



PICTURE: Afghan women attend one of the almost three thousand literacy courses supported by the United Nations Children's Fund for nearly seventy eight thousand women last year. Photo posted by UN.

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*****If you are a member of the Gender and Development Network and would like to publicise and 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

The **Violence Against Women working group** is currently organising the next members meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday 15th September**. Given October is the tenth anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, the meeting will focus on violence against women as a cause and a consequence of conflict and more details will be published soon.

The group have also written to William Hague MP, FCO Minister, asking the Coalition Government to appoint a Minister for international violence against women and girls whose brief covers the FCO, DFID and MoD. This was a key ask in GADN's Manifesto for the UK General Election. This appointment would facilitate the implementation of the Coalition Government's commitment to ending violence against women and girls, making a lasting difference to the lives of millions of women.

The **Gender Mainstreaming working group** held their first meeting on 15th July. This working group is aimed for those with responsibility for gender mainstreaming within their organisations, or programme staff wanting to build their knowledge in areas not already covered by other working groups of GADN.

The GMWG aims to:

- 1) Build knowledge by collecting a body of evidence of good practice on gender programming (including in policy work)
- 2) Increase learning and solidarity by sharing members' experiences of mainstreaming both within programmes and institutionally – challenges, effective strategies - and useful contacts and resources

If you are a member of GADN and would like to join a working group (Violence Against Women, Gender Mainstreaming, MDGs, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, the UN Women's Agency and Aid Effectiveness), please email gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org. We will also be providing updates in the monthly newsletter and on the **GADN website**.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **WIDE:** The Women's Working Group on Financing for Development has published a statement on addressing the 2010 ECOSOC High Level Meeting on "**Policy Coherence with Gender Equality, Equity and Rights in Development Cooperation**".
- **Oxfam** has released a new report entitled '**Aid to Haiti, 6 months on: A long way to go**'. The report reveals how the outpouring of global public support in response to the earthquake enabled Oxfam and other agencies to get aid through to the Haitian people and make a real difference. However, the report also states that recovery in Haiti is one of the most complex humanitarian and development challenges in modern times and there are no short-term solutions for Haiti.

- In **'Risking Rape to Reach a Toilet: Women's Experiences in the Slums of Nairobi Kenya'** **Amnesty International** calls on the Kenyan government to ensure adequate access to toilets, bathrooms and policing in four particular slums.
- **Minority Rights Group International** have published **State of the World's Minorities and Indigenous Peoples 2010**, which provides a comprehensive overview of the situation faced by minorities in a world increasingly divided along religious lines.
- In **Child Carers: Child-led Research with Children who are Carers, Save The Children** looked at the needs of child-carers in four African countries; Nigeria, Uganda, Angola and Zimbabwe. The report identifies a number of advocacy issues which must be addressed in order to ease the burden of child-carers.
- **Marie Stopes International** in cooperation with GADN will be hosting the **EuroNGOs 2010 Conference, 'Gender at the Heart of the MDGs'** at The Grosvenor Hotel on the **8th and 9th of November**. This is the only international conference in Europe focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the ICPD Programme of Action, and brings together a huge number of experts and stakeholders from Europe, North America, Australia, Japan and the Global South. The EuroNGOs Conference and AGM 2010 will enhance understanding of the interdependence of gender and SRHR to achieve the MDGs and to improve women's – and men's – SRHR worldwide. It will also bring together the SRHR and gender communities so we can work more closely together and make a real difference to women's lives. For more information and to register please contact Valeria Bonfiglio on valeria.bonfiglio@mariestopes.org.uk
- **Women for Women International: Your input required - Questionnaire on lessons learned, progress & challenges to achieve the gender MDGS in conflict-affected countries**

Women for Women International, with funding from the **UK Department for International Development**, has commissioned research to look more closely at the intersection between gender, conflict and the MDGs, with a particular focus on **Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Sudan**. As an organisation that strongly believes that stronger women make stronger nations, WfWI are particularly interested to map and learn about other interventions, particularly at community level, that are addressing issues such as: women's exclusion from formal and informal peace processes; increasing women's access to basic resources, services & income-generation; addressing their security concerns and tackling gender-based violence. Please email cerihayes@gmail.com or gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org for a copy of the questionnaire (in English or French). Completed questionnaires will need to be returned to Consultant Researcher Ceri Hayes by **Friday 6th August 2010**.

GEAR (UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign News

- **New UN Women Website Launched** (2 July 2010)
- **UN WOMEN BORN! Civil Society Celebrates Creation of Gender Equality Entity after Four Years of Advocacy** (30 June 2010)

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **Structural Reform Plan**
DFID, 27 July 2010
- **Recognise the role of women in development and promote gender equality**
DFID, 27 July 2010
- **Deputy Prime Minister outlines vision for international development**
DFID, 27 July 2010
- **New focus on family planning to reduce deaths in pregnancy and childbirth**
DFID, 27 July 2010
- **Take part in the consultation: Choice for women**
- **DFID Annual Report**
DFID, 22 July 2010
- **UNIFEM Currents – July 2010: Special Issue on the Creation of UN Women**
UNIFEM, 02 July 2010
- **Cameron Asked to Intervene on New UN Women's Agency**
The Guardian, 26 June 2010
- **Mitchell Hails Powerful, New Agency for Women**
DFID, 05 July 2010
- **Secretary of State statement on World Population Day**
DFID, 11 July 2010
- **Praise for UK Efforts to Reduce Poverty**
OECD/DFID, 09 July 2010
- **Baroness Amos appointed new Head of UN OCHA**
DFID, 09 July 2010
- **Andrew Mitchell Delivers First Overseas Speech in Washington**
DFID, 26 July 2010
- **New watchdog 'will have power to axe aid projects'**
The Independent, 13 July 2010
- **Fund for Gender Equality Announces More than US\$27.5 Million in Grants to Accelerate Action to Advance Women's Empowerment**
UNIFEM, 07 July 2010
- **High-level UN Forum Stresses Role of Women in Advancing Global Development**
UN News Centre, 02 July 2010
- **Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict – A New Tool Captures Innovation in Peacekeeping**
UNIFEM, 30 June 2010
- **Pakistan: Women Parliamentarians Break the Glass Ceiling**
UNDP, 30 June 2010
- **Declaration by the High Representative Catherine Ashton on Behalf of the European Union on Femicide**
EU, 30 June 2010
- **European Development Education Monitoring Report**
Concord, June 2010
- **Empowerment of Women and Girls Tops Agenda at UN Economic and Social Council**
UN News Centre, 28 June 2010
- **Spending Challenge: Your chance to have an input on international development spending by the Coalition Government**

4. Development News

- **Thailand: Women More Active in Reform**
Bangkok Post, July 24 2010
- **Global: IPS Publishes Gender Reporting Toolkits Online**
Bizcommunity.com, July 23 2010
- **United Nations: UN Women Receives Guarded Welcome from Gender Activists**
IDS, July 22 2010
- **Zambia: Calls for Political Parties to Field 50 Percent Female Candidates**
IPS News, July 22 2010
- **Ghana: Government is to Empower Women to Promote Gender Equality**
Ghana News Agency, July 21 2010
- **Indonesia: Gender Budgeting Set for Regions for 2012**
Jakarta Post, July 20 2010
- **Global: Women Vital in Global Fight Against AIDS**
IPS News, July 20 2010
- **Global: New UN agency for women – first battle won**
IRIN News, July 16 2010
- **Egypt: The Female Factor – In Egypt Women Have Burdens but No Privileges**
New York Times, July 13 2010
- **Pakistan: Slowly, Women Gain Ground Through Land Ownership**
IPS News, July 13 2010
- **Latin America: Time to Value Women's Unpaid Work**
IPS News, July 9 2010
- **Global: Making 2010 a Turning Point for Women's Health**
IPS News, July 8 2010
- **United Kingdom: Family planning offset scheme backs first wave of projects**
BusinessGreen.com, July 5 2010

5. Publications & Resources

- **Overseas Development Institute: From a 'shack' to a New-age Building? Appraising the New UN Gender Equality Architecture**
06 July 2010
- **Peace and Conflict Monitor: A Gender Critique of the National Adaptation Programme of Action toward Climate Change in Post-conflict Liberia: Emphasis on the Agricultural Sector**
04 July 2010
- **Ageways 75: Focus on older women**, discussing how age and gender-based discrimination affect older women. It highlights older women's contributions - as carers, income-earners, educators and mediators - and calls for data broken down by age and sex.
July 2010
- See also publications under 'GADN Members Updates'

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for Papers: Campaign: Gun violence in Latin America**

Gun violence in Latin America has risen sharply following internal armed struggles and the emergence of drug trafficking in the late 1970s and 80s. Today, it is one of the most dramatic threats to public safety in the region, thwarting development efforts and seriously undermining democratic reforms and the implementation of basic human rights.

While Colombia is the only country engaged in a declared conflict, the distinction between war and peace is blurred elsewhere on the continent. Socio-economic inequalities, corruption and brutality among security forces, and the easy availability of small arms and light weapons have set the stage for some of the worst rates of violent crime and murder in the world, especially in large cities.

FLACSO (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Latin American Social Sciences Institute), an inter-government autonomous organisation for Latin America and the Caribbean dedicated to research and teaching, has chosen to focus an edition of its journal on the topic and is inviting contributions from IANSA members. A forthcoming edition of the FLACSO-UVIRO journal will focus on firearms in Latin America, and gun policy in general. The main areas covered will be:

- firearms possession, proliferation and use;
- firearms impact on citizen security, women, health, culture, social bonds and development, and evaluation of firearm control policies and disarmament

Contributions can be sent in English, Spanish or Portuguese. For more information please contact Mg. Alejandra Otamendi who is coordinating the publication, email: motamen@gmail.com

- **Call for Papers: Gender, Sustainability and Climate Change**

The **Linköping** symposium is part of the conference **Equality, Growth and Sustainability- Do They Mix?** This conference is a forum for examining if and how questions of equality, growth and sustainability can be reconciled in organisations and implemented in general practice.

15 years after the Beijing Platform for Action this conference will provide academics, policy makers and practitioners with an international and interdisciplinary forum for exchange. The purpose is to explore and disseminate knowledge and experiences on gender equality, gender mainstreaming, diversity management, growth and sustainability, inclusion and equal opportunities. The ambition is to discuss these key concepts and issues from an intersectional perspective, and in theory and practice, in order to rethink and find new ways to move on. For more information, please visit the **Linköping University** website. Deadline for abstract submission is **August 1st 2010**.

- **Campaign: Say No to Sexual Violence in Conflict**

Women and girls hardly ever fight the world's wars, but they often suffer the most. Increasingly, they are the direct targets of fighting, when sexual violence is deliberately used as a tactic of warfare. And yet fewer than 10 percent of the people who negotiate peace deals are women, and only about three dozen individuals have been convicted and jailed by international war crimes tribunals for committing or commanding widespread sexual violence.

Sexual violence in conflict is NOT inevitable. It can be stopped.

Ten years ago, in its landmark resolution 1325, the United Nations Security Council called for women's full and equal participation in all elements of peacemaking, and for prevention of this kind of violence. But implementation of this historic resolution has been too slow. Visit the **Make Women Count for Peace** website and add your name to the petition and ask your government to support three steps to implement Security Council resolution 1325:

-Prosecute those who command and/or commit sexual violence and exclude them from armies and police forces after conflict.

-Ensure that women participate in peace negotiations and all post-conflict decision-making institutions.

-Increase the number of women in troops, police forces and civilians within international peacekeeping efforts.

7. Events and Conferences

- **UK Feminista Summer School:** 31 July – 1 Aug, Amnesty International Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London
- **The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - Voices of African Women Campaign: UK Launch of the African Women's Decade 2010-2020 and The celebration of African Women's Day:** 31 July 2-5pm, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Room G2, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square London WC1H 0XG
- **INTRAC Training - Gender Analysis and Planning:** 15-17 September, Oxford.
- **Care International UK 'Walk All Over Poverty Walkathon':** Care will be hosting a walkathon on 2 October 2010, at which funds will be raised for the vital Rapid Response Fund that enables Care to be amongst the first to respond when emergencies strike. The 25 km walk around Windsor will also be celebrating 25 years of Care International in the UK. Care asks for a minimum donation of £25 per person and encourages each participant to reach or exceed a fundraising target of £100. For more information, please visit **Care International UK**.
- **DAWN Training Institute:** 10-28 October in South East Asia. The main objectives of this three-week training course are to prepare young feminist activists from Southern countries for the challenges entailed in working for gender justice in the present global geopolitical and economic context; to build their capacity in understanding linkages between different issues and advocacy agendas, particularly those concerned with gender justice in its multiple and inter-linked dimensions – economic, political, ecological, social and personal; and, to strengthen feminist analysis and advocacy work in some complex areas at global and regional levels. Apply by 15 September.

- **EuroNGOs 2010 Conference, 'Gender at the Heart of the MDGs':** 8 and 9 November, The Grosvenor Hotel, hosted by Marie Stopes International and GADN. For more information and to register please contact Valeria Bonfiglio on valeria.bonfiglio@mariestopes.org.uk

8. Job Openings

- **International Consultant – Safe Districts and Cities/UNIFEM/Islamabad**
- **Project Manager: International Women's Day 2011/ WfWI, Oxfam, White Ribbon Alliance and ActionAid/ London**
Closing date: July 30, 2010
- **Gender Advisor for the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development/ UNIFEM/Nairobi**
Closing date: July 30, 2010
- **Senior Coordinator – International Advocacy/International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR)/New York**
Closing date: July 31, 2010
- **Senior Coordinator – International Advocacy/International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR)/New York**
Closing date: July 31, 2010
- **Expert in Designing Participatory Methodologies for Evaluating Aid Flows from a Gender Perspective/UN-INSTRAW/Home-based**
Closing date: August 1, 2010
- **Consultancy to Evaluate Gender and Women's Rights Programming at OSISA/Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA)/Johannesburg**
Closing date: August 6, 2010
- **Member of Rapid-Response Grant Making Team/Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights/Colorado**
Closing date: August 6, 2010
- **Senior Gender Advisor/USAID/Afghanistan**
Closing date: August 9, 2010
- **Manager – Good Governance and Peacebuilding/ International Alert/ Liberia/London**
Closing date: August 10, 2010
- **Female consultant required to evaluate Medica Mondiale's project "Improvement of the mental and physical health Status of women and girls having experienced violence in Afghanistan"**
Closing date: August 13 2010
- **Short Term Assignments, Mainstreaming Gender and Rights in Mali and Burkina Faso/The Royal Tropical Institute (KTI)/Mali and Burkina Faso**
Closing date: Open immediately
- **Programs Coordinator/Gender Action/Washington D.C.**
Closing date: Open immediately
- **Evaluation/Program Officer: Haiti/International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR)/New York and Haiti**
Closing date: Open immediately
- **Following Vacancies at International Centre for Research on Women/Washington D.C.:
Fertility and Empowerment Intern
Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant
Gender and Agricultural Specialist**

Programme Associate, Gender, Violence & Rights

Closing date: Open until filled

Association for Women's Rights in Development's Board of Directors

AWID has one vacancy on the Board of Directors, for which they are seeking nominations especially from Western Europe. Experience in multilaterals and/or bilateral agencies is requested to complement the existing sectors on the Board. They encourage nominations for members of the disability rights movement. Also desirable is knowledge of AWID, governance and human resources and past experience serving on a board of directors. If you know of strong, dynamic candidates, please nominate them by e-mailing **Allison Jack (ajack@awid.org)** by **August 8, 2010** the following information:

- Nominee's name, title, organization, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number
- Half page biography (not a CV or resume)
- Two reference letters

Please note that as per their bylaws, AWID cannot accept self-nominations.

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Podcast: Ban calls on the world to meet MDG target on maternal mortality**
June 2010, approx. 14 minutes
 - **Podcast: Young women's struggle for work and education 15 years after Beijing Women's Conference**
July 2010, approx. 14 minutes
 - **Podcast: The UN hosts a debate on Women's Rights**
July 2010, approx. 14 minutes
 - **Videocast: NISAA Institute for Women's Development**
July 2010, approx. 6 minutes
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