

# UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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### 1. GADN News

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- **GADN/DFID Roundtable on Violence Against Women**

GADN is hosting a joint roundtable with DFID on VAW. Places are limited so only GADN members and those who expressed interested early have received a preliminary invitation. If there are still spaces left the invitation will be sent out more widely. A report from the meeting will be circulated to all members and supporters. If you are interested in being part of GADN's work on VAW over 2009 please contact the GADN secretariat.

- **GADN Members' Meeting**

Due to the GADN/DFID roundtable, the next GADN members' meeting has been **postponed**. The provisional date for this meeting is **Tuesday 19 May 2009**. We are still looking for hosts and a theme for the meeting and a theme for our November meeting. Hosting a GADN meeting is a great way to raise awareness of gender and development issues within your organisation

or raise the profile of your work within the GAD community. If you would be interested in hosting a meeting or would like to suggest a theme please contact the GADN secretariat.

- **GADN Steering Group Recruitment**

It's not too late to send in your application for the GADN Steering Group. If you are committed to Gender and Development and would like to have more input into internal capacity building and external lobbying work of the GADN then please email the GADN secretariat for application guidance. Deadline for submission of CVs and covering letters is Thursday 23 April 2009.

- **GADN attends WIDE**

GADN secretariat attended capacity building for networks on the 20 and 21 March 2009. The GADN is the UK platform for WIDE, for more information about WIDE's work see the WIDE update below. The capacity building aimed to reflect on what it means to act as a network, discuss shared goals and challenges with other WIDE networks and members from across Europe and examine the balance between internal capacity building and external advocacy.

- **WIDE Update**

WIDE has launched a new blog. You can find out about the new annual conference, WIDE's work and other related issues [here](#).

WIDE attended Commission of Status of Women (CSW) meeting in New York. You can find agreed conclusions [here](#).

**MEP Report on EU-India FTAs**-The European Parliament will vote on an own initiative report on the planned EU-India Free Trade Agreement.

WIDE, together with Traidcraft UK, 11.11.11. Belgium and Oxfam Germany expressed concerns about the process and the content of the FTA negotiation between the EU and India. **Read the letter [here](#).**

WIDE made a contribution to the online consultation of the "Commission of Experts of the President of the UN General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System". **Read full-length document.**

## **2. GADN Members' Update**

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- **National Federation of Women's Institutes: Development, Gender & Climate Change Educational Campaign**

The NFWI is working with Oxfam GB and the Everyone Foundation on a three year development, gender and climate change educational campaign. Women Reaching Women aims to broaden awareness of these issues amongst WI members, their families and communities. WI members have spearheaded work on women's rights in the UK and now they are at the forefront of supporting the efforts of women all over the world to achieve recognition of their rights and join together to tackle climate change internationally. For more information on upcoming events, please **click [here](#)**.

- **OXFAM – New Research Women Workers Pay the Price for the Global Economic Crisis**

New research by Oxfam International uncovers a hidden aspect of the global economic crisis – its impact on women. Oxfam’s research suggests that as supply chains are squeezed by falling global demand, women in export manufacturing, garments and services are often first to be laid off, with employers leaving pay outstanding and evading legal obligations to give notice and pay compensation, with governments often turning a blind eye. Failure to act now to protect women and children in poverty from the economic crisis will have a disastrous impact on global development in general, and women’s rights, livelihoods, and families. To view the Paper, [click here](#)

- **Artists for Human Rights and Social Justice & UNIFEM UK Exhibition: Women in Conflict**

Artists for Human Rights and Social Justice in collaboration with UNIFEM will be having an exhibition themed 'Women in Conflict' in the summer. The exhibition will depict paintings of women, children, IDPs and refugees in conflict zones such as Sudan, Congo and Somalia. The purpose of holding such an exhibition is to raise awareness in the community on human rights issues such as gender based violence. The exhibition will be held at the Garden Hall, St Mary's Church, St Mary's Rd, Wimbledon **on Friday 31st July and Saturday 1 August** and we are hoping to invite various human rights organisation, academics, the media and general public to take part in this event. **More information will be circulated closer to the event.**

- **TEARFUND – Case Study: Gender HIV and the Church**

Tearfund is just publishing a case study on Gender, HIV and the Church written by Mandy Marshall, Idrissa Ouedraogo & Maggie Sandilands and Edited by Maggie Sandilands. March 2009. The case study outlines the work done in Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe over the last 3 years in working through the local church to challenge and change culturally and Biblically based attitudes on gender and sexual rights in the context of HIV and AIDS. The programme has seen some amazing success and outlines key aspects of the programme for replication, challenges faced and future issues to consider. To view the case study, [click here](#).

***\*\*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**

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- **DFID White Paper Consultation has been Launched**

DFID is publishing a new White Paper on International Development in June 2009. The White Paper will focus on four key themes - global economic growth, climate change, fragile and conflict affected countries and international institutional reform. Please find the consultation document and the consultation questions here. For more information on the consultation, [click here](#): The deadline for submission is **27 May 2009**.

- **UK: Cross-Government Public Consultation on Violence against Women and Girls.** The consultation is intended to raise awareness, and to generate debate on what more could be done together to end violence against women, and overcome its far-reaching effects. It includes a review into police powers for dealing with serial perpetrators of domestic violence and a review of the sexualisation of teenage girls. For further information, [click here](#) and [here](#) to access the consultation.
- **UK Development Aid jumps by a Quarter, says OECD**  
The Guardian (30 March 2009)
- **Form of New U.N. Women's Entity Still Nebulous**  
IPS: (19 March 2009)
- **Global Coalition backs New UN Gender Body**  
Source: IPS (30 March 2009)
- **UNAIDS Faces Major Challenges in Fight against AIDS in Poor Countries as Economic Crisis Grows**  
Source: CGD (26 March 2009)

#### 4. Development News

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- **Zambia: A Women's View of Politics**  
Source: The Guardian (8 March 2009)
- **Argentina: Bold New Law on Violence Against Women**  
Source: IPS (12 March 2009)
- **Liberia: Need for Female Peacemakers**  
Source: WeNews (15 March 2009)
- **India: Women Farmers Ready to Beat Climate Change**  
Source: IPS (17 March 2009)
- **Americas: Backsliding on Summit Promises**  
Source: IPS (25 March 2009)
- **Africa: Women's Land Can Help Battle Hunger**  
Source: Commondream.org (26 March 2009)
- **Peru: Women Outnumber, But Men Have the Power**  
Source: IPS (26 March 2009)
- **Cuba: Gaps in Gender Equality**  
Source: IPS (27 March 2009)
- **East Timor: Case Backlog Worries New Prosecutor General**  
Source: IPS (27 March 2009)
- **Benin: Support for Women facing Violence**  
Source: IPS (28 March 2009)
- **South Africa: Women Farmworkers Threaten Election Boycott**  
Source: IPS (28 March 2009)
- **Namibia: Gender Legislation Futile If Not Implemented**  
Source: IPS (30 March 2009)
- **Afghanistan: Leader accused of bid to 'legalise rape'**  
Source: the Independent (31 March 2009)

## 5. Publications

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- OECD (2009) **SIGI: Social Institutions and Gender Index**
- IRCW (2008) **Women help solve Hunger. Why is the World still waiting?**
- IRCW (2008) **A Significant Shift. Women, Food Security in a Global Market Place.**
- IFJ (2009) **Getting the Balance Right, Gender Equality in Journalism**
- New Website - **the Danish Government Set Up a Web Site on the Preparations for COP15**
- **Violence, Women and Politics: A Sri Lankan Purview**
- **Women's Rights in an Economic Crisis**, Interview with UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women
- Buskens I. & A. Webb (eds) (2009) **African Women & ITC**, IRDC
- Casanova, J. (2009) **Religion, Politics & Gender Equality**, UNRISD
- ITUC (2009) **Gender (in)equalities in the Labour Market: An overview of Global Trends and Development**

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- **Peace and Security Fellowship Opportunity for African Women**  
Deadline: 4 May 2009
- **UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women**  
Deadline for application 14 April 2009
- **Women Make the News 2009: Gender Equality Policies in Media Organisations**  
Deadline for submitting a story: 15 April 2009
- **Women PeaceMaker Programme, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice**  
Deadline: 1 June 2009

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- **Women's Human Rights: Building a Peaceful World in an Era of Globalization, Center for Women's Studies Education, Five week Institute**  
4 May – 5 June 2009, Toronto, Canada
- **Foreign Policy Centre Report Launch: Women and Children First: Leadership and the HIV & AIDS Crisis in Africa**  
5 May, 18.00-20.00, Thatcher Room, Portcullis House, London
- **Women in the Recession: Gender Equality and the Economic Crisis, Fawcett Society**  
6 May, 18.00-19.30, Bothroyd Room Houses of Parliament
- **Women's Rights are Human Rights! CEDAW for Change, One week Institute**  
25-29 May 2009, Toronto, Canada
- **The Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institute: Exploring Theory and Practice**  
12-20 July 2009, Istanbul, Turkey  
Deadline for application: 18 April 2009
- **The Dynamics of Women's Giving Learn how to Build and Sustain Powerful Relationships with Women Donors**  
7-8 October 2009, Indianapolis, USA

- **Leadership through the Gender Lens: Women, Men and Equality in Organisations**  
22-23 October 2009, Helsinki, Finland

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Country Programme Manager, UNIFEM (Nairobi, Kenya)**  
Deadline: 9 April 2009
- **Rule of Law & Gender Advisor, UNDP (Freetown, Sierra Leone)**  
Deadline: 9 April 2009
- **Consultant: Roadmap for integrating Women, Girls and Gender Equality into National AIDS responses, UNDP (Home-Based)**  
Deadline: 9 April 2009
- **Social Affairs Officer, UN-INSTRAW (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)**  
Deadline: 22 April 2009
- **Gender Research Assistant, Commonwealth Secretariat (London, UK)**  
Deadline: 22 April 2009
- **Global Development Policy Internship, Women Thrives Worldwide (Washington DC, USA)**  
Deadline 24 April 2009
- **Intern (Summer): Women's Political Participation Programs, The National Democratic Institute (Washington DC, USA)**
- **Internship opportunities, CODEPINK (Various Location USA)**  
Deadline: 15 May 2009
- **Economist, IRCW (Washington, USA)**

The Gender and Development Network is a diverse membership network of leading practitioners, academics and consultants working on gender and development issues in the UK.

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](http://www.gadnetwork.org.uk).

If you would like to become a member of the GAD Network please download the application form from our website or contact the GAD Network Coordinator at [gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org)

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