

Information Round-up: January 2010

UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



PICTURE: Red Zao woman embroidering a shirt at the weekly market in Sapa, Lao Cai province, northern Vietnam. Image from <http://www.flickr.com/photos/worldbank/2091314979/>.

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1. GADN News

- **UK GADN Launch Political Manifesto**

In the run up to general election we are calling on all political parties and candidates to commit to the manifesto from the gender and development network.

Specifically we are calling for parties and candidates to:

- End violence against women and girls worldwide
- Increase women's political participation and leadership
- Champion gender-sensitive responses to climate change
- Empower women and girls to take full control of their sexual and reproductive lives
- Implement the UK's international commitments on gender equality

You can read the full manifesto [here](#)

- **The Commission for the Status of Women March 2010**

In March 2010, the Commission on the Status of Women will undertake a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

The UK GADN and Amnesty UK are working together to hold a side event at the CSW 54 on gender and the MDGs and the post MDGs landscape. We are also hoping to put together a brief of all events being held by GADN members and colleagues **so please send us information about your events** which can be collated into a shared document for all interested attendees.

- **International Women's Day March 2010**

We know that many of you are already starting to think about International Women's Day. At the GADN we want to support your events by advertising them and raise awareness amongst development agencies and other policy/decision-making bodies of IWD and the range of events that take place. The GADN will be advertising events on gender and development for IWD on our website, IWD-special newsletter and other awareness raising plans. **To have your event included in GADN communications**, please email us the details with a web link if possible by **Tuesday 16 February 2010**.

- **UK GADN Steering Group Meeting**

The Gender and Development Network Steering Group will be meeting on Thursday 4 February 2010 to discuss the above work as well as the GADN action plan which will then be sent for consultation with members. The GADN will also be looking at its fundraising strategy and budget for the coming year.

- **UK GADN attends Roundtable discussion on women's rights and gender equality with Harriet Harman**

Members of the GADN Steering Committee will be attending a meeting in February to discuss the meeting of the EU Women's Ministers, CSW and the new UN Gender Entity. The GADN will be putting together some common positions for this meeting, if you are planning to attend and would like to know more please **get in contact**.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **“What will it take to realise our vision of a just and equal world?”** Article by GADN SG Member and One World Action staff member, Emily Esplen in Open Democracy. **Click here to read it.**
- **IDS Workshop notes: Why talk about pleasure?** If we only talk about violence we reinforce stereotypes of women as passive and powerless victims. We also need to explore pleasure, well-being and the positive sides of sexuality. Read about the **workshop** on 'Pleasure and Women's Empowerment' hosted by IDS last week.
- **Development Studies Association (DSA) Gender and Practice Study Group.** Notes from the last meeting in November 2009 on VAW will be posted on **their website** shortly.
- **Women for Women International global campaign: Join me on the Bridge!**
WfW would like to invite all GADN members to be part of our first ever global campaign. Together, we can join in a march on International Women's Day on **March 8, 2010** from Victoria Embankment to Millennium Bridge, where we plan to stand in solidarity with women from all over the world to demand an end to war, and investment in peace and development recognising the key role women play in this. We are partnering with the Women's Institute in the UK and there are many other organisations that will join us in the march. We are also partnering with the Tate and are able to offer stands to any participating organisation in the space in front of the Tate. For more information visit the **WfW website**.
- **NAWO's 21st CELEBRATION and AGM: Tuesday 27 April 2010**
Where? Linklater's are kindly sponsoring us again - near the Barbican, London. The celebration of our 21st will include the AGM and a new Management Committee will be elected. Please consider standing for election, papers will be sent in the New Year. The theme is feminism through NAWO's decades – 1980s; 1990s; 2000s and on through 2010 to the future. For more information contact **Orlanda@nawo.org.uk**

Marie Stopes International Head of Output Based Partnerships

Closing date: 2 February

Christian Aid: Senior Policy & Research Officer: London, Waterloo

Closing date: 12 noon, Wednesday 3 February 2010

Oxfam: Research Manager, Gender and Livelihoods Project, UK Poverty, Oxfam GB - Bradford

Closing date: February 4 2010

Oxfam: Admin and Finance Assistant, Gender and Livelihoods Project, UK Poverty, Oxfam GB
- Bradford
Closing date: February 4 2010

Oxfam: Gender Programme Co-ordinator, UK Poverty, Oxfam GB - Manchester
Closing date: February 21 2010

*****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.*****

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **EU Gender Institute opens in Vilnius**
Baltic Reports, 17 December 2009
- **Multiple References to Gender Concerns in Draft Decisions from Copenhagen Climate Change Conference**
UNIFEM, 22 December 2009
- **UN-INSTRAW: Press Release: New Specialized Website on Women and Politics in Maghreb**
AWID News, 23 December 2009
- **Aceh: women soldiers get down to business**
DFID, 30 December 2009
- **Women grocers show the way in the Occupied Palestinian Territories**
DFID, 7 January 2009
- **UN seeks to virtually eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS in Africa**
UN News Centre, 11 January 2009
- **New UN-managed fund announces over \$9 million in grants to empower women**
UN News Centre, 11 January 2009

4. Development News

- **Haiti: Earthquake in Haiti: UNFPA Concerned Over Critical Situation for Women**
Womenwatch, January 13, 2010
- **Bolivia: Bolivian Women's Rights to Land Thwarted by Patriarchal Traditions**
IPS News, January 13, 2010
- **Africa: Task-shifting, New Technology Crucial to Ending Mother-to-Child Transmission**
IRIN News, January 12, 2010
- **Pakistan: SPDC (Social Policy and Development Centre) sees Gender Gap in Labour Force Declining**
The Nation, January 12, 2010
- **Global: Fund for Gender Equality Announces More Than US\$9 million in Grants to Advance Women's Economic and Political Empowerment Worldwide**
UNIFEM, January 11, 2010

- **Ghana: WiLDAF (Women in Law and Development in Africa) Urges Political Parties to Adhere to Gender Equality**
Ghana News Agency, January 11, 2010
- **China: China Faces Growing Gender Imbalance**
BBC News, January 11, 2010
- **Uganda: Women and the Endless Walk to Equality**
Daily Monitor, January 11, 2010
- **Norway: UNIFEM National Committee Inaugurated in Norway**
UNIFEM, January 7, 2010
- **South Sudan: Women's Eyes on the Political Prize**
IPS News, January 7, 2010
- **Egypt: Egyptian Women to Appeal Niqab Ban**
afrol News, January 4, 2010
- **Colombia: Women Empowered by Restoring Desertified Land**
IPS News, January 2, 2010

5. Publications & Resources

- **The World AIDS Campaign: Briefing Paper: Unwanted pregnancies and abortion—Issues of social justice for women living with HIV**
October 2009
- **Swiss Campaign to Ban Landmines: Gender Mainstreaming The Cartagena Summit on a Mine-Free World; Community Liaison and Mine Risk Education**
November 2009
- **UNECE: Policy Brief on Ageing 2: Gender equality, work and old age**
November 2009
- **Women's Refugee Commission: Peril or Protection: The link between livelihoods and gender-based violence in displacement settings**
November 2009
- **UNIFEM: Together We Must! End Violence against Women and Girls and HIV & AIDS**
November 2009
- **Institute of Development Studies: Women's Livelihoods, Global Markets and Citizenship (Research Summary)**
December 2009
- **Refugee Studies Centre Working Paper Series: Displaced adolescent girl's protection: Could casuistry be a methodology for humanitarians?**
December 2009
- **Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP): The Curious Sex Workers Guide to Attending the 18th International AIDS Conference**
January 2010

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for Signatures of Support - Petition: WIDOWHOOD ISSUES OF DISCRIMINATION**

Presentation to UN CEDAW Committee, please find attached a petition form and more information.

- **Campaign: Front Line: Iran: Women's human rights defender Ms Somayeh Rashidi arrested**

On 19 December 2009, women's human rights defender Ms Somayeh Rashidi was arrested after being summoned to the Revolutionary Courts for questioning. Rashidi is an active human rights defender working on women's rights in Iran. She is involved in the One Million Signatures Campaign, also known as Change for Equality, a campaign led by women in Iran to collect one million signatures in support of changing Iranian discriminatory laws against women. To help, please [click here](#).

- **Call for Applications: XVIII International AIDS Conference Scholarships**

The conference organizers are committed to making AIDS 2010 accessible to people from resource-limited settings and communities, researchers, young people, community activists and civil society representatives. Scholarship applications are accepted from **December 8, 2009 to February 10, 2010**.

- **Call for Contributions: OHCHR: 2010 Annual UN Report on the Right to Education of Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum-Seekers**

The annual report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, which will be presented to the Human Rights Council in 2010, will focus on the right to education of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. With the aim of hearing from all interested persons and/or organizations about their experiences, concerns and thoughts on the provision of education for migrants, refugees and/or asylum seekers, the Special Rapporteur kindly asks to respond to a questionnaire designed for UN, Government and NGOs experts, academics and other civil society actors. **Deadline for questionnaire submissions: January 20, 2010**. For more information, please visit [OHCHR](#).

- **Call for Entries: Youth essay contest for 30th Anniversary of CEDAW**

We invite young people (18-25 years old) around the world, especially in developing countries, to share their ideas on what are the most important issues affecting women's lives in your country and what solutions you propose. **Deadline: January 31, 2010**. For more information [click here](#).

- **Call for Applicants: 2010-2011 Institute for Research on Women Global Scholars**

The Institute for Research on Women annually invites four to eight scholars to become IRW Global Scholars for four to nine months. We have no funds to support these scholars, but offer private offices and participation in a lively interdisciplinary feminist community. The theme for our discussions from September 2010 through April 2011 will be "The Art and Science of Happiness." We invite applications from university scholars and scholar/activists whose work is

compatible with the theme. **DEADLINE for applications is February 15, 2010.** Applicants interested in further information should visit <http://irw.rutgers.edu> or email irw@rci.rutgers.edu.

- **FCO consultation: UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security**

The FCO are seeking feedback on the development of the UK's National Action Plan on the 'Women, Peace and Security' agenda. The UK was one of the first nations to develop a National Action Plan (NAP) for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in 2006, following the recommendation of the UN Secretary General. It identified actions to be taken in twelve areas to further the aims of the 'Women Peace and Security' agenda, spanning our activities in diplomacy, defence and development

7. Events and Conferences

- **E-Discussion on Women and Poverty (11 Jan to 12 Feb 2010)**

The UNDP Gender Team and the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination would like to invite you to participate in an e-discussion on Women and Poverty to be held from 11 January to 12 February 2010, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA). Please register for the e-discussion [here](#) and for more information, please visit [here](#).

- **Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women**
(1 - 12 March 2010)

- **45th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**
(CEDAW) 18 January – 5 February 2010

- **NAWO's 21st Celebration and AGM:** Tuesday 27 April 2010

8. Job Openings

- **Gender and Economic Justice Program Manager, The Association of African Women for Research and Development, Dakar**

Closing date: 20 January 2010

- **International Consultant: Expert on Employment, Social Protection and Service Provision (Project Inception Phase) UNIFEM, Home-based with travel to Chisinau, Moldova**

Closing date: 20 January 2010

- **Consultant: International Team (Project Inception Phase) UNIFEM, Chisinau, Moldova**

Closing date: 20 January 2010

- **Researcher, The European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest**

Closing date: 20 January 2010

- **Gender Policy Adviser, UNDP, Cairo**

Closing date: 22 January 2010

- **Gender Practice Leader, UNDP, Bangkok**

Closing date: 22 January 2010

- **Women's Rights Project Coordinator, Oxfam GB, Freetown, Sierra Leone**
Closing date: 24 January 2010
- **Gender/Governance Programme Manager, Oxfam GB, Freetown, Sierra Leone**
Closing date: 24 January 2010
- **Gender Officer, Oxfam GB, Freetown, Sierra Leone**
Closing date: 24 January 2010
- **Bilingual Program Officer, Women's Rights, Canadian Crossroads International, Toronto**
Closing date: 29 January 2010
- **Senior Director of Programs, The Abortion Access Project, Cambridge, MA, USA**
Closing date: 31 January 2010
- **Research Assistant- Gender, IT for Change, Bangalore**
Closing date: 31 January 2010
- **Research Associate- Gender, IT for Change, Bangalore**
Closing date: 31 January 2010
- **Two Evaluators for Gender Equity through Education (GEE) Evaluation, Management Systems International, Sudan**
Closing date: 31 Jan 2010
- **Coalition Coordinator, Addressing Sexual Violence against Adolescent Girls in Zambia, Equality Now, Lusaka**
Closing date: 12 February 2010
- **Program Assistant, JASS (Just Associates), Washington D.C.**
Closing date: 1 February 2010
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Closing date: February 4 2010
- **Summer Legal Interns, The Women's Initiative for Gender Justice, The Hague**
Closing date: 15 February 2010
- **Oxfam: Gender Programme Co-ordinator, UK Poverty, Oxfam GB - Manchester**
Closing date: February 21 2010
- **Manager, Reproductive Health, Global Health Strategies, New York**
Closing date: 7 March 2010
- **Women's Political Participation Specialist, The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Kabul**
Position open until filled
- **Programs Intern, Gender Action, Washington D.C.**
Position open until filled
- **Senior Gender Based Violence Coordinator, IRC (International Rescue Committee), Liberia**
Position open until filled
- **Development Manager, The Women's Refugee Commission, New York**
Position open until filled

- **Global Partnerships Internships- Spring 2010, Women Thrive Worldwide, Washington D.C.**

Position open until filled

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Podcast: IGS Kaberry Lecture: Peace and Reconstruction in the Middle East: Where are the Women? By Maria Jaschok and The Rt Honourable Professor The Baroness Afshar**
June 2009, approx. 53 minutes
- **Podcast: Human Rights Watch: Women in Afghanistan -- Rights Watch #22**
December 2009, approx. 16 minutes
- **Videocast: Refugee Law Project: Gender Against Men: GBV against men in the Great Lakes Region**
June 2009, approx. 44 minutes
- **Videocast: U.S. Embassy Engages with UK Activists to Combat Violence Against Women**
December 2009, approx 6 minutes

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The GAD Network has been active in advocacy and awareness-raising on gender and development issues since its founding in 1985. You can find out more about us on our website www.gadnetwork.org.uk.

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