

UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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1. GADN News

- **GADN Hosts Meeting at Marie Stopes!**

The GADN was delighted to host its quarterly meeting at Marie Stopes International, London. Thursday 4 June 2009. The meeting discussed: ***Reproductive Rights: how far have we come? Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights in the context of the International Conference of Populations and Development*** and we were delighted to be joined by speakers: Marianne Hasselgrave - Chair of the UK Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Working Group in the ICPD, Erica Nelson, Knowledge Manager, Research and Metrics Team Marie Stopes International, Reineira Arguello, Programme Manager Latin America - WOMANKIND Worldwide and Anne Quesney, Head of Advocacy - Marie Stopes International.

The meeting served to raise some interesting questions about work on sexual and reproductive health rights in the development sector and look at recent progressions and backtracks in this

area. The notes for this meeting will be circulated to attendees and members shortly, if you would like a copy please email us directly to request them.

The Members' Section of the meeting also discussed GADN news including setting up as company and charity, which is due to happen shortly, the ongoing process of recruiting GADN Steering Group members (which we have postponed until after we have become a company and charity) as well as hearing members' news updates. We were also delighted to be joined by Simon Chase from ACTSA who came to update the GADN members on the UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign.

- **GADN goes to WIDE Annual Conference**

GADN Secretariat and steering group member have attended this year's WIDE Annual Conference **on WE CARE! Feminist responses to the Care Crises from June 18-20 at the University of Basel, in Basel**. On Sunday the 21st June, the GADN secretariat also attended the WIDE General Assembly when the Annual Conference 2010 topic was propose – migration. For more information about the conference please visit the **website** or catch up the latest news on the **blog**.

- **Follow GADN on Twitter!**

Yes, our website might be under construction but in the meantime keep up to date with what GADN are doing via twitter! Just search for our username **GenderandDevNet**.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **CAWN Newsletter Spring 2009**

The CAWN Newsletter Spring 2009 edition is available to download for free from the CAWN website. The theme of this edition is the phenomenon of Femicide in Meso America. Please check our website later in the year for details of our November 2009 Seminar on Femicide in Central America. Should you wish to publicise an event or send us an update on your work, please let me know and I will gladly include it in our next Electronic Bulletin (September 2009). To view the newsletter, please **click here**.

- **NEW TRUSTEES FOR CHILDHOPE**

ChildHope's Board is seeking to appoint up to **three new trustees**. Expertise is needed in:

- fundraising, especially strategy, corporates and major donors;
- institutional funding, especially the European Commission,
- gender
- child participation and
- marketing, public relations and communications.

The Board of Trustees meet quarterly for three-hour meetings, annually for a one-day meeting and most Trustees also attend sub-committee meetings at least twice a year. Expressions of interest are sought. Please send your CV and a brief letter explaining why you are interested by

7th July. Contact: Sandra Noronha, ChildHope, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT or sandra@childhope.org.uk

- **IDS - 'Why is development work so straight? And what can we do about it?' IDS, University of Sussex, Brighton, 21/07/09**

Some development work has reinforced inequalities around sexuality and gender. Sometimes even the interventions seeking greater justice and equality - such as those associated with Gender and Development, the Men and Masculinities field, Rights-Based Development, empowerment and participation - serve to reinforce oppressive sexuality and gender norms. If development really did justice to the diversity of people's social and sexual identities, livelihoods and living arrangements, how would it be different to the approaches we see today?

For more information see attached. To sign up to attend, please email Stephen Wood s.wood@ids.ac.uk asap.

- **IDS - 'Strange Bedfellows? Sex and International Development' Palace of Westminster, Room CRI9, 01/07/2009.**

HIV/AIDS takes millions of lives each year and health complications around sex, reproduction and pregnancy are among the leading causes of death among women in developing countries. Health issues related to sexuality are beginning to be recognised by international development actors. But there is less acknowledgement of the role that pressure to conform to norms around sexuality plays in influencing well-being. Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender and intersex people, sex workers, single women, women who have sex outside of marriage and non-macho men may face not only pressure to conform, but stigma, discrimination and violence if they do not. This meeting offers an exciting opportunity to explore the ways in which poverty reduction efforts and work on sexuality and sexual rights intersect with a view to improved policy and programming. For more information and RSVP please email Charlie Matthews [here](#).

- **Take action: Put women's rights at the heart of UN economic crisis summit!**

Womankind Worldwide is asking the public to take action and ensure the UK government puts women's rights at the heart of solutions to the economic crisis, you do this by **clicking here**.

The UK government and other world leaders will be meeting at the UN in New York from 24th-26th June for a global summit on the economic crisis. The financial crisis is having a massive impact on poor households and in particular women – and we want to make sure they put women's rights and gender equality at the heart of solutions to the crisis.

Please take action and encourage others to do the same by forwarding the e-mail link to as many networks, colleagues, friends and family as you can!

More information on Womankind Worldwide events can be found in their **newsletter** and their **website**.

- **Womankind Worldwide Vacancies**

Womankind Worldwide is also recruiting for a new Head of Policy and Advocacy and Database Fundraising Assistant please visit their **website**.

- **ActionAid's 6 Degrees Project**

ActionAid's new campaign aims to bring together UK women with women around the world living in poverty to fight for women's rights and end violence. To find out more about the campaign and download information visit their **website**.

- **OneWorldAction – Vacancy - Women's Rights Coordinator Post**

OneWorldAction is looking for a Women's Rights Coordinator Post. For more information please visit their **website**.

- **OneWorldAction – Campaign: More Women More Power**

Women make up 50 per cent of the world's population but only 30 per cent of the world's decision makers. One World Action launched the More Women More Power campaign at the close of last year to campaign for radical measures to change these dismal statistics and we need your support. If you believe that it is a matter of justice that women be fairly represented in the decisions that shape their lives and act now. For more information please visit their add your signature to the More Women More Power **e-pledge**

- **OneWorldAction – Run the British 10km**

The ASICS British 10K on Sunday 12th July, attracts runners from all over the world, including Olympic champions, charity fun runners and fitness enthusiasts. On the day, 26,000 people are set to take part, running past many of London world famous historic landmarks on their way to the finish line at Whitehall. In return for a guaranteed place, we're asking runners to raise a minimum of 250 pounds in sponsorship. As well as plenty of advice and materials to help you fundraise- including sponsor forms and a t-shirt- we'll also provide refreshments and goodie bag at the end.

Sign up today and encourage friends or family to join you or get a team of colleagues together and run in fancy dress! For more information please kindly contact Verity Owers at 020 7833 4075 or please visit their website. **Here**

- **Gender and Development Blogs!**

Are you blogging yet? Follow some of our members' top blogs from gender and development organisations.

[ActionAid Bollocks To Poverty Blog](#)

[CAFOD's Blogs](#)

[ChildHope](#)

[HelpAge Blogs](#)

[Marie Stopes' Blog](#)

[National Federation of Women's Institutes Public Affairs' Blog](#)

[Oxfam Blogs](#)

[Plan UK](#)

[Womankind Worldwide](#)

[WomenforWomen International](#)

Are you blogging on gender and development? Let us know and we'll tell all our members email us at gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org.uk

News from WIDE

The UK GADN also acts as the UK Platform for Women in Development Europe (WIDE). For more information about WIDE, please visit their **website**.

- **WIDE's Annual Conference Read the Blog**

WIDE recently held its annual conference on the 'Care Economy and Care Crisis'. It was hosted by WIDE Switzerland platform in Basel, Switzerland from 18 to 20 June 2009. You can follow the discussions and debates that occurred during the conference please click on their blog link **here**.

*****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.**

3. DFID/EU/UN

UN and European Commission News

- **Lighten the load: In a time of crisis, European aid has never been so important**

The new Aid Watch report, *Lighten the load: In a time of crisis, European aid has never been so important*, was launched on 14 May in Brussels. The report reveals that while developing countries face the full impact of the financial and economic crisis, European governments are falling short by nearly €40bn in their aid promises. According to AidWatch, European governments have promised to increase their aid levels and improve aid quality by signing up to international commitments such as the Paris Declaration. However, the EU fails to deliver on its pledges on aid quality and quantity, at a time when poor families need it most. You can download the full report **here**.

- **European Commission and UNIFEM partner to Support Gender Equality in the context of HIV/AIDS**

The European Commission and UNIFEM are embarking on a programme that will be implemented in Rwanda, Kenya, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. With a total budget of 2450,354 euro for three years, the programme will focus on promoting leadership of HIV-positive women's groups and gender equality advocates, to ensure the gender equality priorities are identified, realized and budgeted in national HIV and AIDS responses. You can read more information at [here](#).

- **The European GEAR Campaign: Build a United Nations that really works for all women!**

New website invites European civil society organisations and citizens to join a global campaign to create a strong United Nations agency for women's rights. Millions of women and men and hundreds of civil society organisations from all over the world are at the moment working together in the Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) Campaign to press governments to improve the way the United Nations works for gender equality, and to create a single strong women's entity. The European Focal Point of the GEAR Campaign has launched a website to engage civil society organisations and individuals in the Campaign. For more information, contact the European GEAR coordinator: campaign@un-gear.eu

DFID/UK News

- **The Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS)- Launched Global Monitoring Checklist on women, peace and security in the Houses of Parliament.**

The Global Monitoring Checklist monitors implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Northern Ireland, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The research lays out up-to-date information on women, peace and security issues in the five countries and identifies achievements, good practices, challenges and obstacles to the implementation of UNSCR 1325. It provides practical information and recommendations which can be used to support national governments, the international community and civil society actors in their work around on peace and security. To read the full report from the website link [here](#).

4. Development News

- **Europe: Trafficking Rises as Incomes Fall**
Source: IPS (25 May 2009)
- **Nicaragua: Total Ban on Abortion Violates Human Rights, Says UN**
Source: IPS (28 May 2009)
- **SUDAN: Civilians Under Siege in Refugee Camps**
Source: IPS (2 June 2009)
- **India elects first woman speaker**
Source: BBC (3 June 2009)
- **Chile: Goodbye to the Gender Wage Gap?**
Source: IPS (6 June 2009)
- **Iran: Power of women in Iran's election**
Source: BBC (10 June 2009)
- **Uganda: 'When a Man Hurts a Woman, There's Nothing She Can Do'**
Source: BBC (10 June 2009)
- **Liberia: Land Just for Some**
Source: IPS (9 June 2009)
- **Lebanon: Law to Stop Violence Against Women Takes Time**
Source: IPS (16 June 2009)
- **Kenya: Family Planning Not Only For Women**
Source: IPS (18 June 2009)
- **Brazil: Birth Centres vs. Hospitals**
Source: IPS (22 June 2009)
- **Global: Women's Groups Seek Gender Equity at U.N. Summit**
Source: IPS (18 June 2009)
- **Zambia: Hard Times on the Copperbelt**
Source: IPS (23 June 2009)

5. Publications & Resources

- R. Kidd; N. Prasad; M. Tajuddin; International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) (2007) **Reducing HIV stigma and gender based violence: toolkit for health care providers in India.**
- Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children (2009) **Building livelihoods: a field manual for practitioners in humanitarian settings**
- UNRISD Podcast (2009) **Looking for Gender Equity in Taxation.**
- E. Esplen (2009) **GENDER and Care**, Bridge IDS, UK.
- A. McDevitt (2009) **The impact of conflict on women's education, employment and health care**, Governance and Social Development Resource Centre.
- M. Calil; Erba D. (2009) **The global financial crisis and remittances; What past evidence suggests**, ODI working paper.

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- Call for Applications: **Women's Human Rights Training Institute 2009-2011**
Closing Date: 30 June 2009
- Call for Papers: **Gender & International Migration, Feminist Economics**
Closing Date: 15 September 2009

7. Events and Conferences

- **The launch of BOND's new Governance Group**
25 June 2009, Regent's Warf, London
- **Gender on the Agenda - Women, skills and work seminar, NIACE**
London, 18 June 2009
- **5th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights**
Beijing, China, 17-20 October 2009
- **Training of Trainers: Gender & Climate Change**
Bonn, June 2009 & Copenhagen, December 2009

8. Job Openings

- **Anti-trafficking and Gender Officer / The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (Chisinau, Moldova)**
Closing date: June 26, 2009.
- **Programmes Support Manager Africa & Latin America Team, Marie Stopes International (MSI) (London, UK)**
Closing date: 30 June 2009
- **Programme Associate, UNIFEM, (New York, United States of America)**
Closing date: 02 July 2009
- **Deputy Fund Manager, Gender Equality Fund, UNIFEM (New York, United States of America)**
Closing date: 03 July 2009
- **Project Manager, Gender Equality Project, UNDP (Kabul, Afghanistan)**
Closing date: 05 July 2009
- **Consultant, UNIFEM (Almaty, Kazakhstan)**
Closing date: 6 July 2009
- **Head of Programme funding- Africa, Christian Aid, (London, UK)**
Closing date: 6 July 2009
- **Policy Officer, The Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), (Quezon City, the Philippines)**
Closing date: 10 July 2009
- **Women's Rights Coordinator, One World Action, (London, UK)**
Closing date: 13 July 2009
- **Senior Technical Specialist, International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), (India)**

- Closing date: 15 July 2009
- **Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Officer, FAO, (Bangkok, Thailand)**
Closing date: 31 July 2009
 - **Researcher/Advocate on Disability Rights, Human Rights Watch (HRW), (New York, United States of America)**
Closing date: 31 July 2009
 - **Gender and Development Officer, FAO (Rome, Italy)**
Closing date: 04 September 2009
 - **Program Officer Access, International Planned Parenthood/ Western Hemisphere Region (New York, United States of America)**
Closing date: Vacancies are open until removed from the Web site.
 - **Senior Gender and Agriculture Specialist, International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) (Washington, United States Of America)**
Closing date: Vacancies are open until removed from the Web site.

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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.

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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