

Information Round-up: October 2009

## UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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### 1. GADN News

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- **UK GADN Meeting: Having Faith - The opportunities and challenges of working on gender and development with faith-based organisations.**

This meeting will take place from Thursday 12 November 13:00 - 17:00 (15:30 - 17:00 GADN Members only) at Tearfund's offices, Teddington, London. Speakers include Rev Rachel Carnegie (International Development Advisor to the Archbishop of Catenbury) as well as speakers from Tearfund, Mother's Union, Christian Aid (tbc), Islamic Relief (tbc) and CAFOD (tbc). To reserve your place please email [gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org).

- **UK GADN hosts meeting on WHY GIRLS? Working with girls in a development context**

On Tuesday 22 September the UK Gender and Development Network in association with Plan UK hosted a successful meeting on working with girls in a development context. The meeting had an excellent set of speakers including Paul Spray (DfID) who was introducing the new DfID / Nike Foundation partnership: The 'Girls Hub', Therese Mahon (Water Aid) who gave insights into Water Aid's work with adolescent girls, hygiene and sanitation, Feyi Rodway (consultant with Plan UK) who discussed girls as a critical lens of analysing discrimination and presenting Plan's new report on girls in the global economy and Fiona Mavhinga who gave a moving speech on her experience and her current work with CAMFED.

The meeting was then followed by a UK GAD Network members' meeting which updated the members on the new steering group members and other changes at the GADN including a response to the UK DFID White Paper and the Conservative Green Paper on international Development. This was followed by a lively discussion where members had the opportunity to input their thoughts on the GADN strategy for 2010 onwards.

- **UK GAD Network Attends Women and Financial Crisis Workshop at Oxfam UK**

On the 15 and 16 September 2009 the UK GAD Network took part in a workshop: Gender and the Economic Crisis, held at Oxfam. The workshop brought together twenty-five practitioners, economists, and academics from a variety of development and research organisations to present learning and experiences on the impact of the crisis on gender equality and women's rights.

The workshop was organised by Oxfam GB and *Gender & Development* journal as part of a wider learning project on the gendered impacts of the crisis. For more information on the project visit the Gender and Economic Crisis Network: [www.genderanddevelopment.ning.com](http://www.genderanddevelopment.ning.com)

- **UK GADN Strategy Meeting**

Current and previous members of the Steering group will meet on Tuesday 13 October to strategise the future of the GADN. In particular we will be looking at the vision, mission and aims of the GADN for the future in order to formulate a work plan which will feed into our funding workshop in November 2009.

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **Oxfam Report: Oxfam International Demands Zero Tolerance Toward Sex Crimes Committed in the Colombian Conflict**

Victims of rape call for justice and demand the EU to pressure Bogotá to invest in the fight against sexual violence. For more information, please read the **following document**.

- **One World Action Event - The ugly Truth: Threats to Women in Political Spaces**  
Institute for the Study of the Americas and One World Action invite you to the above event **09** November 2009, 1-5pm, The Institute for the Study of the Americas, Chancellor's Hall, First Floor, Senate House, Malet Street London WC1E 7HU

Please register early to avoid disappointment as we have limited spaces. To book a place on the event, please contact Olga Jimenez at [Olga.Jimenez@sas.ac.uk](mailto:Olga.Jimenez@sas.ac.uk)

- **Latin American Mining Monitoring Programme (LAMMP): First European Speakers' Tour for Rural and Indigenous Women affected by Mining Projects**

Organised by LAMMP, the tour is the first international opportunity for rural and indigenous women defenders living in communities affected by mining developments to raise awareness of gender issues such as the severe impact of mining on the social structure of the community which -among others- manifests itself through an increase in violence against women who speak against mining. Women often feel that life in the community is so transformed by the mining conflict that "peace is gone, there is no more happiness".

Details: 13 October 2009, Amnesty International Centre. 7-25 New Inn Yard EC2A 3EA, London. For more information contact **LAMMP's website** or write to [glevys@lammp.org.uk](mailto:glevys@lammp.org.uk)

- **International CEDAW Conference , Womankind and One World Action**  
Confirmed speakers include: Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for International Development; Theresa May MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Shadow Minister for Women and Dorcas Coker-Appiah, CEDAW Committee member and Executive Director of the Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre, Ghana.

11 November 2009. Venue: The Human Rights Action Centre (Amnesty International UK) 17-25 New Inn Yard London EC2A 3EA. Early registration is recommended. To book a place on the event, please contact Marie Birchall or Kathrine Hilario at [cedawevent@oneworldaction.org](mailto:cedawevent@oneworldaction.org)

- **UNIFEM UK - Women, Poverty and Microfinance**  
UNIFEM London invite you to their Annual Fundraising Conference 2009, Thursday, 15th October, 2009 18:00 - 21:00. Venue: Linklaters, One Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8HQ. Guest Speakers: Alison Evans (ODI), Marianne Mwaniki (Senior Sustainability Manager at Standard Chartered Bank), Faisal Rahman is Managing Director of London-

based social enterprise Fair Finance. Registration Fee(includes refreshments):£18.00, UNIFEM UK members £12.00; reduced fee of £5.00 for students.

- **Women's National Commission - The United Nations Women's Agenda Roadshow**

More details will be available soon but hold these dates in your diary:

Newcastle: Friday 6th November  
Cardiff: Tuesday 10th November  
Glasgow: Thursday 26th November  
Belfast: Tuesday 1st December  
London: Monday 14th December

If you or any of your contacts are interested in any of these events please do contact us at:

**WNCEvents@communities.gsi.gov.uk**

- **Women for Women International - Speakers Event**

Zainab Salbi, founder and CEO of Women for Women International and author of 'Hidden in Plain Sight', will be speaking at the Frontline Club on the 14 October 2009 at 7.00 pm

***\*\*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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- **U.N. Approves Long-Awaited New Women's Agency**
- **14 September 2009 UN releases 2009 Human Development Report: "Overcoming Barriers: Human mobility and development"**
- **UN Chief urges Action to end Violence and Abuses endured by Women**  
15 September 2009
- **UN Adopt Final Version of UN Security Council Resolution 1888 on women, peace and security**  
30 September 2009
- **EU: Gender Equality a Marginal Issue during the Czech EU Presidency?**  
WIDE September 2009
- **UN-INSTRAW/CAWTAR: New website on women's political participation in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia**

### **4. Development News**

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- **Japan: Gets Cracking on gender Equality**  
IPS Genderwire, 6 October 2009
- **UK: Shocking Disparity in Gender Pay Revealed**  
FT, September 6 2009
- **Mexico: Poverty has a Women's Face**  
IPS Gender wire, 6 October 2009
- **Ecuador: Women migrants focus of policy forum in Quito**  
UN-INSTRAW 5 October 2009
- **Nigeria: Minister Leads Gender Equality Campaign Trail**  
THISDAY ONLINE, 5 September 2009
- **Portugal adopts National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325** (recognising the specific impacts of contemporary wars in the lives of women)  
IANSA, 8 September 2009
- **Egypt: Q&A: Economic Empowerment Gives Women Choices**  
IPS News, September, 2009
- **Pakistan: Where Swat Women Fear to Tread**  
IRIN Asia, September 2009
- **Zimbabwe: Women's Rights Activists Lobby to Engender Constitution**  
IPS News, September 2009
- **South Africa: City aims for Gender Equality**  
Johannesburg City Website: August 31 2009
- **India: Outnumbered City Women Suffer All Round: UNDP**  
Express India, August 31 2009
- **Rawanda: Government Commended for Gender Equality**  
The New Times, August 31 2009
- **Global women's forum make claim on economic stimulus funds**  
Afrol News, September 2 2009

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Gender Links: SADC Gender Protocol Baseline Barometer Report**, SADC (South African Development Community), August 2008.
- **CWGL: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence: Beijing +15 Overview and Regional Activities: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence: Beijing +15 Overview and Regional Activities**, CWGL (Centre for Women's Global Leadership), 2009
- **ARROWs for Change 'Feminist and Rights based Perspectives: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Disaster Contexts'** 2009.
- **The EU India Free Trade Agreement negotiations: gender and social justice concerns**, WIDE, 2009.
- **Glossary of Gender-related Terms**, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS), 2009.
- **Women's National Commission Newsletter**  
October 2009
- **Women in Development Europe September Newsletter**  
September 2009
- **Development Studies Association October Bulletin**  
October 2009
- **New resources on gender, poverty and social exclusion (Oxfam Genderworks)**

October 2009

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- **Call for author: Women's migration in the context of globalization (for WIDE)**  
Please apply for this call by sending email to Benedicte Allaert:  
benedicte@wide.network.org and copy Barbara Specht barbara@wide-network.org.  
Deadline 15 October 2009
- **Call for Nominations - Women's Refugee Commission, Voices of Courage Awards 2010**  
Deadline: 15 October 2009
- **Call for Training Proposals: Women Peacemakers Programme**  
Deadline: 30 November 2009
- **Call to Lobby your MP: Abolish No recourse to Public Funds**  
4 November 2009

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- **'Gender Equality in the Euro-Med region: From Plan of Action to Action?'**  
Istanbul,  
24-25 October
- **Having Faith - Gender, Development and Faith-Based Organisations, (UK GAD Network)** London, 12 November 2009
- **UN Women's Agenda (Women's National Commission),** London  
14 December 2009
- **Limits of Tolerance (WAFE),** London, 28 October 2009
- **CEDAW in action - A Global South/North Exchange,** 1-5pm, London  
12 November 2009

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Women's Rights Advocacy Officer: ActionAid (London, UK)**  
Closing date 9 October 2009
- **Specialist in Social Development and Gender (Nigeria)**  
Closing date 15 October 2009
- **Emergency Programme Officer CARE UK, London**  
Closing date: 6 October
- **Gender Equality Manager: Plan UK, London**  
Closing date: 7 October
- **Education Manager, Plan UK, London**  
Closing date: 8 October
- **Head of Advocacy, Plan UK, London**  
Closing date: 8 October
- **Programme Officer, Plan UK, London**  
Closing date: 8 October
- **Policy Officer, Rights of Women, London**  
Closing date: 15 October 2009

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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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