

UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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1. GADN News

- **Recruiting for the GADN Steering Group**

GADN is looking for new members for the GADN Steering Group. We are committed to building a varied steering group representing our diversity membership. The steering group meets four times a year and we estimate total commitment is around 7 days a year.

We are specifically looking for members from organisations representing women from diasporas and individuals (including academics or consultants), applicants who have experience of advocating gender equality and women's rights within their organisations and/or those who have skills or knowledge in fundraising.

We also hope that one of the new Steering Group members will be able to take on the role of representing UK GADN at the Women In Development Europe (WIDE) Steering Group which meets in Brussels twice a year.

Even if you do not have these specific skills, we would still be interested to hear from you! Please contact the gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org for more information and an application form. Deadline for applications Thursday 23 April 2009.

- **GADN Members' Meetings – it's up to you!**

In our membership survey which took place last year, GADN members requested greater opportunities to set the agenda for members' meetings. In 2009 we would like to invite you to put forward themes for GAD Network meetings. This can include ideas for speakers, outlines of structured discussion and venues. Our next members' meeting will coincide with our International Women's Day (IWD) event in March, on violence against women, but we are looking for themes venues and speakers for the following dates:

Tuesday 12 May 2009

Tuesday 22 September 2009

Tuesday 8 December 2009

This is an excellent opportunity for you to tap the knowledge of your fellow GADN members, showcase the work you are doing and share best practice. Please send all responses to gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org or if you would like to talk about your ideas in person, please call Polly Trenow, GADN Coordinator on 020 7833 4075.

- **GADN IWD Event and VAW Roundtable**

Dates are still being formalised for the UK Gender and Development Network IWD event in March 2009 on violence against women as well as our roundtable due to be hosted jointly with DFID in April 2009. Look out for updates in forthcoming information round-ups and on the mailing list. Please let us know if you would like to be involved or think you could contribute.

- **GADN Steering Group Meeting**

The GADN Steering Group met on 27 January 2009 at the One World Action offices. The agenda included:

- Insights into SG members' work
- Promoting GADN membership
- Membership Survey
- Funding meeting update
- IWD 2009
- VAW roundtable update
- CSW Engagement
- WIDE Action Plan Entry points
- Membership meeting dates

- **Follow-up from the gender and climate change roundtable**

One of the items discussed in the Steering Group meeting in January was what the next steps should be following up from the gender and climate change roundtable. The Roundtable took place in July 2008 with DFID that took place in July 2008. We are currently working on a communiqué between GADN and DFID and possibly a briefing that can be used by development actors to lobby for inclusion of women's rights and gender equality within climate change discussions. BRIDGE/IDS are continuing to lead on the issue of gender and climate change and the GADN intends to support them in their work. We will keep you updated on release of new documents.

- **What's gender got to do with new aid modalities?**

2008 was a busy year for those of us concerned with the aid effectiveness agenda. Several important events took place including the Accra High Level Forum which aimed to assess the progress of and deepen the implications of the Paris Declaration (September 2008) and the follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus in Doha, Qatar (November 2008).

On the 11 December 2008, the UK GAD Network hosted a roundtable in conjunction with the Department for International Development (DFID), to give ourselves the opportunity to reflect on what we had learned in these forums and to reassess our research in light of this.

The aims of the day were to understand what had been achieved at Accra and to build up specific recommendations for the GAD Network and feminists on what we should be doing in 2009 and how we could increase our impact.

Discussions at the roundtable reflected some of the concerns held by the women's sector around gender being continually sidelined at the high-level forums and whether the sector can continue to usefully engage with this agenda. However, the results were positive and participants were enthusiastic to continue to working on these issues. In making the links between changing aid architecture issues such as aid conditionalities, economic stability and gender budgeting, several key entry points were highlighted.

One of the major outcomes of the roundtable was an emphasis of the need for the women's sector to engage earlier on in these high level processes to ensure our demands are integrated from the beginning. Linking up with other networks such as BOND and UKAN were also priorities in ensuring women's rights and gender equality continue to be mainstreamed into these discussions.

The changing aid environment continues to be a priority for the gender and development sector and more must be done to ensure that those who will most affected by the changes have their voices heard.

A full report of the roundtable will be available shortly. For information about the UK Gender and Development Network and its membership, please contact Polly Trenow on gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **OXFAM GB – Call for Papers: Gender & Development: Ageing and Generations**

The November 2009 issue will focus on ageing, and the relationship of elderly people to younger generations. We aim to challenge development policymakers and practitioners to support the interests and needs of older people, and consider why the issues critical to elderly women and men remain 'on the sidelines' of gender and development. Contributions are invited from development researchers and workers who have experience to share with their peers, and with policymakers and decision-makers in development agencies and governments. Deadline for submissions: February 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

- **TEARFUND - Invitation to Tender for a Gender Audit**

In 1998 Tearfund developed a Gender in Relief and Development (GRAD) policy (full document available on request). After 10 years since its approval the time is now right to assess its implementation across the organisation via an audit. The purpose of the gender audit is to provide a baseline for the organisation and key recommendations for moving forward in integrating a gendered approach throughout the whole organisation. Deadline for submission: 13 February 2009. For more information, please contact Mandy Marshall at alm@tearfund.org

- **WOMANKIND – New report: Stop the Bus! I want to get on:**

Lessons from campaigns to end violence against women in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Ghana

This report encapsulates the lessons from three organisations working to achieve women's rights in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Ghana in their annual campaigns to raise awareness about and contribute to a reduction in violence against women in its many forms. This document offers lessons and guidelines to non-governmental organisations and community-based organisations to encourage community awareness and understanding of gender-based violence, as well as to help those organisations build campaign strategies — and monitor their impact effectively. To download the report, please [click here](#).

- **ONE WORLD ACTION: Do Women Need a Leg Up in Politics?**

One World Action invites you to a debate to mark International Women's Day on 5 March 2009, 13.30, St. Pancras Room, Kings Place 90 York Way N1 9AG.

Chair: Anna Ford

Panellists: Isma Almas, award-winning comic
Jennette Arnold AM, chair of the London Assembly
Vera Baird MP, Solicitor General
Natalie Bennett, editor of Guardian Weekly
Lucy Changwe, Zambia Deputy Minister Gender and Development
Nicholas Parsons OBE, actor and radio/television presenter
Emily Thornberry MP

Seats are limited, please reserve early! Email Marie: mbirchall@oneoworldaction.org

- **ACTION AID: Put your foot down! Tell the UK government that it's time to take action on violence against women and HIV and AIDS**

DFID have acknowledged that violence against women increases their risk of HIV infection. Now, we need to move them from acknowledgement to action. Our aim is to get 2876 people

to take action, to represent the number of women that contract HIV every day. It's really important that we reach this symbolic target, and exceed it if possible. To help us reach this target we'd like your members to take action online and send it on to at least 5 of their friends and family and then ask them to do the same. It will only take 2 minutes to Put your foot down and tell the UK government that it's time to take action on violence against women and HIV and AIDS. [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

- **The Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW): The Experience of the United Kingdom Human Rights Council Discusses Integration of Gender Perspective**
Source: Ministry of Justice
- **EU: Czech Views on Sex Roles**
Source: Womenenews (23 January 2009)
- **CEDAW adopts a new recommendation on Women Migrant Workers**

4. Development News

- **Palestine: Still in Shock, Gaza Women Tell Their Stories**
Source: Womenenews (30 January 2009)
- **Sierra Leone: President signs Women's Liberation Act**
Source: Africa.no (26 January 2009)
- **Africa: Ping seeks gender balance among African ambassadors**
Source: Afrique en ligne (25 January 2009)
- **US: President Obama rescinds Global Gag Rule**
Source: IPAS (23 January 2009)
- **Pakistan: Sex work a dangerous game**
Source: IRIN (6 January 2009)
- **Africa: The Struggle of Women And HIV And Aids**
Source: AllAfrica. Com (9 January 2009)
- **Mongolia: Maie Population Declining, Along with Women's Rights: Study**
Source: Ulan Baatar Post (8 January 2009)
- **UK: The Fight Against Forced Marriage**
Source: BBC (15 December 2008)
- **Iran: Police shuts Down Rights Centre**

Source: Washington Post.com (22 December 2008)

5. Publications

- ADS, et al. (2008) **Paradox and Promise in the Philippines - A Joint Country Gender Assessment**
- Goetz, A-M (2008) **Governing Women: Women's Political Effectiveness in Contexts of Democratization and Governance Reform**
- UN-INSTRAW: **Results of the virtual discussion "Filling the Gaps: A Virtual Discussion of Gender, Peace and Security Research"**
- New Website: **CEDAW in Action in Southeast Asia**
- New Website: **Georgian Disabled Women's International Association**
- A New Resource/Interview: **Failure to Translate Women's Legal Rights into Action**
Source: IPS (17 December 2009)
- IGTN, IATP (2008) **Case studies highlighting the gendered dynamic around agriculture, trade and food sovereignty**
- OSI Forum: **Human Rights and Civil Society in Uzbekistan – A conversation with Umida Niazova**
- UNESCO (2008) **Technology-based vocational skills training for marginalized girls and young women**
- Mobility International USA: **Meeting the Leadership Challenges of Women with Disabilities**
- Mehta L. (eds), **Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice**, Sage
- Marie Stopes International: **Going for Goals - take action to help achieve the Millenium Development Goals**
- MIGS (2009) **CEDAW Diary 2009**
- World Economic Forum (2008) **The Global Gender Gap Report 2008**
- Human Rights Watch (2008) **World Report 2009**
- Aikman, S. et al. (2008) **Gender Equality, HIV and AIDS: Challenges for the Education Sector**, OXFAM
- Rowlands, J. (2008) **Speaking Out: How the voices of poor people are shaping the future: All Papers**, Oxfam
- INSTRAW (2008) **Summary – First Dialogue Current Situation in Gender Training**

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for Proposals: UHAI: The East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative**
Deadline: 13 February 2009
- **Call for Papers: Girlhood Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal: Negotiating, Constructing and Re-Constructing Girlhoods**
Deadline: 15 February 2009
- **Call for Papers: Gendering Climate and Sustainability**

13-14 March, 2009 - University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen

Deadline: 16 February 2009

- **Call for Papers: Gender, Power, and Society** – International Conference
28-29 April 2009, Ibn Tofail University, Morocco
Deadline: 25 February 2009
- **Call for Papers: Gender and Community Informatics**
Deadline for Abstracts: 28 February 2009
- **Call for Papers: Jenda Journal Special Issue: 30 Years After CEDAW**
Deadline: 15 March 2009
- **United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery Calls for Grant Proposals**
Deadline: 30 March 2009
- **Call for nominations: Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life**
Deadline: 31 March 2009

7. Events and Conferences

- **Market and Sexualities: A Centre LGS Workshop**
University of Kent, 25 February 2009 (2-5 pm)
- **GeNet Conference: Gender inequalities in the 21st Century**
Queen's College, Cambridge
- **Chinese Women, Half the Sky**
LSE Public Lecture, D302 5 February 2009 (2-3 pm)
- **Integrating Gender and Peace building Practice**
Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 25-29 May 2009

8. Job Openings

- **Special Assistant: Deputy Executive Director for Programmes, UNIFEM (New York, USA)**
Closing date: 11 February 2009
- **Curriculum Development Specialist (Ethics in Policing and Gender), UNFPA (Kabul, Afghanistan)**
Closing date: 19 February 2009
- **Team Coordinator, Africa and Latin America - Marie Stopes International (London, UK)**
Closing date: 9 February 2009
- **Director Development and Communications, Mama Cash (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**
Closing date: 16 February 2009
- **Project Officer, Midterm Review of IPPF's Strategic Framework, International Planned Parenthood Federation (London, UK)**
Closing date: 16 February 2009
- **Program Coordinator, Public Health Program - The Open Society Institute (New York, USA)**
Closing date: 27 February 2009

- **Temporary Conference Coordinator, The Nobel Women's Initiative (Houston, USA)**
Open until filled
- **Women Moving Millions Campaign Intern, Women's Funding Network (San Francisco, USA)**
Open until filled

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**.

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**

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