

Information Round-up: September 2008

UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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1. GADN News

- **Steering Group Meeting**

The GAD Network Steering group will be meeting on Tuesday, 16 September 2008. Amongst others, items on the agenda include the next members' meeting, update on Accra High Level Forum and the forthcoming MDG Summit in New York, as well as the next DfID Round Table on Violence against Women. Updates will be posted on the next Information Round-Up.

- **Members' meeting**

The next members' meeting is currently scheduled on **5th November** (tbc) and will be held at OXFAM offices in Oxford. If you have partners in the area, do let them know, as we are keen on meeting with those who are normally unable to come the meetings in London.

- **Mid-Month Mini-Round Up**

We will published a mid-monthly Round Up, if you are a GADN member and would like to advertise your event in the information round-up, please contact us at gadnvol@womankind.org.uk

2. GADN Members' Update

- **NAWO – New Update on Forced Marriage in the UK and Europe**

In July NAWO co-hosted a one-day event alongside The Judith Trust on Forced Marriage and Disability where the NEW UPDATE on Forced Marriage in the UK and Europe was launched. This report looks at the ways in which the UK Governments and UK NGOs are combating this growing problem and presents the current situation of forced marriage in several European countries. Although there is no question that forced marriage is a breach of an individual's right to choose his or her partner, this report takes a culturally sensitive approach by examining the context in which this harmful traditional practice takes place as well as looking at the dilemma that the individual in question may be experiencing. To download the full report, click **here**.

- **One World Action – Q & A on World Trade with Walden Bello, 12 September 2008, 14.30-16.30**

One World Action and the Trade Justice Movement invite you to a Q&A with Walden Bello, an activist from the Philippines and fierce critic of corporate globalisation. He will speak on the collapse of the Doha trade negotiations and its implications on world trade and alter-globalisation movements. There will be time to ask questions following his talk. For more info, **click here**

RSVP: By 11th of September to Lisa Cecere - Icecere@oneworldaction.org

- **NAWO – Conference on Women's Voices in Europe: Promoting Gender Equality through Lobbying and Policy Influencing in Europe**

This conference aims to inform and empower women's organisations in the UK to strategically extend these efforts as citizens of a member state of the European Union; and to discuss the methods and channels through which this can be accomplished. Guest speakers include Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby, Mary Honeyball MEP and Eleanor Fuller, Permanent Representative to the UK Delegation to the Council of Europe. For information on how to register, please visit www.nawo.org.uk The conference will be held on September 15th at the Amnesty International Action Centre 10am – 4pm

- **WILPF – Looking for a Campaigns Coordinator (part-time)**

The UK Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is currently looking for a part time Campaigns Coordinator to facilitate its campaigning work against militarism and war and to establish world peace based on economic justice, human rights, sustainable development and cooperation with a gender perspective. The closing date for applications is 26 September 2008. For more information on this position, **please click here**

- **Central American Women Network (CAWN): Internship Vacancy: Research and Communication's Assistant**

CAWN is offering this internship opportunity to an enthusiastic and motivated individual, prepared to gain experience and become involved in all aspects of a women's international organisation. The Research and Communication's Assistant Intern will be expected to support the organisation in administrating the research and communication's side of work, both at the national and international levels. The closing date for applications is 22nd September 2008 at 10am. For more information and how to apply for this position please click [here](#)

- **NAWO hosts follow-up meetings to the European-wide Consultation with the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, Yakin Erturk**

Come, hear the findings of three days of consultation in London with Professor Yakin Ertürk, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and bring your experience and determine local priorities, learn how to lobby, and make a difference where you live. Starting points: 1) Violence against women arises from and causes further gender inequality. 2) Violence against women is on a continuum – from pole dancing to rape and prostitution; strategies for combating it need to recognise these cultural links. Workshops will be held in Leicester, Bristol, Norwich, London, Cornwall and Leeds. For more information on the workshops, please contact the NAWO office at info@nawo.org.uk

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **DFID - First year review of the Gender Equality Action Plan**
- **Ethiopia: UN-Backed Gathering Tackles Gender Equality**
Source: UN-News (25 August 2008)
- **UN Paper on Gender Equality Architecture and Gear Campaign Analysis**
– To access the Deputy Secretary General's report, [click here](#) or to access the GEAR analysis, [click here](#)
- **UNDP - The Eight Point Agenda: Practical, positive outcomes for girls and women in crisis**
Source: UNDP
- **Interview with Ines Alberdi, executive Director UNIFEM: 'Where Women can't Thrive, MDGs are in Jeopardy'**
Source: IPS (28 August 2008)

4. Development News

- **Global: Creation of the new Global Horticultural Workers' and Environmental Rights Network**
Source: Women Working Worldwide
- **Philippines: The Magna Carta of Women**
Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer (06 August 2008)
- **SADC: Adopt Gender and Development Protocol**
Source: HRW (14 August 2008)
- **Cambodia : Getting Decent Job for Women - the Challenge**
Source: IPS (14 August 2008)

- **USA: Tracking the abuser: Can GPS protect women from arm?**
Source: Ms. Magazine (18 August 2008)
- **South Africa: The cost of Marital Rape**
Source: HRW (19 August 2008)
- **Afghanistan: Afghans speak out against sexual violence**
Source: The Guardian (20 August 2008)
- **Kenya: Pro-abortion law opposed**
Source: AllAfrica.com (22 August 2008)
- **Zimbabwe : Toward parity for Women in Politics**
Source: IPS (23 August 2008)
- **Rwanda: First Ladies discuss advocacy**
Source : The NewTimes (25 August 2008)
- **African Union: African Ministers fine-tune AU gender policy draft**
Source: Afrique en ligne (28 August 2008)
- **Mexico: Native Women Mobilise for their Rights**
Source: IPS (29 August 2008)
- **Rwanda: Peace Baskets brings Hope**
Source: IPS (31 August 2008)

5. Publications

- WIDE (2008) **Key Feminist Concerns Regarding Core Labour Standards, Decent Work, and Corporate Social Responsibility**
- Institute for International Studies (2008): **Integrating Poverty, Gender and Environmental Concerns into Value Chain Analysis: A Conceptual Framework and Lessons for Action Research.**
- Fride (2008) **Justice for women: seeking accountability for sexual crimes in post-conflict situations**
- Center for Health and Gender Equity (2008) **Saving lives now: female condoms and the role of US foreign aid**
- Zarkov, D. (2007) **The Body of War: Media, Ethnicity and Gender in the Break-up of Yugoslavia**

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for application: 2008 African Climate Change Fellowship**
Closing Date: 17 September 2008
- **Call for Papers: Gender: Regulation and Resistance in Education Institute of Education, University of London (25-27 March 2009)**
Closing dates for abstract: 30 September 2008
- **Call for Abstracts: Sex, Rights and the Law in a World with AIDS**
Deadline: 30 September 2008
- **Call for Papers: Women and International Development Program (Michigan State University)**
- **Call for Applications: CEDPA: Asia Regional Workshop: Women's Leadership in HIV/AIDS (16 March – 3 April 2009)**
Deadline: 3 October 2008

7. Events and Conferences

- **The Point of Feminism – Media and Cultural Studies and Feminism: An interdisciplinary Conference**
University of Reading, 12 September 2008
- **The 2nd New Arab Woman Forum**
Beirut, Lebanon, 23-24 October 2008
- **Time to face it - Conference on group rape**
London, 20 November 2008
- **Inter American Women's Forum Against Corruption**
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 29 September – 1 October 2008
- **Looking at violence from the Gender Perspective**
Hamburg, Germany, 12 -14 November 2008
- **The 11th AWID International Forum on Women's Rights and Development, The Power of Movements**
Cape Town, South Africa, 14 – 17 November
- **Changing Culture The Millennium Group: Empowering Women for Peace and Democracy, Information and Training Day**
London, 20 September 2008
- **Achieving a Framework for a Fairer Future: How do we best take forward the Equality Bill?**
The Royal Commonwealth Society, London, 6 October 2008, 9am – 4pm
- **Third International Congress on Islamic Feminism**
Barcelona, Spain 24-27 October 2008

8. Job Openings

- **Programme & Technical Adviser, Gender, Human Rights, L-5, UNFPA (Cairo, Egypt)**
Closing date: 4 September 2008
- **Programme Officer, Women's Health & Rights Advocacy Partnership in China, The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)**
Closing date: 5 September 2008
- **Programme Officer, Women's Health & Rights Advocacy Partnership in South Asia, The Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)**
Closing date: 5 September 2008
- **Casework Coordinator, British Red Cross International (London, UK)**
Closing Date: 7 September 2008
- **Deputy Regional Programme Director, East and South East Asia, UNIFEM (Bangkok, Thailand)**
Closing date: 8 September 2008
- **Regional Advocacy Coordinator, International Planned Parenthood Federation/ Western Hemisphere Region (New York, NY, USA)**
Closing date: 10 September 2008
- **Regional Gender Justice Coordinator, Oxfam GB (Pretoria, South Africa)**
Closing date: 12 September 2008
- **Gender Action Plan Co-ordinator, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London, UK)**

- Closing Date: 12 September 2008
- **Case Worker (Advise and Advocacy), Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation**
Closing date: 17 September 2008
 - **Regional Advisor on Empowerment and Advancement of Women, The UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) Center for Women (Beirut, Lebanon)**
Closing date: 14 September 2008
 - **Deputy Regional Programme Director, East and Horn of Africa, UNIFEM (Nairobi, Kenya)**
Closing date: 15 September 2008
 - **Funded Internship on Women's Human Rights Intern for a visiting Lawyer, INTERIGHTS (London, UK)**
Closing date: 19 September 2008 (deadline extended)
 - **Internship Vacancy: Research and Communication's Assistant, Central America Women's Network (London, UK)**
Deadline: 22 September 2008
 - **Gender Practice Leader, UNDP (Panama City, Panama)**
Closing Date: 3 October 2008
 - **Program Officer, Southern Africa, The International Women's Health Coalition (New York, NY, USA)**
Starting date: As soon as possible
 - **Household Survey/Data Collection Specialist, International Center for Research on Women**
Open until filled
 - **Technical Expert Consultant, International Center for Research on Women**
Open until filled
 - **Senior Evaluation Specialist, International Center for Research on Women (New Delhi, India)**
Open until filled
 - **Communication Specialist, International Center for Research on Women (New Delhi, India)**
Open until filled
 - **Senior Technical Specialist, Gender, Violence and Rights, International Center for Research on Women (Washington, DC, USA)**
Open until filled
 - **Gender-Based Violence Coordinator, International Rescue Committee (Jordan)**
Open until filled
 - **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Advisor, International Rescue Committee (Syria)**
Open until filled
 - **Violence Against Women Advisor, International Rescue Committee (Iraq)**
Open until filled
 - **Gender-Based Violence Manager, International Rescue Committee (South Sudan)**
Open until filled