

## Information Round-up: March 2010



PICTURE: Sarah Brown leads the Women for Women International 'Join Me On the Bridge' campaign march to the Millennium Bridge. With her are Cherie Lunghie and Annie Lennox, 8 March 2010. Photo posted by **Downing Street**.

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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 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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- **GADN Members' Meeting - Getting in the goals: Where is gender in the MDGs review and how can we secure women's rights in a post-MDGs landscape?**

Venue: WaterAid, 2nd floor, 47-49 Durham Street, London, SE11 5JD, UK (**Note venue change!**)

12:00 - 14:00 Public Meeting on Gender and the MDGs

14:15 - 15:30 GADN Members Only\*\*

Speakers:

- \* Poonam Joshi—Gender Policy Advisor (Amnesty International UK)
- \* Romina Vegro and Eilidh Macpherson—MDGs Officers (Bond)
- \* Emily Esplen—Women's Rights Officer (One World Action)
- \* DFID MDG Official --(tbc)

The first members' meeting of 2010 will be on Wednesday, 24 March 2010 from 12-15:30. The meeting will focus on gender, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and GADN's planned engagement with the MDG review process and the post-MDGs landscape. Please RSVP to [gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org).

- **GADN Achieves First Manifesto Goal!**

In our Manifesto, GADN has been asking the UK Government to make violence against women and girls a foreign and development policy priority by appointing a Minister on violence against women and girls whose brief covers FCO, DfID, and MoD. We are delighted to announce that thanks to the heavy lobbying by GADN member organisations – in particular **ActionAid UK** – because the Government have announced Glenys Kinnock as the new minister on global violence against women:

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page22721>.

While this is an incredible accomplishment, GADN believes we must ensure cross-party support as a permanent post and we hope that GADN members will continue to emphasise this success with other parties and put it into their manifestoes.

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **ActionAid UK** has worked tirelessly on lobbying the UK government to appoint a Minister on Violence against Women and Girls, which came to realization this month. To learn more about why this is so important and deserves cross-party support, read their report. **Destined to fail? How violence against women is undoing development.**
- **One World Action** has been featured in an **article by the Commonwealth Secretariat** for the findings in their new gender and trade report.
- **CAWN** has published its latest **E-Bulletin for Spring 2010**. Check it out for information on their work, events, publications and announcements in Central America and the UK.

- **Oxfam**, through its affiliates in Great Britain and America, has been awarded a grant of just over \$1m from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for much-needed research into collective action of women smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa. Read more about it **here**.
  - GADN member **Carolina Gottardo** (One World Action) has been published in Open Democracy for **an article on CEDAW and Bolivia** as well as **an article on Opuz v. Turkey**, a European Court of Human Rights case on domestic violence.
  - **Invitation to Tender to undertake research looking at the role of the church in responding to sexual violence against women, for Tearfund UK**  
Tearfund UK is looking for a consultant to undertake research looking at the role of the church in responding to sexual violence against women (SVAW), particularly in conflict and post conflict situations. This piece of work in the first phase aims to reflect on the role the church has played to date in 3-4 countries where SVAW is largely prevalent and the second phase of this action research seeks to support the church to play a crucial part in preventing SVAW. To apply or get more information, please email **Ari Clowney**. Deadline for submission of tender is **31 March 2010**.
  - **WOMANKIND's 'Speaking out for Women' campaign asks MPs and prospective MPs to keep women at the heart of their politics.**  
More information below
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## Member Vacancies:

- **Plan UK: "Because I am a Girl" Campaign Coordinator**

Closing Date: 23 March 2010

- **Social Development Direct**

Social Development Direct is seeking to fill **two social development and gender posts** for the DFID funded **Education Support Sector Programme in Nigeria** (<http://www.esspin.org/>).

The first position is the **lead specialist social development** role. Terms of Reference for the position are available on our website (<http://www.sddirect.org.uk>). This opportunity will suit someone with at least 10 years field experience. Nigerian experience desirable.

The second position is the **social development and gender specialist**, Terms of Reference for the position are available on our website. This opportunity will suit someone with at least 5 years field experience of working on gender and inclusion issues in education.

If you are interested please contact [jobs@sddirect.org.uk](mailto:jobs@sddirect.org.uk) as soon as possible and include an up to date CV.

- **CAWN is Recruiting a Part-Time Research and Fundraising Assistant**

The purpose of this position is to lead and support CAWN's fundraising efforts. This will include researching potential funding opportunities, drafting grants proposals and concept notes, and coordinating applications with partner organisations in Central America and Europe. This is a trainee contract and currently the wage being offered is the National Minimum Wage of £5.80 per hour. For more information visit the **CAWN website**.

To apply please submit a CV and Cover Letter to:

Alwyn McLennan, Project Manager, Urban Futures, Unit A012, The Chocolate Factory, Clarendon Road LONDON, 020 8352 5938, [Alwyn.mclennan@urbanfutures.org.uk](mailto:Alwyn.mclennan@urbanfutures.org.uk)

- **GAPS position of Campaign and Outreach Officer**

This post will be hosted by Women for Women International UK. Find the full job description and application on the front page the GAPS website at [www.gaps-uk.org](http://www.gaps-uk.org).

S/he will support the coordination and implementation of campaign activities. Over the next 10 months, the campaign and Outreach Officer will be expected to work closely with the GAPS Campaign Subgroup. The full job description and application form can be downloaded from [www.gaps-uk.org](http://www.gaps-uk.org). Deadline for applications: 11am, Monday 22nd March 2010

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### **GEAR (UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign News**

- **CSW Adopts a Statement Supporting the New UN Women's Entity** (12 March 2010)
- **UN Chief Urges Governments to Adopt A Resolution on GEAR** (4 March 2010)
- **The New Times for Women—Spoof Newspaper on GEAR** (1 March 2010)
- **GEAR Campaign Statement March 2010** (28 February 2010)

### **Women in Development Europe (WIDE) News**

The UK Gender and Development Network acts as the UK National Platform for Women in Development Europe (WIDE).

- 1) **15 Years after Beijing: Deadlock for Women's Rights and Gender Equality**
- 2) **WIDE Statement to the 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**
- 3) **Taking Stock: The Financial Crisis and Development from a Feminist Perspective**
- 4) **Follow WIDE's Delegation at CSW in New York**
- 5) **Women Strive for Peace, Solidarity and Rights**
- 6) **Women on the March Until We Are All Free!**
- 7) **WIDE Celebrates its 25th Anniversary: Herstory of the Network to be Published Soon**
- 8) **EU Policy on Honduras: Business Interests Prevail over Human Rights and Democracy!**
- 9) **Recent Developments in the EU Trade Agenda**
- 10) **WTO Stocktaking Meeting at the End of March: There is No Stock to Take!**
- 11) **The Time Has Come to Set Up the New UN Women's Rights Agency!**
- 12) **Join the WIDE Brussels Team!**
- 13) **Seeking Spanish Solutions: A Policy Briefing for the Spanish Presidency of the EU**
- 14) **Support Haitian Women's Organisations**

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

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- **UN Women's Agency Remains Politically Paralysed**  
IPS News, 3 March 2010
  - **Baroness Kinnock to lead efforts tackling violence against women**  
Number10.gov.uk, 8 March 2010
  - **DFID research: helping eliminate gender inequality**

R4D, 8 March 2010

- **EU proactive in gender equality**  
The Swazi Observer, 9 March 2010
- **Combating violence across borders tops agendas**  
The Irish Times, 9 March 2010
- **UK gives South Africa millions of condoms**  
BBC News, 9 March 2010

## 4. Development News

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- **The war on baby girls: Gendercide**  
The Economist, 4 March 2010
- **Bangladesh: Women Leadership Conducive to National Development**  
The New Nation, March 16 2010
- **Vietnam: Tourism Strategy to Promote Gender Equality**  
VOVNews.vn, March 16 2010
- **Africa: Top African And Global Leaders Together to Think About Investing Differently in Women**  
AllAfrica.com, March 15 2010
- **Kenya: Rapid Population Growth Threatens Development**  
IPS News, March 15 2010
- **India: Women Writers Come Together to Celebrate International Women's Day in IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University)**  
India Education Diary, March 14 2010
- **Caribbean: A Good Move for Caribbean Women**  
Trinidad & Tobago Express, March 14 2010
- **UK: Public Sector Job Cuts Hit Women First**  
The Guardian, March 13 2010
- **Global: Gender Confab Marked by Political Uncertainties**  
IPS News, March 12 2010
- **Angola: Parliament Speaker Reaffirms Gender Development Commitment**  
Angola Press, March 12 2010
- **Egypt: Population Growth Overtakes Literacy Rise**  
IPS News, March 12 2010
- **Nigeria: In the Shadows of Men- Women's Political Marginalisation**  
IPS News, March 12 2010
- **Kenya: Proposed Constitutional Amendment Sets Back Women's Rights**  
IPS News, March 11 2010
- **Asia: U.N. Says Asia-Pacific Gender Gap Persists**  
Wall Street Journal, March 8 2010
- **United Nations: UN Officials Urge Greater Support for Empowering Women on International Day**  
UN News Centre, March 8 2010
- **Global: Rich Nations Must Act to Close Gender Pay Gap - OECD**  
Washington Post, March 8 2010
- **Global: Gender Violence Blocks Development Targets**  
Women's eNews, March 8 2010
- **European Union: Brussels Aims to Significantly Reduce the Gender Pay Gap**

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Oxfam GB: Women Paying the Price: The impact of the global financial crisis on women in Southeast Asia**  
February 2010
- **Oxfam GB: More Vulnerable: The impact of the economic downturn on women in Cambodia**  
February 2010
- **Oxfam GB: The Real Story Behind the Numbers: The impacts of the global economic crisis 2008–2009 on Indonesia’s women workers**  
February 2010
- **Oxfam GB: Feminised Recession: The impact of the global financial crisis on women workers in the Philippines**  
February 2010
- **Oxfam GB: Triple Burden: The impact of the financial crisis on women in Thailand**  
February 2010
- **Oxfam GB: Beyond the Crisis: The impact of the financial crisis on women in Vietnam**  
February 2010
- **The Cherie Blair Foundation for Women and GSMA Development Fund: Women & Mobile: A Global Opportunity**  
February 2010
- **Interact Worldwide: Female Condoms Now!**  
March 2010
- **CAWN: Tourism and Development Strategy in Central America: exploring the impact on women's lives.**  
March 2010
- **The Guardian: Supporting Female Health Workers Gallery**  
March 2010

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- **Amnesty International UK Campaign: 100 years on, what's changed for pregnant women?**  
Ten years ago, world leaders committed with a UN Millennium Development Goal to cut the rate of maternal deaths by 75 per cent between 2000 and 2015. With just five years to go, we are way off track. Now is the time for world leaders to start showing real political commitment to make sure that an improvement to global maternal health is a priority. Earlier this year a group of organisations submitted a ‘manifesto for motherhood’ to the UK party political leaders to highlight that they have a role to play.

We will be holding them to account on this, and we’re encouraging you to play your part too. Over the next few weeks we’re encouraging as many people as possible to upload a picture with them and their mother onto our flickr page. We will then take those pictures and form them into a giant card which we’ll give to the Prime Minister later this year. Visit



[www.amnesty.org.uk/mums](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/mums) for more. If you get tweeting about this issue, use hashtag #mumsmatter

- **Womankind Worldwide Campaign: Speaking Out for Women**

The decisions our elected representatives take every day — on international development, on foreign affairs, on defence and trade — have a direct impact on women around the world. For example, the Department for International Development has been supporting WOMANKIND's work with the Afghan Women's Resource Centre for five years. Thousands of women and girls have attended essential literacy classes, received health care — and played a significant part in national peace-building efforts.

By sending special campaign postcards — and signing up on online at [www.womankind.org.uk](http://www.womankind.org.uk) — British voters will send a strong message to politicians that *the next government must honour the UK's commitments to women's rights* — enshrined in national legislation and international agreements.

- **New Women in Afghanistan Network**

Act on 8 and Women's Campaign International has launched the **Women in Afghanistan network**. The network is a free resource for people around the world engaged in gender equality, to communicate and collaborate with women in Afghanistan. Act on 8 and WCI are delivering training programs for 600 women to take part in the political process in Afghanistan for the forthcoming election and this platform will provide on-going connectivity, tools and support for Afghan women. Please pass this on to all individuals and organizations interested in empowering women's voices.

- **Anti-Slavery International Campaign: Home Alone: End Domestic Slavery**

Home Alone, invisible to society and unprotected by labour laws, domestic workers are some of the world's most exploited and abused workers- and many are in slavery. Anti-Slavery International is calling for the International Labour Organization (ILO), which is part of the United Nations, to adopt a new convention on domestic work which would protect the rights of domestic workers worldwide and ensure they are treated equally. In just a few months time at their annual conference in June, the ILO will discuss creating a new convention on domestic work. This represents an historic and rare opportunity to increase legal protection for domestic workers, reduce their vulnerability to slavery and end their abuse. More information on the campaign and our available resources can be found here at [www.antislavery.org/homealone](http://www.antislavery.org/homealone).

- **Call for Submissions: Citizenship and the Commonwealth Conference (10-12th November 2010)**

The 'Citizenship and the Commonwealth Conference' is scheduled to take place at Cumberland Lodge between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Submission of papers are invited that address the broad theme 'Citizenship and the Conference' and should be sent to Troy Rutt

([troy.rutt@sas.ac.uk](mailto:troy.rutt@sas.ac.uk)). Submissions may cover topics such as:

- \* Commonwealth citizenship in an historical context
- \* Definitions of citizenship
- \* Gender, ethnicity and citizenship
- \* Citizenship, democracy and soft power
- \* Citizenship and migration
- \* Citizenship and the environment
- \* Citizenship and the economy

\* Technology and the nature of active citizenship

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- **UK GADN Members' Meeting - Getting in the goals: Where is gender in the MDGs review and how can we secure women's rights in a post-MDGs landscape?**  
24 March 2010, 12-15.30 at WaterAid, 2nd floor, 47-49 Durham Street, London, SE11 5JD
- **Gender equality, trade and development: An introduction to EU trade and development policies and its implications for gender equality at the beginning of 2010**  
22/23 March 2010, Prague, Czech Republic This is a WIDE Capacity Building Event. For more information, please visit [here](#).
- **NAWO's 21st Celebration and AGM: Tuesday 27 April 2010**

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Program Officer, Sexuality and Reproductive Health, Ford Foundation, Cairo**  
Closing date: 29 March, 2010
- **Program Officer, Sexuality and Reproductive Health and Rights, Ford Foundation, New York**  
Closing date: 29 March, 2010
- **Consultant: Latin America and the Caribbean, UNIFEM, New York**  
Closing date: March 18, 2010
- **Senior Advisor: Sexual and Reproductive Health, International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Brighton**  
Closing date: March 19, 2010
- **International Consultant for Gender Analysis of The National HIV/AIDS Strategy, UNIFEM, Hanoi**  
Closing date: March 20, 2010
- **Project Manager, Women's Rights to Land Project, ActionAid International, any ActionAid office**  
Closing date: March 21, 2010
- **Where is the Money for Women's Rights (WITM) Manager, AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development), Mexico City (preferred)**  
Closing date: March 21, 2010
- **Consultant: Advocacy and Strategic Communication Specialist, UNIFEM, Kabul**  
Closing date: March 22, 2010
- **Campaign and Outreach Officer, Gender Action for Peace and Security, London**  
Closing date: March 22, 2010
- **Director of Programs, AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development), Mexico City (preferred)**  
Closing date: March 28, 2010
- **Programme Assistant, UN Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict, UNIFEM, New York**  
Closing date: March 29, 2010
- **Program Director, Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR). Toronto**  
Closing date: April 1, 2010



- **Women's Political Participation Specialist, National Democratic Institute, Afghanistan**  
Closing date: Open until filled
- **Executive Director, The Women's Refugee Commission, New York**  
Closing date: Open until filled
- **Senior Project Manager – Haiti, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Washington D.C.**  
Closing date: Open until filled
- **2010 Visting Fellowship Program, CARE, Various locations**  
Closing date: Open until filled
- **Gender Advisor, CARE, Monrovia**  
Closing date: Open until filled

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Podcasts: Isis International: Recordings from CSW54 on Beijing +15**  
March 2010, varying lengths
  - **Videocast: GenderIT.org: Talking About Section 3--Access to Internet in Lebanon**  
March 2010, approx. 5 minutes
  - **Videocast: GenderIT.org: Talking About Section J--Re-defining media**  
March 2010, approx. 2 minutes
  - **Videocast: GenderIT.org: Talking About Section J—Girls and Social Media**  
March 2010, approx. 3 minutes
  - **Videocast: The Sisters Arab Forum for Human Rights and WITNESS: Breaking the Silence**  
March 2010, approx. 12 minutes
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