

Mid-Month Information Round-up: March 2009

UK GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



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1. GADN News

- **GADN Members' Meeting – Violence against Women in a Development Context**

On Thursday 12 March 2009 the GADN held its International Women's Day Event and members meeting on VAW in a development context. The meeting was an opportunity to scope what GADN members are doing on VAW, what areas of VAW they think the GADN should be focussing on and what the priorities should be for the upcoming roundtable with DFID.

GADN members were joined by three inspiring speakers including ActionAid partner Reverend Christiana Sutton Koroma, and CAWN partners Maria Amalia Reyes Cartagena and Sara Elizabeth Avilez Tome who shared their experience of working on VAW in Sierra Leone and Honduras respectively. Their talks were followed by some interesting and useful discussions

concerning the challenges and opportunities in VAW in the future. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated to GADN members shortly.

The date of the next GADN meeting will be circulated shortly. GADN meetings are a useful way to share information, discuss projects and ideas and raise the profile of women's rights and gender equality work within your organisation. If you would like to showcase your work or host a GADN meeting please **email** or call us to discuss it further.

- **WIDE (Women in Development Europe)**

The UK GADN acts as the UK platform for WIDE. You can access their latest newsletter **here**.

WIDE launched a Financial Crisis Corner on its website, as part of ongoing discussion around the Crisis. You can find information about the financial crisis and gender, reactions/analysis from NGOs and CSOs, the financial crisis viewed from the South and the financial crisis: causes and alternatives. **To view, click here.**

For the 30 years of CEDAW, WIDE is also preparing an online toolkit for members to encourage our members to campaign on CEDAW +30. As member of the UK platform, if you are planning to organise events/activities/actions, please inform Laura Paulus laura@wide-network.org

From the 20-21st March 2009, UK GADN will attend WIDE training and capacity building or WIDE platforms. A short report of the event will be posted in the next round up.

- **GADN publishes in the BOND Networker!**

GADN recently published an article concerning women rights and gender equality in the credit crunch. To view the article **click here**.

- **GADN is recruiting for Steering Group Members!**

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.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **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](#).

- **BRIDGE – Care Cutting Edge Pack**

Providing care can be both a source of fulfilment and a terrible burden. For women and girls in particular, their socially prescribed role as carers can undermine their rights and limit their opportunities, capabilities and choices - posing a fundamental obstacle to gender equality and well-being. How can we move towards a world in which individuals and society recognise and value the importance of different forms of care, but without reinforcing care work as something that only women can or should do? To download this resource, please [click here](#).

- **DSA/EADI/ActionAid – Call for Paper and Think Pieces: After 2015: Promoting Pro-poor Policy after the MDGs**

The MDGs have played a major role in focusing development policy since their original incarnation in the 1990s. Some development agencies, notably DFID, have gone as far as to judge their activities on the contribution to achieving the MDGs. This is a call for papers on the theme of 'After 2015'. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the IDS Bulletin and inform debate at a planned DSA/EADI/Action Aid High-Level Policy Forum in June. For more information, [click here](#).

- **WOMANKIND Worldwide - Literary Event**

On 3 April 2009, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Jackie Kay & Waje unite in an inspiring evening of readings, discussion and song in celebration of WOMANKIND worldwide 20th anniversary. [Click here](#) to get more information.

- **Development Studies Association – Gender Group Meeting**

31 March, 10-4.30, London Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7

The focus of the meeting will be on the current global crises, especially the financial events and the growing food crises in many parts of the world, and their current and potential impact on work on gender equality, especially work with women's organisations and those women and girls they work with and for. Deniz Kandiyotti of SOAS will be the keynote speaker, placing our analysis and thinking within a feminist and theoretical framework. A number of activists and NGO staff will also speak for 10-15 minutes to provoke thinking and present some new ideas and perspectives, including speakers from Oxfam, Womankind and two freelance researchers/consultants, Nikki Van Der Gaag and Pauline Wilson. It is hoped that we can work together to think about these issues in a proactive way, within a good feminist/gender analysis, rather than finding we are always reacting to frameworks and proposals put up by others and scrambling to insert gender into these. RSVP tinawallace11@aol.com

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

- European Commission (2009) **Women in European Politics – Time for action (report)**
- **PACE - Gender Equality Prize 2009**
Deadline for candidature: 1 June 2009
- **UN Committee concerned by Impact of Financial Crisis on Rights of Women and Girls: Statement on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women** (6 February 2009)
- **Time Has Come for a New U.N. Women's Agency, Q & A with Stephen Lewis**
IPS (3 March 2009)

4. Development News

- **Macedonia NGOs Form Pro-Choice Lobby**
Balkan Insight (29 January 2009)
- **Africa: Need to focus on maternal, child health - top AU official**
IRIN Africa (4 February 2009)
- **Swaziland: Women's equality in theory, but not in practice**
IRIN (18 February 2009)
- **Global: A glimmer of hope for microbicide research**
Reuters AlertNet (18 February 2009)
- **Ghana: Women in Power – Trickle Down?**
IRIN Africa (25 February 2009)
- **U.N. Official Calls for More Female Peacekeepers**
Womenenews (3 March 2009)
- **London: Mayor announces first public debate for women in London**
(5 March 2009)
- **Kenya: “We were told to go to the Mortuary”**
IPS (5 March 2009)
- **Global: Women Are The Emerging Power of The 21st Century**
Radio Free Europe (9 March 2009)
- **Women Need a Bigger Voice at the G20 Summit**
(IPS 12 March 2009)
- **Argentina: Bold New Law on Violence Against Women**
(IPS 12 March 2009)
- **Peru: Drama Exposes Rape as Weapon of War**
(IPS 12 March 2009)
- **Saudi Arabia: Enacts Protections for Domestic Workers**
(HRW 13 March 2009)

5. Publications

- Silvestri, S. (2008) **Europe's Muslim women: potential, aspirations and challenges**
- GTZ (2009) **On the way to improved legal reality: strategies and instruments used to tackle discrimination against women in the Arab world**
- CREA (2008) **Women, Disabled, Queer: Working Together for our Sexuality and Rights**
- Center for Reproductive Rights (2009) **Maternal Mortality in India: Using International and Constitutional Law to Promote Accountability and Change**
- Gender Action (2009) **The Gender Dimension of Post conflict Reconstruction: The Challenges in Development Aid**
- Fawcett Society (2009) **Are Women Bearing the Burden of the Recession?**
- OXFAM (2009) **Iraqi Women talk about their Greatest Concerns and Challenges**
- **Gender and food security:** List of recently published gender and food security documents
- WGNRR Statement: **In Times of Global Adversity, Defend our Reproductive Rights!**
- IANSA Women's Network (2009) **HIV/AIDS and small arms: A challenge for the 53rd CSW**
- WHO/UNFPA (2009) **Mental Health Aspects of Women's Reproductive Health**

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- WACC Photographic Competition 2009: **Portraying gender**
Deadline: 1 May 2009
- Gender Justice Awards – **The best and worst recent decisions or statement on gender equality in Spain, Latin America and the Caribbean**
- Sign the Declaration: **Africa for Women's Rights**
- Call for Papers: **Leadership through the Gender Lens: Women, Men and Equality in Organisations, October 22 – 23, 2009 (Helsinki, Finland)**
Deadline for proposal: 30 April 2009
- Call for Proposals: **United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women**
Deadline: 17 April 2009
- Call for Paper: **Islam and Gender in Asia and the Diaspora**
Deadline: end of May 2009

7. Events and Conferences: Save the Date!

- **Feminist Women's Gathering**
9 – 14 April 2009, Vienna Austria
- **Research Symposium: ICT, Development and Female Leadership**
Aalborg University, Denmark – 26 March 2009
- Call for Applications: **Training on Developing Legal Skills and Knowledge for Successful Litigation in Cases of Violence against Women, INTERIGHTS Europe, London, 11- 12 July 2009.**
Deadline for applications: 5 April 2009
- **Exploratory Workshop: A Caring Europe? Care, Migration and Gender**

Milton Keynes, UK, 12-13 November 2009.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 27 March 2009

- **Put People First March**
28 March 2009, Central London

8. Job Openings

- **Technical Adviser on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Adolescent/Youth, and Development, UNFPA (New York, USA)**
Closing date: 19 March 2009
- **Africa Program Officer, International Women's Program, The Open Society Institute (Nairobi, Kenya)**
Closing date: 20 March 2009
- **Gender and Security Project Officer, Special Programmes, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (Geneva, Switzerland)**
Closing date: 22 March 2009
- **Chief of Gender Equality and Empowerment Section, The United Nations (Bangkok, Thailand)**
Closing date: 24 March 2009
- **Consultant: Kosovo Baseline, UNIFEM (Home-based)**
Closing date: 25 March 2009
- **AWARD 2009 Fellowship - African Women in Agricultural R&D, The CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program**
Closing date: 30 March 2009
- **Consultant, International Expert on Gender Mainstreaming into Education (Kyiv, Ukraine)**
Closing date: 1 April 2009
- **Communication and Media Officer, European Women's Lobby (Brussels, Belgium)**
Closing date: 3 April 2009
- **Fundraising Officer, Maternity Worldwide (Brighton, UK)**
Closing date: 14 April 2009
- **Adviser, Human Rights, The Commonwealth Secretariat (London, UK)**
Closing date: 17 April 2009

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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