

Information Round-up: May 2010



PICTURE: At the village of Godino, Ethiopia women making cotton thread to be used for weaving clothes. About 90% of the people are engaged in subsistence agriculture. The Government, with help from the UN Development Programme, has undertaken projects to improve the standard of living of its people. 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 information round-up. 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

Welcome to the New UK GADN Research and Communications Intern!

We would like to welcome Azmina Dhrodia as the new GADN Research and Communications Intern. Azmina will be working alongside Lauren in the GADN office on Mondays and Thursdays, and can be contacted on gadnvol@oneworldaction.org. Azmina looks forward to getting involved in the UK GADN and will intern here alongside completing her Masters in Human Rights at LSE. At the same time, we say goodbye and a huge thank you to Monica Mukerjee who has provided incredible support to the UK GADN. We wish her all the best for her future!

UK GADN update on the General Election

The May 6th General Election saw just 143 women MPs elected - 22% of the new parliament. 73 represent Labour, 49 the Conservatives, 8 Labour/Co-operative, 7 Liberal Democrats and 6 women from other parties. This is a small rise on the previous parliament where 128 (20%) of MPs were women. Read the **UK GADN update on the General Election**, discussing some of the key figures in women's rights and international development, the Coalition Government's approach to global gender equality and the UK Gender and Development Network's next steps.

UK GADN Working Groups

Several of the GADN working groups have had proactive meetings in recent weeks. If you would like to find out any more information or get involved in any of them (Violence Against Women, Gender Mainstreaming, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, MDGs, DFID-Aid Effectiveness and the UN Women's Agency), please contact Lauren on gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **IDS** has published a new article entitled '**Sex, Gender and Development: Challenging Heteronormativity**'. The publication evaluates how practitioners, activists, academics and policy actors concerned with challenging oppressive gender and sexuality norms can work together to loosen development's 'straightjacket'.
- **Oxfam** has published a new report on aid entitled '**21st Century Aid: Recognising Success and Tackling Failure**'. The report examines and assesses the barrage of criticism that has been unleashed on international aid.
- **WIDE** is organizing a Capacity Building and Annual Conference on "Migration in the Context of Globalisation: Women's Human Rights at Risk?" The event will take place from **June 3-5, 2010** in Bucharest, Romania.
- **One World Action British 10K London Run**: The ASICS British 10K on **Sunday 11th July**, attracts runners from all over the world, including Olympic champions, charity fun runners and fitness enthusiasts. On the day, 26,000 people are set to take part, running past many of London world famous historic landmarks on their way to the finish line at Whitehall. For more information, please visit **One World Action**.
- **Women for Women International Congo Run**: Run for Congo Women is a grassroots movement benefiting Women for Women International's Congo program. The first official

Run for Congo Women UK will be taking place at the **Regents Park Race on July 3rd 2010**. For more information, please visit **Women for Women International**.

Member Vacancies:

- **Tender for Final Evaluation of Programme Work in Albania/ Womankind Worldwide/UK**
Closing date: June 15, 2010
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GEAR (UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign News

- **Search for the Head of the UN Women's Agency Begins** (5 May 2010)
- **Governance of the New UN Women's Agency Divides Member States** (10 May 2010)
- **Gear Campaign ECOSOC Arm Statement** (11 May 2010)

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **UNIFEM and Government of Spain Sign 3 Year Agreement to Promote Gender Equality Worldwide**
UNIFEM, 14 April 2010
- **UNIFEM Welcomes UN Security Council Support for Comprehensive Set of Indicators on the Implementation of Resolution 1325**
UNIFEM, 27 April 2010
- **Andrew Mitchell Appointed Secretary of State**
DFID News, 12 May 2010
- **In Full: Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Agreement**
Telegraph, 12 May 2010
- **Minister Attacks 'Lack of Women' At Top of Government**
BBC News, 14 May 2010
- **Andrew Mitchell Axes Development Awareness Projects**
Guardian, 17 May 2010
- **Women's Empowerment Vital for Economic Development and Peace**
UN News Centre, 17 May 2010
- **United Nations Girls' Education Initiative Interview Series**
UNICEF, 18 May 2010
- **DFID to Spend £2.95M on Contraceptives for Uganda**
Guardian, 20 May 2010
- **Britain to Provide Life Saving Contraception in Uganda**
DFID News, 20 May 2010
- **UN-INSTRAW releases newest publication in series of working papers on Gender, Peace and Security ('Como te haces entender?': Gender and Gun Cultures in the Caribbean Context)**
UN-INSTRAW, 20 May 2010

4. Development News

- **Kyrgyzstan: UNIFEM and Kumtor Operating Company Join Efforts on Rural Development Program**
UNIFEM, 10 April 2010

- **Zambia: UN Supports Government to Implement Gender-Responsive Budgeting**
UNIFEM, 23 April 2010
- **India: Empowering Women in Local Government**
UNIFEM, 26 April 2010
- **Pakistan: Lack of Access To Contraception, Abortions Persist**
IPS, 30 April 2010
- **Sierra Leone: Bold Plan For Maternal Health**
IPS, 30 April 2010
- **Chile: Gender Equity Progress Blocked by Hardcore 'Machismo'**
AWID, May 2010
- **Timor Leste: Domestic Violence Law Passed**
UNIFEM, 6 May 2010
- **Indonesia: Gender Budgeting Set for 2012**
Jakarta Post, 7 May 2010
- **UK: 'Derisory' Increase in Number of Women MPs**
Centre For Women and Democracy, 7 May 2010
- **Bangladesh: Meeting Millennium Development Goals**
BBC News, 10 May 2010
- **Botswana: BOCONGO Urge Government to Give Affect to CEDAW**
NGO News Africa, 10 May 2010
- **Rwanda: GBV a Stumbling Block For Development**
All Africa, 12 May 2010
- **Liberia: Women's Empowerment could suffer post- UNMIL**
IRIN, 18 May 2010
- **Norway: Development without Gender is 'Bad Economics'**
Devex, 19 May 2010
- **Nigeria: Gender Quotas - Steps to Equity**
All Africa, 20 May 2010

5. Publications & Resources

- **Peace and Conflict Monitor: 'Promoting Gender Equality in Post-conflict Liberia: Challenges and Prospects'**
May 2010
- **Fawcett Society: UK Women's Budget Group Report on Budget Proposals in Party Manifestos.**
May 2010
- **OECD: Aid in Support of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment 2007-2008**
April 2010
- **Oxfam: Responding to Climate Change in Vietnam**
May 2010
- **Save the Children: Women on the Front Lines of Health Care- State of the World's Mothers 2010**
May 2010
- **World Aids Campaign: Gender Equality**
May 2010

- **Minority Rights Group International: 'Uncounted: the hidden lives of Batwa women'**.
May 2010

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for Applications: Women Peace Makers and Peace Writers for 2010 Women Peacemakers Program**

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) in San Diego, California, is currently accepting applications for its Women PeaceMakers Program (WPM). The WPM program is designed for leaders from conflict-affected countries around the world who are transforming conflict and assuring gender-inclusion in post conflict recovery through in human rights advocacy and peace building efforts they lead. These are women whose stories and best practices will be shared internationally; they are women who will have a respite from the frontlines work they do.

Four Women Peacemakers are selected each year and spend two months in the residence at the Institute. They will receive a small stipend while having their unique peacemaking stories documented, through both film and narratives that will be available to inspire others around the world. Women PeaceMakers in residence will have the opportunity to engage with the community through a series of public panels and to meet with other activists and leaders involved in human rights, political action and peacemaking efforts.

Four Peace Writers are selected each year to document the stories of Women PeaceMakers for publication. Writers will interview the Women and engage in extensive research to become familiar with the histories of their conflicts and peacemaking efforts.

Residency dates are Sep 12- Nov 5 for Peace Makers and Sep 7- Nov 26 for Peace Writers. The Application for Women Peacemaker is **June 1, 2010** and the deadline for Women Peace Writer is **June 15, 2010**. For more information about the program and an application please visit the IPJ web site at <http://peace.sandiego.edu> or contact Jennifer Freeman, Women PeaceMakers Program Officer, at jenfreeman@sandiego.edu

- **Call for Concept Papers: Secretary's Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls**

The Secretary's Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls seeks to find and bring to scale the most pioneering approaches to the political, economic and social empowerment of women and girls around the globe. Funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, the award is part of the State Department's continuing emphasis on public-private partnerships, and is administered by its Office of Global Women's Issues. The award, and the office, are founded on the premise that the major economic, security, governance and environmental challenges of our time cannot be solved without the full participation of women at all levels of society. The Rockefeller Foundation, as part of its mission to expand opportunity and promote more equitable growth, seeks to identify innovative approaches that can be scaled to address these challenges.

The purpose of this announcement is to invite interested parties to submit a concept paper that describes innovations that have proven to have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls politically, socially, or economically. The concept paper should: (1) describe the innovation, (2) how it has been successful, and, (3) how it can be supported and enlarged with additional financial support to empower women and girls in their communities.

All concept papers will be reviewed by State Department staff, and selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. The full proposal will include detailed implementation and budget plans. A jury panel, co-chaired by Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Vermeer and Rockefeller Foundation President Judith Rodin, will assist in the selection of two award winners in 2010. Jury members include Cherie Blair, Beth Brooke, Paul Farmer, Noeleen Heyzer, Anne Mulcahy, Sheryl Sandberg, Sheryl WuDunn, and Muhammad Yunus. The final awardees will be invited to attend an award ceremony at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., and each will receive a grant of up to \$500,000 to fund their project. Concept papers are due **June 21st, 2010** and should be emailed to: SGWIRFPInnovation@state.gov. For more information on what should be included in the Concept Paper, please visit the **U.S Secretary of State Diplomacy in Action**.

- **Call for Applications: The Institute of Peace, Leadership and Governance (IPLG) at Africa University and OSISA- Training Course on Feminist Leadership**

This is a course for young feminist advocates in NGOs, the public and private sectors. It will be held in Mutarare, Zimbabwe from August 16-28, 2010. This training course on feminism and public policy provides a broad conceptual and practical understanding of feminism by locating it within in a pan-African discourse. Engaging in discursive debates and interactive analyses, it is envisioned that participants will be able to redefine the idea of feminism to symbolise young women coming together to share knowledge, skills and good practice, so that they may lead fulfilling lives with self-assurance and passion. Deadline for applications is **July 09, 2010**.

- **Call for Nominations: Human Rights Awards 2010**

The International Service Human Rights Awards recognise the achievements of organisations and individuals around the world who work at a grassroots level to promote human rights and change the things that cause people to be excluded, impoverished or disempowered.

Nominations are sought in four categories: Award for the Defence of the Human Rights of Women; Award for the Defence of the Human Rights of Children; Award for the Defence of the Human Rights of Disabled People; Award for the Defence of the Human Right to Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. The closing date for nominations is **July 9th 2010**.

- **Campaign: Make the United Nations More Effective in Realizing Women's Rights**

A global network of over 300 women's, human rights and social justice groups representing millions of people, are campaigning for a new strong UN agency for women to effectively support the protection and promotion of women's human rights. As the representative of all 192 UN member states, the President of the UN General Assembly, His Excellency Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, can help to prioritize the establishment

of the new UN women's agency, making sure it becomes fully operational in 2010 - the 15th anniversary year of the Beijing World Conference on Women. To learn about the petition in more detail, please visit: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/appeals-for-action/gear>. Please sign the global petition by **June 10 2010**.

7. Events and Conferences

- **Women Speak Out Blog:** 29 May 2010 at Royal Festival Hall café, South Bank, London
- **Global Development Course:** 7-9 June 2010 at University of London Union, London
- **UN Forum 2010: 'An Effective UN in a more secure and just world':** Saturday, 12 June 2010 at Friends' House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ
The UN Forum will be a large-scale civil society event featuring presentations, panel debates, films and workshops opportunities to act on peace, development & human rights. Register today for this unmissable event for anyone interested in international affairs!
- **Global Health 2010: 'What's Next for the G-20? Investing in Health and Development:** 30 June 2010 at Chatham House, London.
- **World Bank Education Strategy 2020:** 15 June 2010 from 2:30-5pm at The World Bank London Office, Milbank Tower, 12th Floor 21-24, London.
- **Capita Conference on Tackling Sexual Violence:** 12 July 2010, London.

8. Job Openings

- **Behavior Change Communication-Gender Advisor/ Management Systems International/ Baghdad, Iraq**
Closing date: 5 June 2010
- **Community Manager Women Leaders & Gender Parity Programme/ The World Economic Forum/ Geneva**
Closing date: 17 June 2010
- **Reproductive Health Advisor, Haiti Emergency/ Save The Children – US/ Haiti**
Closing date: 20 June 2010
- **Communications Consultant/ Women's Refugee Commission/ New York, NY, USA**
Closing date: 17 June 2010
- **Advocacy Associate/ The Association for Women's Rights in Development/ Flexible**
Closing date: 4 June 2010
- **Forum & Events Assistant / The Association for Women's Rights in Development / Toronto, Canada**
Closing date: 7 June 2010
- **Evaluator/ WOMANKIND Worldwide/ Flexible**
Closing date: 15 June 2010
- **Civil Society Organisations Strengthening Advisor / The International HIV/AIDS Alliance / Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
Closing date: 31 May 2010

- **Intern / The European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) / Brussels, Belgium**
Closing date: 13 June 2010
- **Policy and Advocacy Officer / The European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) / Brussels, Belgium**
Closing date: 20 June 2010
- **Gender Experts/Consultants / The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**
Closing date: 7 June 2010
- **Adviser on Gender Issues / The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) / Warsaw, Poland**
Closing date: 31 May 2010
- **Gender Advisor, the National AIDS Control Council / UNIFEM / Nairobi, Kenya**
Closing date: 11 June 2010
- **Country Programme Manager / UNIFEM / Yaoundé, Cameroon**
Closing date: 9 June 2010
- **National Coordinator / UNIFEM / Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
Closing date: 31 May 2010
- **Short-term Consultancy - Economic Governance Project / FEMNET / Rwanda, Egypt, Uganda and Zambia**
Closing date: 25 May 2010
- **Junior Institutional Analyst / Gender at Work / Toronto, Canada**
Closing date: 31 May 2010
- **Executive Director / Centre for Citizens' Participation on the African Union (CCP-AU) / Kenya**
Closing date: 31 May 2010
- **Senior Program Officer: Central and West Africa / The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) / Washington, DC, USA**
Closing date: Open until filled
- **Nursing & Midwifery Coordinator / Aga Khan University (AKU) / Kabul, Afghanistan**
Closing date: May 31, 2010
- **Program Officer: Women's Rights East Africa / Ford Foundation / Naoribi, Kenya**
Closing date: 6 July, 2010

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Videocast: LSE Speaker Series: What About Women? With Lynne Featherstone, Harriet Harman, Theresa May**
April 2010, approx. 101 minutes
 - **Podcast: LSE Speaker Series: HIV/AIDS And Disability: New Research Findings From Kenya**
May 2010, approx. 65 minutes
 - **Videocast: PRI: Global Health and Development: Zimbabwean women break the stigma of HIV through soccer**
April 2010, approx. 4 minutes
 - **Videocast: TedTalks: Kavita Ramdas- Radical Women, Embracing Tradition**
April 2010, approx. 19 minutes
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