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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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### **GADN meets with Michelle Bachelet, Head of UN Women**

In May, GADN members were invited to hear more about UN Women and raise any questions with Michelle Bachelet. She highlighted that CSOs have been instrumental in the establishment of UN Women and stressed the importance of building partnerships with NGOs and grassroots CSOs, which has now become UN Women's mandate as a result.

UN Women's four main priority areas stand as follows: Women's economic empowerment, Ending Violence Against Women, Ensuring women's involvement in peace and security building and Increasing women's political empowerment.

In order to achieve this better, UN Women will collaborate with other UN agencies, and will not simply replace the previous agencies but will encourage people to do more.

### **GADN's Aid Effectiveness working group's first meeting**

GADN's Aid Effectiveness Working Group was re-launched earlier this year and had their first meeting in May. The group will work to ensure gender equality and women's rights are considered in the High Level Forum in Busan later this year by engaging in the various parallel processes.

Alyson Brody (Chair of the working group) and Ceri Hayes are currently in Brussels attending a WIDE and BetterAid consultation on Development Cooperation, Women's Rights and Gender Equality. The working group will meet again to discuss next steps at the end of June.

### **GADN's Violence Against Women working group respond to HMG's Call To End Violence Against Women and Girls: Action Plan**

Following involvement in the development of HMG's Action Plan on ending VAWG, which was launched in March 2011, GADN's VAW working group wrote to HMG to welcome the way in which the action plan sets out concrete actions on tackling international VAW, and also for the opportunity to input to the action plan as a working document.

The group felt that locating the international section within the partnership section of the Action Plan is problematic as the issues are cross-cutting across the sections (prevention, provision, partnership and justice and risk reduction), and felt that the ambitions of the plan are limited by the timeframe, which only maps existing short-term deadlines. The group also called for the language used in the introduction ('curtails women and girl's human rights') to be strengthened to recognise VAW as a violation of human rights.

At the end of May, the group met with cross government officials working on VAWG to discuss their response to the action plan and a process of consultation going forward.

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- The latest publication is available from **CAWN**. This **toolkit** is a companion to the CAWN report *Intersecting Violences (2010)* by Patricia Muñoz Cabrera. The report provides a review of feminist theories and debates relating to violence and poverty as they affect women, with a focus on Latin America. In this Toolkit we provide some practical examples on how the intersectional analysis explored in the report is being put into practice on the ground. The section headings in the Toolkit relate to chapters in the report, and we have started each section by listing some key words to reflect the multiple identities and the intersection of different dimensions of discrimination that are addressed in the subsequent case studies.

There are links to websites and to some useful resources, tools and networks of organisations to help groups to strengthen their own approaches to work on violence and discrimination using an intersectional focus. These links are mainly in the organisations' working languages, Spanish and Portuguese, but there are links to resources translated into English when available.

- **ChildHope are looking for an Executive Director** who will continue to put respectful partnership at the heart of our work. You will be experienced in international development, capable of convincing policy-makers and supporters, and able to bring out the best in a highly professional and hard-working team. As a small organisation ChildHope need an ED with experience of fundraising and with financial nous. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who wants to contribute to long-term change in the lives of children and young people. For a full job description and person specification for this post, please click **here** or email: **recruit@childhope.org.uk**. **Closing date:** 3pm on Friday, **24th June 2011**. **Interview date:** Friday, **1st July 2011**.
- **One World Action's partner Luanda Urban Poverty Programme (LUPP)** have produced **Citizenship and Services for the Urban Poor - The achievements of the Luanda Urban Poverty Programme, Angola**. The LUPP partner organisations and community groups have been able to build up a strong record in pro-poor, community-managed service delivery, with which they have then lobbied government and public service providers who have then built on LUPP examples in local and national service delivery. LUPP has achieved considerable successes in the areas of water and sanitation, early childhood development, micro-finance and participatory governance. The Luanda Urban Poverty Programme has been internationally recognised for its achievements. In 2009, LUPP received the top

Southern Africa Drivers of Change Award for civil society organisations from the Southern Africa Trust. Then the Luanda Urban Poverty Programme was given the UN Habitat Best Practice Award in November 2010, the highest accolade possible for such work. This is recognition for a path-breaking initiative which has been transforming women and men's lives in the marginalised communities of the musseques, slums, of Angola's capital. This report documents their challenges and many achievements.

- **Save the Children** have produced a policy brief '**The Least Developed Countries: Biggest Challenges, Least Assistance**' for the UN LDC IV Conference taking place in Istanbul this week, highlights the considerable challenges faced by many LDCs as they struggle to tackle deeper and more pervasive poverty and larger human development deficits than MICs. International aid, on which LDCs are highly dependent, has been insufficient to help LDCs address these challenges and all too frequently the quality of the aid received has been poor. This is an agenda that is doubly important at a time when the aid budgets of many bilateral donors are being squeezed, and many LDCs are struggling to cope with the after shocks of the global economic crisis.
- Concern Worldwide (Concern) and **Oxfam GB** jointly commissioned the report "**Walking the Talk: Cash Transfers and Gender Dynamics**" to look at the impacts of cash transfers (CTs) on gender dynamics both within households and communities. This report was commissioned because of the agencies' concerns that while CTs, now being used in many different emergency contexts, are expected to benefit women and contribute towards their empowerment, there was little evidence being collected to see whether this was in fact happening. The learning from this report will inform future gender sensitive CT programmes. The research included a literature review, programme evaluations from non governmental organisations (NGOs) and three country studies. These were Indonesia (rapid onset, earthquake), Kenya (rapid onset, food price spikes) and Zimbabwe (protracted crisis). In all three contexts women were the primary beneficiaries of the cash.

## **NEWS FROM WIDE**

### **Report of WIDE Capacity Building Workshop: "Women at the Crossroads" Published**

"Providing knowledge for a critical feminist analysis of the current development paradigm and how it is manifested in the current European trade and development cooperation agenda? How to increase the capacities of WIDE members and partners to participate, engage and influence policy-making" were the overall objective of WIDE Capacity Building workshop. WIDE Network felt it was necessary to take time to reflect together, to build a collective analysis of the world we are facing today from the different perspectives of the diverse members of WIDE. The idea was to make a

collective historical and contextual analysis so to understand the current tendencies in relation with economic activities, development policies, civil society and feminist agenda and to identify main challenges for women's rights and social justice activist and organisations at national, European and international level. Download the report from [here](#).

### **WIDE Joint Working Group Meeting Convened in Copenhagen**

WIDE Joint Working Group met again in Copenhagen in the beginning of May to give final input into WIDE Strategic Programme 2012-2015 and to discuss WIDE's positioning around selected topics like landgrabbing, food sovereignty, road to Busan and Aid Effectiveness agenda. 12 representatives from the National Platforms, Secretariat and other WIDE members participated in the meeting.

The detailed minutes of the meeting are now available from [WIDE Intranet](#).

### **“Samples of WIDE and KULU Currents”: WIDE visits its Danish Platform**

‘Samples of WIDE and KULU Currents’ was the title of an exchange visit organised by the Danish Platform KULU with members of the WIDE network to commemorate KULU's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The meeting, which took place on 5 May at the Danish Parliament, gathered 17 representatives from KULU, Babaylan Denmark and the WIDE network and Secretariat.

The visit to Copenhagen was an opportunity for WIDE members and platform representatives to learn more about each other, share knowledge and experiences, make synergies in their work and exchange information on the burning topics.

You can find out more about this visit also from [WIDE Intranet](#).

## **3. DFID/EU/UN**

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- **UNDP launches NGO assistance for garments clothing industry**  
International News Network, June 2011
- **DFID Bilateral Expenditure: 2010-2015**  
DFID, May 2011
- **DFID Operational Plans**  
DFID, May 2011
- **Michelle Bachelet meets Andrew Mitchell**  
DFID, May 2011
- **Partners DFID Bilateral Expenditure by Sectoring to Prevent Violence against Women Annual Report 2010**  
UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women & UNV Regional Joint Programme for Asia and the Pacific, May 2011

- **DFID Bilateral Expenditure by Sector**  
DFID, May 2011
- **Funding Levels for UN Women Questioned**  
Pan Africa, June 2011
- **'Towards zero infections: The UK's position paper on HIV in the developing world'**.  
DFID, May 2011

### Update on CEDAW

The Government Equalities Office has been busy compiling the UK Periodic Report to the CEDAW Committee and expect to submit the report to the UN very shortly.

## 4. Development News

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- **Latin America: Latin America's Former First Ladies Bid to Break Macho Presidential Mould**  
Guardian, June 7 2011
- **USA: Female Journalists Break Silence on Sexual Violence**  
IPS News, June 7 2011
- **Argentina: Avoidable Maternal Deaths on the Rise**  
IPS News, June 6 2011
- **Global: To Protect Girls, Women Must Have Rights**  
Guardian, June 6 2011
- **UK: Women's Convictions for Domestic Violence 'Double'**  
BBC News, June 6 2011
- **France: France's Women Put Sexism on Trial in Wake of Dominique Strauss-Kahn Case**  
Guardian, June 3 2011
- **Global: Thirty Years of HIV**  
IRIN News, June 3 2011
- **Kenya: Legislation Failing to Curb FGM/C**  
IRIN News, June 2 2011
- **UK: Microfinance Craze Conceals Multiple Problems**  
IPS News, June 2 2011
- **G8: "Arab Spring Could Lead to African Drought"**  
IPS News, May 28 2011
- **Haiti: Anti-rape Legal Experts Mobilize for Change in Haiti**  
Women News Network, May 18 2011
- **Morocco: Women in Morocco are Losing Ground to Tradition, Prejudice and Male Greed**  
Guardian, May 10 2011

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Toolkit for Intersecting Violences.**  
CAWN, May 2011
- **Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.**  
Human Rights Council, May 2011
- **Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women.**  
Human Rights Council, May 2011
- **Maternal and Newborn Health: Community Mobilisation Good Practice Guide.**  
Women and Children First UK, May 2011
- **'Voices of survivors: the different faces of gun violence'.**  
IANSA Women's Network, May 2011
- **AidWatch report 2011 and EU Development Aid Targets.**  
EU, May 2011
- **Citizenship and Services for the Urban Poor**  
OWA, March 2011
- **The Evaluation of the Paris Declaration**  
Danish Institute for International Studies, June 2011
- **"Walking the Talk: Cash Transfers and Gender Dynamics"**  
OXFAM
- **'The Least Developed Countries: Biggest Challenges, Least Assistance.'**  
Save the Children, May 2011
- **MDGs and Economic Justice Website**  
BOND International, May 2011

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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### Call for papers on "Women's and Children's Health"

In September 2010, UN Secretary General Mr Ban Ki-moon launched the Global Strategy: with just 5 years left to fulfill the Millennium Development Goals, it sets out the urgent action priorities for MDG 4 (Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate of children under five) and MDG 5 (Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio and ensure universal access to reproductive health).

In this context, FACTS Reports has decided to support the Global Strategy by devoting a special issue to a collection of articles on actions relating to "women's and children's health".

The aim of FACTS Reports is to collect and disseminate, to these front-line actors, the contents of relevant, effective and reproducible experiments, explaining the methods

used and the results achieved and discussing how to improve, develop and reproduce these ground-level trials.

The FACTS Reports team would greatly appreciate receiving an article describing your experiences within the context of your field activities.

The FACTS Reports team can provide assistance with drafting and translating articles.

Articles submitted to FACTS Reports should include the following elements:

What was the objective of the project/program?

How was the project/program implemented?

What obstacles were encountered, and how were they overcome?

What are the benefits of the project/program?

How might the project/program be improved and reproduced?

Articles are limited to **5000 words, 50 references, and 6 tables and/or figures**. Shorter articles are welcome. The abstract, at least 250 words, should outline the starting point, the methods, the results and the conclusions. The article must include a title, an abstract, an introduction, the methods used, the results obtained, a discussion, acknowledgements, and references.

The discussion must contain at least one paragraph on the concrete implications of the program. The title page must contain the title, the full names, degrees and institutional affiliations of all of the authors, the e-mail address of the corresponding author, and the word count. Manuscripts must be clear, concise, and understandable to a general audience.

The structure of the article must make a clear distinction between facts and their interpretation. Finally, only projects that include the specific characteristics of the region in which they were implemented will be published.

Manuscripts, in MS Word format, must be submitted by **June 30**, by e-mail, to the following address: **facts-reports.ve@institut.veolia.org**

If you would like to submit at a later date, please contact:

Marc Salomon **salomonmarc@wanadoo.fr**

- **New Grants Initiative Announced**

**The Commonwealth Foundation** is pleased to announce the launch of a Special Grants Fund for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Commonwealth Associations (CAs) to undertake strategic and innovative projects that will promote the Commonwealth theme for 2011, 'Women as Agents of Change'.

This year, the theme celebrates the significant contributions that women make to development and their relatively untapped potential as agents of change. 'Women as agents of change' is a pertinent theme for the Commonwealth in 2011 because:

- 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day (8th March)
- the Commonwealth has its first female Chair-in-Office, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago;
- 2011 is a key milestone marking five years to the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals.

Grant applications for up to **£20,000** are invited from registered CSOs and CAs across the Commonwealth from **1 June -1 July** to undertake projects lasting between three to six months which meet at least two of the following criteria:

1. Foster collaboration and learning between women's organisations in more than one Commonwealth country;
2. Involve collaboration with national women's machineries (NWMs) and governments in promoting women and girls' social, economic and political empowerment;
3. Showcase the achievements of women in addressing social, economic and political change at national or regional levels.
4. Projects which will have an impact on women at a regional level;
5. Bring together women from different geographical, social and ethnic background to promote national and regional priorities.

Priority will be given to applications which address one or more of the following areas:

- Capacity enhancement for Women's organisations in policy development and implementation.
- Implementation of the Commonwealth Gender Plan of Action (PoA)
- Women's leadership and participation in democratic governance.
- Social protection and girls' development.
- Opportunities for rural women and girls.
- Women's social, economic and human rights.

Each eligible organisation can submit only one application to the Fund.

To request a copy of the application form, email **Shabinah**

### **Nominations for the "Women Inspiring Europe" Calendar 2012**

The European Institute for Gender Equality aims to promote gender equality, to fight discrimination based on sex and to raise the awareness of EU citizens of gender issues. With the "Women Inspiring Europe" Calendar, EIGE aims to give visibility and pay homage to some of Europe's most remarkable women, through highlighting their achievements and success stories.

Nominations for the "Women Inspiring Europe" Calendar 2012 are taking place until the **10th of June**. You can nominate an inspiring woman by filling in this on-line application form on EIGE's **website**.

The nomination should be completed in English, it should include a short biography, contact details and, if possible, a high resolution photo. The short biography is expected to answer the following questions:

1. How she has managed to break gender stereotypes (i.e. challenging traditional gender roles, producing innovative ideas);
2. How she has achieved visibility and recognition by way of her actions (locally, nationally or internationally);
3. How she has contributed to more equality between women and men.

The application can be submitted by an individual (or a single person) or an organisation. If the application is submitted by the nominee herself, a supporting reference from an organisation should be added.

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- **Was the Paris Declaration effective? – the official verdict, 15 June 2011 10:00-11:30 - Public event, Overseas Development Institute and screened live online**

### **Speakers:**

**Bernard Wood** - Team Leader, Phase 2 Evaluation of the Implementation of the Paris Declaration

Alison Evans - Director, ODI

### **Chair:**

Jonathan Glennie - Research Fellow, ODI

The official independent evaluation of the implementation of the Paris Declaration has been ongoing for the past five years. Bernard Wood, who has led this evaluation, will present the final results of this ambitious study. **The first phase of the evaluation**, which was presented at the **High Level Forum in Accra**, was an early evaluation and focused on ways of improving and enhancing implementation, rather than giving any definite judgement about effectiveness. The second and final phase, whose findings will be presented at this meeting, will be a key source of evidence for the Bussan High Level Forum in 2011. It contains large amounts of unique and sometimes surprising evidence and findings about the way aid giving has changed over the past five years, how the Paris Declaration has (or hasn't) been relevant, and whether any of it actually makes a difference for poverty reduction and development.

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

#### **Individual donors: understanding the basics – Thursday 16 June, 9.30am – 4pm**

The voluntary and community sector receives a huge amount of funding from individual donors, yet very few women's organisations currently access this flexible and useful income stream. This course will concentrate on the process of developing money from major donors, although many of the concepts are transferable to developing regular donors. It will include identifying and researching those most likely to support you and how to go about engaging donors.

#### **Strategic planning – Tuesday 28 June, 9.30am – 4pm**

Strategic planning is essential for developing sustainable funding. Organisations need to clarify their mission, aims and objectives and plan how to achieve them. A good strategic plan will enable you to work more effectively, assess which sources of income are appropriate for your organisation and ensure that your future priorities are clear. This course looks at how to involve everyone in your organisation in thinking about your future strategy, deciding on the options and writing a useful plan.

#### **Commissioning: writing top tenders – Tuesday 12 July, 9.30am – 4pm**

This course follows on from 'Commissioning – Understanding the Basics' to look in greater detail at PQQs and writing tenders. It will review how to get through the PQQ stage, then focus on planning a tender, analysing a specification and understanding what the commissioner is looking for. It will also offer tips for structuring, costing and writing a tender, and presenting a strong case.

#### **Development team support session – Various dates**

Are you working on a funding application or on your monitoring report? Would you like the opportunity to work on it with WRC's Development Team on hand to give advice and support? Our new drop-in format will provide organisations with a space where they can work on their latest funding proposal, monitoring and evaluation report or any other related tasks. There will be members of the Development Team on hand to provide advice and you will be able to discuss ideas and issues with women working on similar pieces of work.

**All of these trainings are FREE and** open to all women's organisations in London, to book a place complete the attached WRC booking form and return to **development@wrc.org.uk**

For further information and details about upcoming events and training please visit [www.wrc.org.uk/training](http://www.wrc.org.uk/training) or contact Samantha at [development@wrc.org.uk](mailto:development@wrc.org.uk) or alternatively call 0207 324 3031

- **EuroNGOs Conference and Annual General Meeting 2011**

*“Future Perspectives on Development Cooperation – Putting SRHR on the Right Track”*  
**October 13/14 2011, Warsaw, Poland.**

On behalf of this year’s host, **The Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning, the EuroNGOs Steering Committee and the EuroNGOs secretariat**, you are warmly invited to the EuroNGOs Conference and AGM 2011, *‘Future Perspectives on Development Cooperation – Putting SRHR on the Right Track’*, on **13-14 October 2011** at Hotel Jan Sobieski III in Warsaw, Poland.

Discussions on the development cooperation agenda identify opportunities and deficits of the current Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) approach, and suggest new options for the future. Some also discuss the current, predominant and (neo-) liberal development cooperation model focusing on economic growth and suggest alternative development models focusing more on distribution, environmental, gender and (social, economic and cultural) human rights.

On the other hand, current development cooperation policies and funding structures have been adapted in many sectors in the last years to meet the principles of ownership, harmonization of donor systems, mutual accountability, achieving development results and fostering “global partnerships”. Although these changes can no longer be regarded as “new”, the SRHR community is still struggling to understand the respective consequences to their work, to react to and use them appropriately. Against this background, it is vital that the European SRHR community and partners from all over the world come together to learn about these discussions and strategize the way forward to safeguard Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in general and the ICPD PoA in particular.

Therefore, this year’s conference will be an interactive, thought-provoking, strategic and unique “hub”, a practical think-tank to discuss new visions in development cooperation as well as the implications of current development cooperation policies for SRHR and the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA). It will allow to formulate – jointly with partners from the “Economic South” and representatives from Youth networks - concrete strategic advocacy actions and identify (new) partners for work towards 2014-15 and beyond. Ample time will be set aside for networking amongst participants to consolidate old and build new and lasting partnerships.

For more information on the conference theme and format, a preliminary program, logistics, and to register to the conference and AGM, please click [here](#).

Please take note that the registration does not include hotel booking. To reserve rooms at the hotel, please fill in the hotel reservation form, a separate document attached to the main registration form.

- **Upcoming advocacy and campaigning courses at BOND.**

The final Bond advocacy course before the summer break is Introduction to Advocacy. You can **book the course online now**. The autumn programme, including the new Strategic Advocacy course, will be up on our **website** at the beginning of June.

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Inter-Governmental Specialist/UN Women/New York**  
Closing Date: June 10 2011
- **Policy Officer and Project Coordinator (Maternity Cover)/European Women's Lobby/Brussels**  
Closing Date: June 13 2011
- **Programme Specialist/UN Women/New York**  
Closing Date: June 15 2011
- **Peace and Security Programme Analyst/UN Women/New York**  
Closing Date: June 15 2011
- **Deputy Director-Girl Up/UN Foundation/Washington D.C.**  
Closing Date: June 16 2011
- **Gender and Climate Change Expert/ICIMOD/Kathmandu**  
Closing Date: June 19 2011
- **Director-Regional Centre/UN Women/Panama City**  
Closing Date: June 20 2011
- **Researcher on Children's Rights/Human Rights Watch/Cairo or Beirut**  
Closing Date: July 4 2011

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **No women, no peace' campaign**  
IANSA Women's Network, May 2011
- **Michelle Bachelet meets Andrew Mitchell**  
DFID, May 2011

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