

# GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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Dili, Timor-Leste. UN Photo/Martine Perret.

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***\*\*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 newsletter. 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.\*\****

## 1. GADN News

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### **UN Women: A new opportunity to deliver for women**

After its initial launch in July 2010, UN Women officially became operational on the 1 January 2011. Following this, GADN held a meeting which explored the recommendations of GADN's UN Women Working Group for shaping an agency that can deliver real results for women and girls. Lessons learned from the experience of the previous four entities (UNIFEM, DAW, INSTRAW and OSAGI) revealed that:

1. UN Women must have a clear role at the centre of the UN;
2. UN Women should have substantial operational ability and greater field presence;
3. There is a need for UN Women to work more closely with civil society;
4. UN Women must be provided with significantly more resources.

Detailed recommendations can be found in the GADN policy paper on UN Women, available on the GADN [website](#).

Tom Kelly from DFID's UN and Commonwealth Department presented DFID's position on UN Women and updated members on the UK Government's funding for UN Women, helpfully situating the agency within DFID Multilateral Aid Review. A summary of the results of the MAR, which includes a review of UNIFEM, will be available on the DFID website on 1 March.

### **Women's Rights in the Current International Aid Environment: Challenges and Opportunities**

Join us on **Thursday 7 April** as **Rosalind Eyben** discusses the implications of the new aid agenda for women's rights. Rosalind Eyben is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), working on power and relations in the international aid system. She convenes the global policy programme of the Pathways of Women's Empowerment Consortium. She has published extensively on aid relations, including 'Relationships for Aid' (2006) and is currently working with a network of practitioners seeking to influence donors to use a broader range of conceptual and methodological tools for impact assessment.

**2.30pm:** GADN Members Meeting (Member Organisations Only)

**3.30-5pm:** Afternoon Seminar on **Women's Rights in the Current International Aid Environment: Challenges and Opportunities** - Open to all

Venue: **CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB**

Space is limited. **Please RSVP by Thursday 31 March** to the Gender and Development Network ([gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org)) cc'd to [gadnvol@oneworldaction.org](mailto:gadnvol@oneworldaction.org) if you would like to attend.

### **GADN submits evidence to the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry on Gender, Debt, Aid and Trade**

At the end of February, GADN submitted evidence to the APPG's inquiry which seeks to examine how the changing priorities of DFID are likely to affect women in the developing world, highlighting where these may have negative consequences and where they could be

used as a source of empowerment. The inquiry also aims to give parliamentarians a greater understanding of the issues surrounding women and development. Later on in the year, the APPG will hold oral evidence sessions, which GADN hopes to be involved in.

### **A great film for International Women's Day “*Sylvia Pankhurst: Everything is Possible*”**

The film chronicles the life and times of leading suffragette and activist Sylvia Pankhurst. The film is packed with facts from primary sources, rare images from museums and archives, interviews with historians and compelling testimony from Sylvia’s son Richard Pankhurst and his wife Rita. It was filmed in the parliamentary archives, the Museum of London, the Women's Library, Bishopsgate Institute, throughout the East End and beyond to make this an in depth epic and do justice to an inimitable woman. The documentary is available on DVD and included with it is a booklet which summarises the context in which the movement for female suffrage emerged and key moments in Sylvia Pankhurst’s life. The DVD and booklet together provide inspiring viewing and form an exceptional resource on British political history and the suffrage movement in the early twentieth century.

The film is now available to buy on DVD (PAL) at a cost of £20 + p&p. Discounts are available if more than one copy of the film is purchased.

Please do let us know if you would be interested in a copy or copies of the DVD. Purchases may be made directly via the **website**, or feel free to get in touch if you would like to know more. Our email is **world.write@btconnect.com**. Our telephone number is 020 8985 5435.

### ***Evidence for Action. Gender Equality and Economic Growth’***

Ward J., Lee B., Baptist S., and Jackson H (2010). Chatam House: London, UK.

This report sets out the available evidence on how greater gender equality in the developing world could enhance economic growth. It uses the eight key factors for economic growth developed by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) as a framework for prioritizing and organizing the evidence. These factors – human capital, physical capital, the rule of law, competitive markets, macroeconomic stability, infrastructure, openness to trade and investment, and increased agricultural productivity – are the conditions most likely to ensure that a strong economic performance will be established and will endure in a country. The report also indicates how achievement of the MDGs related to gender equality will help to secure the delivery of the other MDGs and presents a set of strategic policy options (p. 3)

- **"The Ultimate Wish"**

Hiding in a shelter when the bomb dropped on Nagasaki, a ten-year old girl survived and to this day, more than 65 years later, she has dedicated her life to making sure that what happened to her will never again happen — anywhere. In a few seconds Sakue Shimohira's mother and sister died on that historic August day, along with thousands of others. Yet, in the face of suicides, disease, discrimination and desperate poverty, she found the courage to live, speak out and take part in important actions.

In The Ultimate Wish, our 57- minute documentary, we see Sakue travel to colleges and high schools in the U.S., Europe and Japan, telling students what she went through, answering their

concerned questions, and sharing with them the resolve to stop the spread of nuclear weapons around the world. Interspersed with her dialogue with the young people are key historic moments that document the case for and against using the A-bomb even as the number of nuclear nations increases. We also see Sakue in a moving meeting with another survivor, this one from Auschwitz, sharing with him the hope and resolve to bring about a world without war.

Sakue Shimohira is an inspirational and deeply affecting woman struggling to make a difference, provoking thought and discussion with all who meet her.

Go to our **website** to learn more about and purchase a DVD

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **Upcoming training opportunities at the Women's Resource Centre**

### **Introduction to measuring outcomes course – Tuesday 29 March, 9.30am – 4pm**

We all know the value of the work we do, but how do you demonstrate the difference your work makes to the lives of the women you work with? In this increasingly challenging funding environment, it is essential that women's organisations have adequate systems in place to capture information on how their services change lives. This course will introduce the key principles of good monitoring and evaluation systems and will provide practical ideas on how to make the process of measuring outcomes easier and more systematic

This event is FREE and **open to all women's organisations in London, to book a place, please e-mail [samantha@wrc.or.uk](mailto:samantha@wrc.or.uk) for a booking form.**

### **South East London Funding Seminar – 24 March, 9.30am – 2pm**

This FREE seminar is open to all women's networks, projects and organisations in Bromley, Bexley and Greenwich. Women's Organisations are facing an uncertain future as funders and decision makers increasingly marginalise women-only services. Organisations need to think seriously about finding ways to diversify income. This seminar will look at how you can make your organisation more financially stable by engaging with alternative funding options.

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## 3. DFID/EU/UN

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- **UN Intensifies Campaign Against Female Genital Mutilation**  
IPS News, 7 February
- **Harriet Harman speaks at the 55th Commission on the Status of Women.**  
UN Headquarters New York, 23 February 2011
- **UN Women Celebrates Launch as Powerful Driver of Women's Equality**  
UN Women New York, 24 February 2011.
- **55<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**  
UN Headquarters New York, 24 February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## 4. Development News

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- **Global: Feminism's Global Challenge: With One Voice**  
The Guardian, March 6 2011
- **Iran: Rallies Planned in Iran Despite Crackdown**  
IPS News, March 5 2011
- **Brazil: Female Scientists Abound in Brazil – But Not at Senior Levels**  
IPS News, March 4 2011
- **Pakistan: “Women Emancipation Need of the Hour”**  
The Nation, March 2 2011
- **Liberia: EPAG Celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Training for Girls**  
The Inquirer, March 1 2011
- **The Philippines: Antique Gears Up for Women's Month**  
Manila Bulletin, March 1 2011
- **DRC: Mass Rape Escalates in Fizi, South Kivu**  
IRIN News, February 28 2011
- **Zambia: Zambian TV Ads Threaten Women's Gains**  
IPS News, February 28 2011
- **Mexico: Mexico's Indigenous Domestic Workers Want Education and Human Rights**  
Women News Network, February 27 2011
- **UN: U.N. Task Force Pushes for Investment in Teen Girls**  
IPS News, February 26 2011
- **Egypt: Women and Men, Shoulder to Shoulder**  
IPS News, February 26 2011
- **UK: Fifth of FTSE 100 Firms Have No Women on Board**  
The Guardian, February 25 2011
- **UN Commission On the Status of Women Opens in New York**  
Kaiser Family Foundation, February 23 2011
- **Angola: Diplomat highlights role of gender in development, peace**  
Angola Press, 23 February 2011
- **Women, Action & the Media**  
wamnairobi.wordpress.com, March 20-23, 2011
- **The Philippines: RDC-GADCC Caraga enjoins all sectors to organize MDG-related activities**  
PIA Daily News, 21 February 2011
- **Not Even One Token Woman!**  
Starbroek News, 21 February 2011
- **Zambia: Zambian Government launches gender responsive budget programme**  
UK Zambians, 6 February 2011
- **Group distributes stickers, flyers on anti-violence against women**  
Cebu Daily News, 2 February 2011
- **Liberia's President Wins 2011 African Gender Award**  
Jellofnews, 2 February 2011

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Evidence for Action. Gender Equality and Economic Growth'**  
September 2010

- **Egyptian Revolution: a view from the inside**  
Eldis, March 2011

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- **African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) Call for Applications 2011 Fellowships.**

### Who we are

AWARD is a professional development program that strengthens the research and leadership skills of African women in agricultural science, empowering them to contribute more effectively to poverty alleviation and food security in sub-Saharan Africa. AWARD is a project of the Gender & Diversity Program of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

### What we offer

The AWARD Fellowship is a two-year program that offers a series of career development resources that:

- establish a mentorship for each fellow with a senior scientist
- build science skills
- develop leadership capacity

AWARD's training courses, held over a two-year period, take place in various locations in Africa.

### Eligibility

Women agricultural scientists who are nationals of **Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, or Zambia**, who have completed a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in the disciplines listed below, are eligible to apply. Applicants must be available in Africa throughout the fellowship period. There is no age restriction.

### Deadline

Applicants have until **March 25, 2011** to apply for a 2011 AWARD Fellowship.

To apply and for more information, visit [www.awardfellowships.org](http://www.awardfellowships.org)

Questions should be directed to [AWARDQueries@cgiar.org](mailto:AWARDQueries@cgiar.org).

- **"Clergy Sexual Exploitation. Call for Articles"**

I am coordinating this project on behalf of World Student Christian Federation- Europe region. It would be an honor if you too could take some time to share your viewpoint on this issue with the numerous readers that we hope to reach worldwide. If time is of constraint you may even consider shorter creative contributions (within 500 words) such as graphic drawings, poems, prayers and reflections that acknowledge the devastation and anguish to victims and call for change.

Activists, theologians, legal practitioners, researchers, medical and mental health professionals, journalists, survivors and advocates from six regions are called to contribute articles from different expert viewpoints or research findings. Articles may include:

- providing accurate information on what is clergy sexual abuse of women;
- telling survivors' stories;
- giving examples of good practices that are already in place for prevention healing and reconciliation;
- giving concrete examples and ideas for advocacy and campaigning work and for how to start unveiling the issue in local communities, organisations, grassroots;
- providing theological, biblical and ecclesiological argumentation and call for change;
- promoting legislation to make CSM illegal in the same way that relationships with patients and clients are illegal for other "helping professionals" including doctors, lawyers and mental health practitioners.

The deadline for submission is **15th March**.

If you would like to see the attachment entitled "Clergy Sexual Exploitation. Call for Articles" that came with this letter from Valli Batchelor, please contact me off list; Anne S Walker [annewalker@iwtc.org](mailto:annewalker@iwtc.org)

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- **100 year anniversary of International Women's Day! March 2011**

International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialised world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen in 1911, International Women's Day (IWD) was honoured the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on 19th March. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination. Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is now celebrated on March 8th.

Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments and women's groups around the world choose different themes each year that reflect global and local gender issues.

Events will be taking place around the world to celebrate the anniversary. Please check our website or **click here** for a listing of events taking place in London.

- **Women's Worlds 2011, July 3-7, 2011 "Inclusions, exclusions, and seclusions: Living in a globalized world"**.

Where globalization and women are concerned, provocative questions abound:

Does globalization include, exclude, and/or seclude women? As global hierarchies realign, how are gender roles and identities evolving? How are social identifications like power, privilege, citizenship, and nation affected?

Ours is an increasingly integrated world – one where boundaries are shifting under growing flows of capital, goods, power ... and people. Who and where we are as individuals and communities becomes less clear within this contemporary, globalized context.

Around the world, women are grappling with changing political, cultural, economic, social, and environmental realities. And the effects of numerous crises – be they economic, ecological, or health-related – intensify obstacles to women's equality.

Globalization has contributed to the destabilization and marginalization of women and communities. Yet certain consequences have yielded positive results for women. Globalization has meant enhanced communications and organizing – trans-national connectivity that must be deepened as women's organizations and networks struggle to sustain themselves and maintain resilience in the face of forces that oppose women's equality.

Women's Worlds 2011 will be a place for the exploration of these complex matters through reflection, learning, and sharing a variety of ideas and experiences – especially those of women most deeply affected.

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Director/Gender Action for Peace and Security/London**  
Closing Date: March 2 2011
- **Country Director/Helen Keller International/Dhaka**  
Closing Date: March 11 2011
- **Business Analyst/Oxfam Canada/Ottawa**  
Closing Date: March 13 2011
- **Gender Advisor-West Africa/World Vision International/West Africa**  
Closing Date: March 15 2011
- **Researcher on Brazil/Human Rights Watch/New York or Washinton D.C. (1<sup>st</sup> year)**  
Closing Date: March 20 2011
- **Various vacancies at Women and Girls Network, including: Gendered Violence Specialist  
Sessional Counsellors and Gendered Violence Specialist – Groupworker.**  
Closing Date: March 21 2011
- **Program Officer, Reproductive Health/The Women's Refugee Commission/New York**  
Closing Date: Open until filled
- **New Media Director/Planned Parenthood Federation of America/New York**  
Closing Date: Open until filled
- **Gender-Based Violence Coordinator/International Rescue Committee/Goma**  
Closing Date: Open until filled
- **Project Manager, IMPACCT and PACE/International Centre for Research on Women/New  
Dehli**  
Closing Date: Open until filled

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Civil Society**  
Civil Society Watch, February 2011
- **Get Lippy**  
ActionAid, March 2011
- **Womankind BBC Radio 4 Appeal**  
Womankind, January 2011

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