

## Information Round-up: April 2010



PICTURE: Women's Solidarity for Human Rights in colourful traditional clothes sing and dance with umbrellas in high spirit despite falling rain. The umbrellas symbolize erratic weather patterns in Asia while traditional dances are a sign of harvest season. Photo posted by **Oxfam International**

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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

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- **Welcome to the New GADN Coordinator!**

We would like to welcome Lauren Donaldson as the new GADN Coordinator. Lauren has recently taken over the role from Polly Trenow, who we'd like to thank for doing such amazing work for the past two years. Lauren will be in the GADN office on Mondays and Thursdays, and she looks forward to working with the network. Feel free to get in touch with her at [gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org).

- **Meeting with DFID**

On Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April members of the UK GADN Steering Group met with Kemi Williams, Senior Gender Advisor on DFID's Equality and Rights Team. Steering Groups members discussed plans for GADN's involvement with DFID in the next year.

- **UN Women's Agency Working Group**

The UN Women's Agency Working Group had its first meeting in April. Over the next few months, the group will be lobbying DFID to ensure that the GADN's recommendations for the new entity are promoted by the UK Government. If you would like to be involved in setting the recommendations or supporting the work programme, please contact Kathy Peach, who chairs the group, on [kathy.peach@vso.org.uk](mailto:kathy.peach@vso.org.uk).

- **Upcoming GADN Members' Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May**

The next members meeting will be on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May** on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights from **13:30 to 17:30**. Details on location and the agenda will be sent out next week.

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **ActionAid** has published a new report, entitled **Her Stories**, in which African women tell remarkable accounts of how they have overcome violence and discrimination in appalling circumstances.
  - **CAWN** is featured as the Organisational Profile of *Gender & Development*, Vol. 18, No.1, March 2010. The article describes CAWN's research, work in Nicaragua & Honduras, and campaigns against femicide. **Click here** to access the article.
  - **One World Action** is featuring an online gallery entitled '**Breaking Barriers, Building Change**' of women workers in India. These women are members of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and the gallery highlighters their struggles, visions and celebrations.
  - **One World Action** has also recently published their Spring 2010 Newsletter. **Check it out here**.
  - **WIDE's** Spanish National Platform is organizing a MDG+10 Conference in Madrid (5-7 May) that will address the **Millennium Development Goals and Policy Coherence**. If anybody is interested in participating please contact [gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org). WIDE may be able to cover some travel expenses.
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### GEAR (UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign News

- **Co-Chairs release elements for resolution on the new UN women's agency** (13 April 2010)
- **Analysis of Government statements at the CSW** (12 April 2010)
- **Letter to UN Ambassadors** (8 April 2010)

## 3. DFID/EU/UN

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- **Arab Woman to lead UN's new gender programme?**  
Common Ground News, 30 March 2010
- **DR Congo: UN helps women fight under-representation in government**  
UN News Centre, 1 April 2010
- **UK aid hits 45 year high**  
DFID News, 1 April 2010
- **Investing in Haitian Women**  
UNDP, 6 April 2010
- **UN Secretary-General Launches Global Effort on Women's Health**  
UNFPA, 14 April 2010
- **UN FAO publishes new tool kit on gender in agriculture**  
United Nations Radio, 15 April 2010
- **Mexico leads countries in UN 'Blue Heart' human trafficking campaign**  
UN News Centre, 15 April 2010

## 4. Development News

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- **Nicaragua's Abortion Ban Is Inhumane and Backward**  
Politics Daily, 24 February 2010
- **Australian sexless loses official status**  
Telegraph, 19 March 2010
- **Uganda: Family Planning- Uganda Runs Out of Contraceptive**  
AllAfrica, 21 March 2010
- **Georgia: Gender Equality Law Adopted**  
UNIFEM, 29 March 2010
- **Sudan: Making Women's Voices Heard in Sudan Elections**  
UNIFEM, 7 April 2010
- **Nigeria: Violence Against Women - Group Lauds Men**  
AllAfrica, 7 April 2010
- **Iran: Women's Rights Activists win First Reporters Without Borders Prize**  
AWID, 8 April 2010
- **Chile: Custody Decision Violated Lesbian Judge's Rights**  
IPS GenderWire, 9 April 2010
- **Saving women's lives in childbirth - it's more possible than we thought**  
The Guardian, 12 April 2010
- **Yemen: Women In Yemen Rally in Support of a child Bride Law**  
AWID, 13 April 2010
- **Yemen, Oxfam in Talks over Gender Concerns**  
Devex 14 April 2010
- **Iceland: closing down of all strip clubs**  
EPACVAW: 14 April 2010
- **Argentina: Invisible Rural Women**  
IPSNews: 15 April 2010
- **UK: Asylum Seekers Sue Britain After Hunger Strike**  
W-ENEWS: 15 April 2010
- **China: China jails three over 'rape case' investigations**  
BBC News : 16 April 2010
- **UK: David Cameron & Jeffrey Sachs: Educated women hold the key to ending poverty**  
The Telegraph: 18 April 2010

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **The Lancet: Maternal mortality for 181 countries, 1980-2008: a systematic analysis of progress towards Millennium Development Goal 5**  
April 2010
- **Oxfam: "Now, the World is Without Me": An Investigation of Sexual Violence in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo**  
April 2010
- **DAC Network: Gendernet Practice Notes**  
April 2010

- **FAO: Gender and Landrights Database**  
April 2010
- **International Fund for Agricultural Development: Lightening the Load: Labour-saving technologies and practices for rural women**  
April 2010
- **Population Action International: Funding Common Ground: cost estimates for international reproductive health**  
April 2010
- **Women's Environment Network (WEN): Gender and the Climate Change Agenda.**  
April 2010

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for Research Pre-Proposals: Gender and Citizenship in the Information Society-An Asia-wide Research Programme**

IT for Change, with support from IDRC, is launching an Asia-Wide Research Programme, 'Gender and Citizenship in the Information Society'. This initiative proposes to explore how the concept of citizenship may be useful to study the gendered context of the emerging techno-social paradigm. It aims to build a theoretical framework and generate policy directions from the standpoint of marginalised women in the region. The Programme will award about 8 grants of up to 25,000 USD each, for one year of primary research. The deadline to send the Pre-Proposal is **April 28th, 2010**. For more information on eligibility and the selection process, please go to: <http://gender-is-citizenship.net>.

- **Calls for UNIFEM Proposals: "Campaigns to end violence against women and girls"; "Working with the security sector to end violence against women and girls"; and "Working with the justice sector to end violence against women and girls"**

The knowledge asset on "Campaigns to End Violence Against Women and Girls" (distilled programming guidance, programme examples and case studies) should be tailored to provide practical guidance for the development and implementation of campaigns that address gender-based violence specifically. The focus of the module "Working with the Security Sector to End Violence against Women and Girls" is to provide 'state-of-the-art' how-to guidance on working with the security sector to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls. The focus of the module "Working with the Justice Sector to End Violence against Women and Girls" is to provide 'state-of-the-art' how-to guidance on working with the justice sector (in particular, the informal justice sector) to implement legislation and human rights standards related to ending violence against women and girls. Deadline for proposals has been extended to **April 23, 2010** and for the knowledge asset to **April 27, 2010**. To get further information (including contact details) on all three calls, please visit **UNIFEM**.

- **Call for Papers: Gender and Economics in Muslim Communities**

Over the past decade, there has been an increasing recognition of the importance of understanding economic conditions in a broad range of contemporary Muslim societies. However, large gaps remain in our knowledge of the links between gender, economic well-

being, and the varying influences of religion due to gender-blind analyses and unexplored assumptions and generalizations regarding Muslim women's experiences. Deadline for paper submissions: **August 15, 2010**.

This special issue, planned for online publication in 2013 and print in 2014, aims to provide a forum for rethinking the study of socioeconomic policies and processes that impinge on women's and men's lives in Muslim families, communities, and countries around the world. Sought are contributions that interrogate the prevailing discourses and explore new insights into women's economic well-being in Muslim communities. Of special interest are submissions that pay attention to women's agency and voice and the intersections between religion, gender, class, and ethnicity in the analysis of outcomes. Submissions that rely on a variety of methodologies and research methods, including interpretive and quantitative methodologies (such as country-level or cross-country analyses), are welcome. *Feminist Economics* very much encourages submissions from the Global South and Central/Eastern Europe.

Please direct queries and abstracts (500 words maximum) to the Guest Editors: Ebru Kongar, Jennifer Olmsted, and Elora Shehabuddin at [gemc@drew.edu](mailto:gemc@drew.edu) no later than **15 August 2010**. After approval of abstracts, final papers will be due 15 February 2011 and should be submitted to *Feminist Economics* through the website (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rfec>). Questions about these procedures may be sent to [feministeconomics@rice.edu](mailto:feministeconomics@rice.edu).

- **Call for Papers: Feminist Security Studies at ISA 2011**

As many of you know, Feminist Security Studies scholarship has proliferated in recent years raising important questions and critiques about the implications of global governance structures and institutions on women's rights and gender equality, particular in areas of armed conflict and violent transition around the world. Given the growing significance of Feminist Security Studies in International Relations, they plan two roundtables as well as a series of themed panels for ISA 2011 (though they also welcome papers beyond these themes).

*Roundtable 1: Feminist Perspectives on Global Governance in the Area of International Peace and Security.* For this roundtable, they envision a mix of feminist scholars and practitioners reflecting on the practices and processes of those international actors in the business of promoting, protecting and maintaining international peace and security.

*Roundtable 2: The WomensStats Project and its Implications for Feminist Security Studies.* The purpose of this roundtable is to continue the discussions of the 2010 ISA Working Group which focused on delineating and developing the FSS subfield. Using the work by Hudson, Caprioli et al. (e.g., "The Heart of the Matter" International Security 2009) and its reception by the field of security studies and the policy world as a launch pad, the roundtable outlines what this body of scholarship is doing, how we might build on its success, and how we can push the conversation to also include broader feminist insights that might not be quantifiable in quite the same way.

*Themed Panels:*

- Mainstreaming gender in peace and security sectors: What works, what doesn't, and where do we go from here?
- Security Council Resolution 1325 at 10: Assessing impact and enhancing accountability

- Feminist activism on security issues: Reports from the field
- Feminist security theory: Epistemological and methodological questions
- Feminist perspectives on the military: Women soldiers
- Women terrorists: The media, the politics, and more
- Women = peace? Debates and challenges

If you would like to present a paper on one of the panels please submit a title and brief abstract of your research to Natalie [hudsonnb@notes.udayton.edu] by 3 May 2010. If you would like to participate in one of the roundtable discussions or have a recommendation on a potential participant please let Annick [awibben@usfca.edu] know as soon as possible.

- **Campaign: Support Mahtab and Saleh by Sending an Email**

IRQR requests your assistance on a very urgent case involving Mahtab, an Iranian transsexual, and her husband, Saleh. It is no secret that queer Iranians who flee to Turkey and other countries continue to face risks due to homophobia. This often results in depression and post traumatic stress symptoms. Mahtab and Saleh, fled Iran to Turkey in June 2007, but have still not received refugee status. The common complications that queer refugees experience are escalated for them because their file has been rejected by office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Ankara. Immediate attention by UNHCR is critical! Please show your support by writing to the UNHCR to urge them to reconsider their case and grant them international protection because their life is depending upon to the UNHCR's decision. To learn about 2 ways that you can help, please visit <http://www.irqr.net/English/238.htm>.

## 7. Events and Conferences

- **Women's Resource Centre: Social enterprise and the women's sector Workshop:** 5 May 2010, 9:30am - 4.00pm at WRC
- **NAWO's 21st Celebration and AGM:** Tuesday 27 April 2010
- **WIDE MDGS+10 Conference:** 5-7 May in Madrid, Spain
- **Oxfam GB: The Future of Foreign Policy Debate:** 17 May 2010 at Kings Place, 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!

## 8. Job Openings

- **WITM - Program Associate / AWID/ Mexico**  
Closing date: 25 April 2010
- **Male Circumcision Partnership Project Manager/ Marie Stopes International/ Zambia**

Closing Date: 30 April 2010

- **Programmes Support Manager – Africa/ Marie Stopes International / UK**  
Open until filled
- **Advocacy Officer / Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) / Geneva, Switzerland**  
Closing date: 14 May 2010
- **Advocacy Advisor, Arab World Region / IPPF / Tunis, Tunisia**  
Closing date: 15 May 2010
- **Gender Specialists / Winrock International / Arlington, VA, USA**  
Closing date: 31 May 2010
- **Bilingual Program Officer, Women's Rights / Canadian Crossroads International / Canada**  
Open until filled
- **Interns / The Media Consortium / Washington, DC, New York, NY and Oakland, CA, USA**  
Closing date: 3 May 2010
- **Program Leader - Globalization, Growth and Poverty / The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) / Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**  
Closing date: 6 May 2010.
- **CIFI Land Development Consultant / Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Policy Report Senior Writer Consultant / Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Manager of Special Events / Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Prospect Research & Management Coordinator\_ /Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Major Gifts Officer / Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Operation Analytics Coordinator / Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Global Human Resources Manager Coordinator/ Women for Women International/ Washington, DC, USA**  
Open until filled
- **Country Director in Waiting – Africa/ Marie Stopes International/ UK**  
Open until filled
- **Senior Gender Based Violence Coordinator/ International Rescue Committee / Monrovia, Liberia**  
Open until filled

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Podcast: Forced Migration Online: Relocation of Young Uyghur Women in China**  
April 2010, approx. 32 minutes
- **Podcast: In Women's Words Weekly Podcast by IPS Africa: Campaign to enroll Girl Children in School Hits Numerous Roadblocks in Sierra Leone**

April 2010, approx. 5 minutes

- **Videocast: WITNESS: Sex Workers Rights in Macedonia--“You Must Know About Me”**
- December 2009, approx. 7 minutes
- **Videocast: ACLU: Round Table on US Ratification of CEDAW**  
March 2010, approx. 5 minutes
- **Videocast: Breakthrough: Video Games for Social Change**  
March 2010, approx. 7 minutes
- **Videocast: DFID: Rwanda: 15 Years On-Land and Security**  
April 2010, approx. 7 minutes

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