011
- **UK Aid Match**  
DFID, July 2011
- **UK backs UN Women to invest more in girls**  
DFID, July 2011
- **UK demonstrates progress on eliminating discrimination against women**  
GEO, June 2011
- **Lynne Featherstone, Ministerial Champion for tackling violence against women and girls overseas, visits India and Nepal**  
The Kathmandu Post, June 2011
- **Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice**  
UN Women, July 2011
- **GEAR Campaign Statement at the Second UN Women Board Meeting**  
GEAR Campaign, June 2011

- **Dr. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director delivers opening speech at International Women's Summit**  
World YWCA, July 2011
- **Response to UK Government's UN Women funding announcement: "a failure of ambition"**  
VSO, July 2011
- **Britain backs UN Women**  
The Guardian, July 2011

## UN Women's Global Database of Women's Peacebuilding Organisations

UN Women is currently developing a global database of women's organisations involved in peace. This 'Global Database of Women's Peacebuilding Organisations' will be at the core of UN Women's renewed effort to enhance and better support national and local capacity building, foster knowledge and information sharing and develop efficient partnerships. With your help, UN Women will be able to collect detailed information on organisations engaged at all levels of peace processes, from prevention to post-conflict peacebuilding. Please complete the **questionnaire**, and send it to **charles.tenenbaum@unwomen.org** and **clemence.bessiere@unwomen.org**

Once the database is running, you will have the opportunity to learn about and connect with other organisations in your field at global, regional and national levels. You will also get the opportunity to correct your own information and add new elements. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the project coordinator at **charles.tenenbaum@unwomen.org**.

## 4. Development News

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- **Kashmir: Obstacles Continue for Women Reporting Rape**  
Women News Network, August 2 2011
- **Colombia: Colombia's 'Crossed Legs' Protest is Redefining Women's Activism**  
Guardian, August 1 2011
- **Kenya: Government Funds Free Sanitary Pads for Schoolgirls**  
Guardian, July 29 2011
- **Foreign aid cuts approved by House subcommittee**  
Interaction, 28 July 2011
- **Nepal: Religious Practices Oppress Women**  
IPS News, July 28 2011
- **Southern Africa: There is a Role for SADC Women in South Sudan**  
allAfrica.com, July 28 2011
- **East Africa: (Women and Child) Refugees Flee Famine Stricken Somalia**  
Women News Network, July 26 2011
- **East Africa: "It's Not a Heartless Mother Leaving a Child Behind, Just One Who Wants to Survive"**  
IPS News, July 27 2011
- **Mexico: Women Journalists Face Double Threats**  
IPS News, July 26 2011
- **Rwanda: Country to Host Global Meet on Gender Responsive Budgeting**  
allAfrica.com, July 24 2011
- **The Philippines: Makati Conducts Gender Responsive Initiatives**  
Philippine Information Agency, July 25 2011



- **UK: Executive Search Firms Pledge to Seek More Women for Boardrooms**  
Guardian, July 22 2011

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Fundraising Resources for Women and Girls Worldwide**  
Funds for NGOs, June 2011
- **Manifesto for Motherhood Briefing Pack**  
Manifesto for Motherhood, July 2011
- **Weathering the Storm: Adolescent Girls and Climate Change'**  
Plan International, July 2011
- **Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction: Training pack**  
Oxfam, July 2011
- **Budgeting for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Practical tool**  
One World Action/WIDE, July 2011
- **Women Reaching Women**  
NFWI, Oxfam GB and The Everyone Foundation, July 2011
- **An Equal Start: Why gender equality matters for child survival and maternal health**  
Save the Children, July 2011
- **Link: IFIs and Gender Based Violence**  
Gender Action, July 2011
- **Building comprehensive resilience and facilitating women's leadership**  
ActionAid, May 2011
- **Agrofuel Production: The World Food Situation, the Right to Food and the Impact on Women**  
WIDE, July 2011
- **EU Donors under Women's Watch**  
WIDE, July 2011
- **Key Demands From Women's Rights Organizations And Gender Equality Advocates To The Fourth High Level Forum On Aid Effectiveness (Busan, Korea, 2011) And The Development Cooperation Forum (2012)**  
AWID, July 2011

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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### **Call for proposals: 16 Days of Activism against GBV, 2011**

The African Women's Development fund (AWDF) has issued a call for proposals to grantees in Africa seeking to organise activities to mark 16 Days of Activism against Gender based Violence in 2011. The maximum grant is \$1000 and the **deadline for applications is 12 August 2011.**

AWDF is a grant-making foundation which supports local, national and regional organisations in Africa working towards women's empowerment. Through institutional capacity building and programme development, AWDF seeks to build a culture of learning and partnerships within the African women's movement.

For more information and details, please visit the AWDF's **website**.

### **Egypt: Ensure women's rights are integrated in post-revolution**

Women of Egypt played a prominent role in the revolution of early 2011. They were essential organizers, leaders and spokespersons during all phases of the revolution and demonstrated in large numbers in the streets. They were also beaten and some even sacrificed their lives during the protests. However, post-revolution events, such as fundamentalists calling for sex segregation in public transportation and for women to be veiled, have made women's rights activists anxious that women may be sidelined. Please write to the Egyptian authorities urging them to take steps to meet the demands laid out in the **Women's Charter**.

### **Read more and Take Action Now!**

#### **Invitation to join Right of Women's 'Women's Migration and Asylum Network'**

The network already has nearly 200 members and exists primarily as virtual 'e-group' with occasional seminars and events being organised as and where necessary. The objectives of the Women's Migration and Asylum Network are to:

- facilitate communication between and strengthen the understanding of network members on legal and policy issues that effect migrant and asylum-seeking women;
- improve the participation of network members in the legal and policy formation process;
- positively influence law and policy that affects migrant and asylum-seeking women;
- promote gender equality and work towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of gender, as well as discrimination against women where it intersects with age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or any combination thereof; and,
- to promote the human rights of all women in the UK.

The Network will focus on improving gender equality in relation to the following thematic areas:

- asylum;
- economic migration;
- family migration (including family formation and reunion);
- settlement and routes to citizenship;
- violence against women issues (including trafficking);

The network is open to individuals and representatives from:

- charities, not-for-profit and voluntary organisations working on migration or asylum issues and / or women's or other equality issues;
- statutory sector organisations;
- individuals involved in immigration law and policy issues (such as activists, academics and legal professionals).

If you are interested in joining please **Cate Briddick** with your name, position and organisation/affiliation with 'join the Women's Migration and Asylum Network' in the subject line. The creation and facilitation of the Network has been made possible by UNBOUND Philanthropy.

### **Amnesty International More candidates must be put forward for the next International Criminal Court Prosecutor**

Male candidates from western countries and Africa dominate the current list of candidates being considered for the next International Criminal Court Prosecutor.

A Search Committee for the next International Criminal Court Prosecutor reported that after more than five months of seeking potential candidates for the forthcoming election in December 2011, 26 persons are under consideration. Of those only five are women. Only two are from Latin America and the Caribbean, one is from Eastern Europe and no candidates are being considered from Asia.

The election of the Prosecutor will determine the success of the Court in the next decade. It is vital that a broad pool of highly qualified candidates is considered covering all regions of the world and including a fair representation of men and women.

With the search for new candidates to close on 9 September, urgent measures are required to address the serious imbalances.

More must be done to reach potential candidates. Although outreach efforts have been conducted by the Search Committee and civil society, new strategies and additional resources are required to advertise the process in all regions of the world and ensure that it is brought to the attention of qualified women.

Amnesty International especially calls on the 116 governments that have ratified the Court's statute to disseminate information about the process within their national legal communities and civil society.

Candidates must be "of high moral character, be highly competent in and have extensive practical experience in the prosecution or trial of criminal cases. They shall have excellent knowledge of or be fluent in at least one of the working languages of the Court."

Expressions of interest or recommendations of qualified individuals should be sent to the Search Committee:

Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties

International Criminal Court

Maanweg 174, 2516 AB The Hague

The Netherlands

Fax: +31 70 515 8376

Email: [rene.holbach@icc-cpi.int](mailto:rene.holbach@icc-cpi.int)

Additional information on the Search Committee is available [here](#)

## 7. Events and Conferences

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### **Rights of Women: Lost in the "balance": Trading women's human rights for immigration control? 2.30-4.30pm, Tuesday 6 September 2011, Kings Cross, London**

The UK Border Agency (UKBA), the agency responsible for controlling migration to the UK, has opened two consultations setting out proposals to dramatically change the rules around migration in the areas of family migration and employment-related settlement. These proposals have serious implications for the safety and well-being of migrant women and if implemented would place the Government at risk of breaching its obligations under domestic and international human rights law.

The Government has an obligation to protect all women in the UK from gender-based violence, regardless of their immigration status. Yet these proposals risk placing women at greater risk. The

family migration consultation proposes to extend the probationary period (the length of time a spouse must wait before applying for indefinite leave to remain, ILR) from 2 to 5 years in partner and other family cases, exposing migrant women to a risk of remaining trapped in an abusive relationship. The employment-related settlement consultation proposes major reforms that we and others believe will result in a dramatic increase in the abuse and trafficking of migrant domestic workers in the UK.

This seminar and debate will equip you with an understanding of the main proposals and enable you to respond to the consultation to ensure that the rights of the women that you work with are upheld. Template consultation responses will be provided and discussed. Speakers include Kate Roberts, Community Advocate from Kalayaan and Catherine Briddick, Senior Legal Officer from Rights of Women. Other speakers will be confirmed.

This seminar is free of charge but booking is essential. Download the booking form from RoW's website [here](#) and email it back to **Rights of Women** or send it by fax on 0207 490 5377. Space is limited. You will receive confirmation of your space upon booking.

**NAWO AGM and Roundtable: Strengthening Women's Voices in Government, 8th September 2011, House of Lords, Committee Room 1, by invitation of Lord Beecham**

13:00-14:00 AGM (NAWO members only)

14:00-16:00 Round Table (all welcome)

Speakers include:

Helene Reardon-Bond, Government Equalities Office (tbc)

Liz Law, Northern Ireland Women's European Platform,

Treasurer, European Women's Lobby and UK Joint Committee on Women

Please register at [events@nawo.org.uk](mailto:events@nawo.org.uk). Maximum 50 (first-come, first-served). Give yourself time (30 minutes) to clear security.

**Knowledge Networking and Capacity Building Program on En-gendering Macroeconomics and International Economics in Istanbul, 9-17 October**

The Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics International Working Group (GEM-IWG) along with GEM-Europe and GEM-Turkey, is pleased to announce its European regional program on knowledge networking and capacity building on gender, macroeconomics and international economics. This program aims to facilitate the integration of a gender perspective into macroeconomic research and policy formulation in Europe with a special focus on the transition and emerging economies in Eastern and Southern Europe, the Balkans as well as the Caucasus and Central Asia. The purpose of the program is to create a knowledge network of economists in these regions. For more information, please click [here](#).

*WIDE Annual Conference 2011*

**WIDE Annual Conference: Women's Rights and Gender Equality amidst the 'Arab Springs' - Challenges and Lessons Learnt across Regions, 27-28 October 2011, Brussels, Belgium**

What is now known as the 'Arab spring' has had a dramatic ripple effect all over the region, still in upheaval to different extents. Although women were prominent actors of those upheavals, issues of non-discrimination, equality and women's rights face difficulties to be included in the frameworks of ongoing and/or upcoming constitutional reform processes. Moreover, in many

countries retaliation against women has been brutal, ranging from rapes to virginity tests to imprisonment and torture.

The international community is playing a significant role both in terms of diplomacy as well as direct support and selective media coverage. "The Arab spring" has created new international interests as well as new funding pots. What are the implications for the peoples of these countries and for women's rights in particular?

To discuss these issues with other women leaders from the region as well as with women activists from the European Union, the **WIDE Network**, in close partnership with the Collective for Research and Training for Development – Action (**CRTD-A**), is delighted to invite you to its Annual Conference "**Women's Rights and Gender Equality amidst the 'Arab Springs'**" to be held on 27-28 October 2011, in Brussels, Belgium.

A concrete aim of the conference will be to build a mutual understanding among participants of what is at stake so as to be able to identify possible joint efforts and ways forward to contribute to secure a transition that will address women's rights agenda(s) and put social concerns and women's proposals at the core of current important political processes in the region and also in the European Union.

Please register no **later than 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2011**. For more details, please contact **Natalie** and copy **Benedicte**.

#### **CEDAW For Change - 1 Week Intensive Institute in Toronto, 24-28 October 2011**

The Centre for Women's Studies in Education organises training on the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) on 24-28 October 2011, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

This one-week module is designed to cultivate a better understanding of the principles of non-discrimination and equality as enshrined in the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and each State's obligation to respect, protect and fulfill women's human rights. **The deadline for applications is 1 September 2011**. For more information, please click [here](#).

#### **International Conference: New debates on gender, migration and development: linking production and reproduction chains in contemporary mobility, Maó, Menorca (Balearic Islands), Spain, 6, 7, and 8 October 2011**

The main objective of this event is to articulate the debate surrounding issues of gender, migration and development. The specific aim of the conference is to combine the disciplines, approaches and perspectives that analyse the various societies affected by international migrations, focusing on the question of gender. Our work will be based on the analyses of global production and reproduction chains (and the so-called 'global care chains' in particular) and the new models put forward for the study of emerging trends played out by women in contemporary mobility flows.

Confirmed guest speakers:

- Lourdes Beneria- Cornell, New York, USA, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Sylvia Chant- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- Mokhtar El Harras- Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines. Université Mohamed V Agdal.

- Caroline Moser- Global Urban Research Centre, University of Manchester
- Nina Sorensen- Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen

For more information, please visit the **website**

### **The Commonwealth People's Forum, Perth Australia, 25 to 27 October 2011**

The Commonwealth People's Forum is organised by the Commonwealth Foundation and is an opportunity for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to meet and exchange views on a range of international development issues. One workshop will focus on gender. Inputs from the forum will be presented for discussion with Foreign Ministers.

Every two years, Commonwealth leaders meet at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The next meeting is being held from 28 to 30 October 2011 in Perth, Australia. The theme for Commonwealth Day this year was 'women as agents of change'. More information about CHOGM and the People's Forum (including registration) can be found **here**.

## **8. Job Openings**

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- **Associate Coordinator /All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes Region of Africa/London**  
Closing date: 14 August 2011
- **Project Officer/Oxfam GB/Oxford**  
Closing date: 25 August 2011
- **Consultant/Oxfam GB/Tajikistan**  
Closing date: 4 August 2011
- **Programme Coordinator/ Centre for Women's Global Leadership/ New Jersey**  
Closing date: Unspecified
- **Consultant – Mapping of UN Women Projects, Activities and Results Supporting Domestic Workers Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean/UN Women/Home-based**  
Closing Date: August 9 2011
- **Gender and Advocacy Advisor/Helen Keller Institute/Nairobi**  
Closing Date: August 10 2011
- **Gender Specialist/Canadian International Development Agency/South Africa**  
Closing Date: August 12 2011
- **Arab States Regional Director/UN Women/Cairo**  
Closing Date: August 15 2011
- **Global Evaluation Research and Learning Officer/Oxfam International/Oxford or Barcelona**  
Closing Date: August 15 2011
- **Programme Specialist, Gender and Governance in Fragile and Conflict Affected States/UN Women/New York**  
Closing Date: August 31 2011
- **Executive Director/The Asian-Pacific Resource Centre for Women (ARROW)/Kuala Lumpur**  
Closing Date: August 19 2011
- **Director Equality and Justice/Ford Foundation/New York**  
Closing Date: Open until filled
- **Various positions/International Centre for Research on Women/Washington D.C.**  
Closing Date: Open until filled

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Women Agents of Change**  
Commonwealth Countries League, March 2011
- **Launch Event: UN Women Flagship Report Progress of the World's Women (New York)**  
UN Women, July 2011
- **Ms. Bachelet on Gender-Responsive Planning and Budgeting**  
UN Women, July 2011
- **East Africa Food Crisis**  
ActionAid, July 2011

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