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Job Openings:

- CENTRAL AMERICA WOMEN'S NETWORK (CAWN): **Researcher on Violence and Poverty**
Closing date: 19 September 2007
- UNIFEM: **Information Analyst**
Based in: New York, NY, USA. Closing date: 20 September 2007
- UNIFEM: **English Editor**
Location: Negotiable. Closing date: 20 September 2007
- The Central America Women's Network (CAWN): **Women's Rights Project Coordinator: Challenging Violence Against Women and Reducing Poverty in Honduras**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 20 September 2007
- The Central America Women's Network (CAWN): **Advocacy Coordinator: Promoting Civil and Economic Rights of Nicaraguan Women**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 20 September 2007
- Bexley Women's Aid: **Children's Development Officer**
Based in: London, UK. Closing Date: 21 September 2007
- Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW): **Programme Officer, Women's Health and Rights Advocacy Partnership (WHRAP)**
Based in: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Closing date: 21 September 2007
- World Health Organization (WHO): **Scientist (HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health)**
Based in: Geneva, Switzerland. Closing date: 21 September 2007
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC): **Program Manager-Gender Entrepreneurship and Markets**
Based in: Washington, DC, USA. Closing date: 23 September 2007
- The Joint Economics, AIDS and Poverty Programme: **Programme Manager**
Based in: South Africa. Closing date: 23 September 2007
- Gender & Development Network: **Communication's Assistant Volunteer**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 24 September 2007
- Victim Support Waltham Forest: **Domestic Violence Advocacy Case Worker**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 26 September 2007
- Women's Environmental Network: **Director**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 28 September 2007
- Kiran Asian Women's Aid: **Project Co-ordinator**
Based in: London, UK. Closing Date: 28 September 2007
- Human Rights First: **Director, Fighting Discrimination Program**
Based in: New York, NY, USA. Closing date: 30 September 2007
- Women's Environmental Network: **Campaigns and Policy Officer – Local Food**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 01 October 2007
- CAMFED: **Head of Statutory Partnerships**
Based in: Cambridge, UK. Closing date: 01 October 2007

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- AusAID: **Gender Integration Advisor**
Based in: Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Closing date: 01 October 2007
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom: **Voluntary Office Administrator**, part-time
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 04 October 2007
- Lilith Project: **New Initiatives BMER Officer**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 05 October 2007
- The Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR): **International Legal Fellow for Latin America and the Caribbean**
Based in: New York, NY, USA. Closing date: 06 October 2007
- The Lilith Project: **Research and Good Practice Officer**
Based in: London, UK. Closing date: 12 October 2007
- Oxfam GB: **Programme Coordinator - Civil Society and Markets Working for the Poor**
Based in: Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Closing date: 15 October 2007
- Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations: **Senior Gender Adviser**
Based in: New York, NY, USA. Closing date: 26 October 2007
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA): **Director, African Center for Gender & Social Development**
Based in: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Closing date: 30 October 2007
- ARK Ventures: **Education Project Leaders**
Based in: UK and Internationally
- Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE): **Director**
Based in: El Progreso, Honduras

Events and Conferences:

- **Exhibition: 'Tomorrow's Truth' by Jonathan Barnbrook**
19-25 September 2007
- **Brown Bag Lunch on [International Funding Investments for Gender Equality](#)**
25 September 2007
- **CONDOM COMMANDOS, A short film showing the '[Stepping Stones](#)' process in action**
26 September 2007
- **Photo Competition "Violence against Women in the Mediterranean"**
Deadline 28 September 2007
- **Stop Violence Against Women & Human Rights For China**
29 September 2007
- **The real cost of flowers and veg: promoting women worker's rights in African horticulture**
2 October 2007
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17 October 2007
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17 October 2007

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- **Women Deliver Conference**
18 – 20 October 2007
- **Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize (EHMP) Awards Ceremony 2007**
19 October 2007
- **Course: Promoting Gender and Rights in Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS**
22 October - 9 November
- **The Environmental Consequences Of War And Corporate Power - a women's perspective**
03 November 2007
- **Permanent exhibition: WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation**


DEVELOPMENT NEWS

***Namibia: **Draft, Gender strategy for local government in Namibia**

Source: www.genderlinks.org.za, **25 July 2007**

The aim of this strategy is to give effect to government commitments to gender equality at the local level through practical steps for ensuring that gender is mainstreamed in and through local government.

Women constitute 51 percent of the population in Namibia. Approximately 35 percent of the population live in urban areas with the remaining 65 percent living in rural areas. While gender equality is enshrined in the Constitution which takes precedence to Customary and Common law religious, the daily lives of the vast majority of women continues to be determined by Customary law. This relegates women to being minors most of their lives; under their fathers, husbands, sons or male relatives. Women own only a tiny fraction of land and property and widows are often disinherited of family property.

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***Sierra Leone: **Too Little Justice for Victims of Sexual Violence in Post-Conflict Countries**

Source: NNEWS, **07 August 2007**. Compiled from: Heyzer, Noeleen, "[Rape and Post-Conflict Justice](#)," The Star, 02 August 2007

While the recent decisions by the Special Court for Sierra Leone to give lengthy prison terms for crimes against humanity, including rape, have been widely applauded, too many women will never see justice. During the 11 year civil war more than 50 percent of Sierra Leone's women were victims of sexual violence, yet only 11 suspects have been indicted for these crimes thus far. These recent rulings, however, continue the precedent set by International Criminal Tribunals in both Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia in that rape is considered to be a crime against humanity, and thus among the worst violations of international law. Recognizing the need for the international community to do more to combat sexual violence, 12 United Nations organizations have joined together to form the UN Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict.

***Serbia: **Conference Highlights Domestic Violence Policy in European Union**

Source: NNEWS, **20 August 2007**

[The Autonomous Women's Center](#) presented a [June 2007 conference](#) highlighting the "Austrian Model of Intervention in Cases of Domestic Violence" within the framework of the Stop Violence against Women Campaign of the Council of Europe. In order to develop a more effective strategy in Serbia and elsewhere in the European Union, experts presented domestic violence as a public, not private, issue. Domestic violence was also analyzed as a human rights violation and as an issue of gender inequality.

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*****New York: UNFPA, UNICEF Step Up Efforts to End Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting**

Source: NNEWS, **21 August 2007**. Press Release, Abubakar Dungus

A \$44-million program has been launched to reduce female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) by 40 per cent in 16 countries by 2015 and to end the harmful traditional practice within a generation. Launched by [UNFPA](#) and [UNICEF](#) the initiative will encourage communities to abandon FGM/C by advocating and partnering with governments, religious leaders, reproductive health providers, media and civil societies; influencing laws and enforcement; and generating and sharing knowledge about why negative social norms persist and how they can be changed to improve the well-being of women and girls. It will involve many other partners. The program also aims to scale up promising community and national efforts and to develop a common, global framework for the progressive abandonment of the practice.

With a donation of about \$3.5 million, Norway has become the first major donor to the joint initiative, which focuses on 16 African countries with high prevalence. Various forms of FGM/C have also been reported in parts of some Middle Eastern and Asian countries, including India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Oman, Yemen, and among some Kurdish communities in Iraq. It is also practiced in immigrant communities around the world.

*****Research in Gender and Development**

Source: www.wihe.com, **21 August 2007**

In recent decades the presence of women in public life has grown in politics, the workforce, and in the migrant streams that cross international borders. However, gender inequalities continue to be a persistent and integral feature of the modern world and its institutions: markets and macroeconomic flows, states, political parties and social movements, and the intimate sphere of family, household and community.

This new Routledge/UNRISD series engages with a wide range of contested issues—politics and governance, identity and conflict, welfare state and social policy reform, markets and macroeconomics, the care economy, migration and social rights—through a gender lens and with insights gained from feminist theory. The series is intended for scholars and students of gender studies, development studies, comparative politics and related disciplines.

For more information please visit: www.unrisd.org

*****Cape Town: Info on legislation must reach rural women**

Source: BuaNews, **27 August 2007**

Adequate information on the country's laws must reach rural women in order to help them know their rights. Ahead of the 4th annual Women's Parliament, North West delegate, Catherine Motlhabane, told BuaNews, that women in rural areas must be aware of provisions in legislation governing their rights.

An example of such a right, which many rural women were not aware of, she explained, was the right of married women to buy homes without their husband's consent. In the past, women were compelled by law to have such consent before buying real-estate.

The aim of the Women's Parliament she said is to ensure that the MPs take the message back home to the lower levels. MPs addressing the seminar ahead of the official opening said there was a need to empower women through education.

About 14 years into democracy, South Africans continue to appreciate and celebrate the contribution of women in the social, economic and political development of society.

*****Nicaragua: Blanket Ban on Abortion Harms Women Women Afraid to Seek Life-Saving Treatment**

Source: Human Rights Watch, **30 August 2007**

Nicaragua's new blanket ban on abortion - even in cases of rape, incest or life-threatening pregnancy - violates international human rights standards and poses a grave risk to women, Human Rights Watch said today in an open letter to the country's Supreme Court.

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The criminalization of abortion in Nicaragua is inconsistent with Nicaragua's obligations under international law because it threatens women's and girls' rights to life, health, equality, privacy, physical integrity, and freedom of religion and conscience. Human Rights Watch's open letter to Nicaragua's Supreme Court includes a full analysis of these principles.

Nicaragua's National Assembly enacted the comprehensive ban on abortion during the country's hotly contested 2006 presidential campaign. It eliminated the possibility for women and girls to seek abortion for therapeutic purposes - that is, to protect their health or life - even though these provisions in the criminal code had existed in Nicaragua for more than 100 years.

The current abortion ban places Nicaraguan women's lives at risk and threatens them and healthcare professionals with criminal prosecution and up to 14 years of prison.

To view the open letter from Human Rights Watch to the Nicaraguan Supreme Court, please see: <http://hrw.org/pub/amicusbriefs/nicaragua0807web.pdf>

*****Liberia: UN official urges action against rape**

Source: [APF](#), **05 September 2007**

The UN special representative to Liberia has called for action against sexual violence against women in the country.

Alan Doss was speaking in his opening address to Liberia's general assembly of church councils. Government figures recorded 568 rapes in Liberia last year with this year's figures set to exceed 1,000. This figure is said to be a vast under representation of the attacks carried out as women fear the stigma of rape will bring rejection from their communities.

Doss said "The first line of defence in the fight against gender-based violence is peace because women and girls are usually the first victims of war." He added, even during times of peace "special measures are needed to protect women and children against violence especially rape." He called for a zero tolerance approach to sexual violence.

*****Cape Town: Gender audit to assess water, forestry projects**

Source: BuaNews **05 September 2007**

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry is conducting a gender analysis audit, to assess the efficacy of their programmes specifically for women.

The audit, which kicked off in July and will conclude at the end of September, will show the impact the department's projects have had on ordinary South African women. Speaking at a committee meeting on Women in Water and Forestry Wednesday, the department's Deputy Director-General Nobubele Ngele said this was an important piece of work that looks specifically at gender issues.

The department, she said needed to look at a broad strategy of intent and then focus on specific strategies for gender. She cited the location of building of toilets, where the department needed to be gender sensitive to women, elderly people and children who are sometimes required to walk long distances. Working for Water is a poverty relief programme implemented by the department, to tackle a range of environmental and social problems associated with the spread of invasive alien plants.

The department would return to the committee within two weeks to report on the progress and impact the programme has on the lives of women.

*****Addis Ababa: The World Bank has committed a record \$5.7 billion, under the International Development Association (IDA) to Sub-Saharan Africa in the last financial**

Source: BuaNews, **05 September 2007**

The IDA is the concessionary affiliate of the World Bank, which gives interest-free loans to the world's poorest countries. The World Bank said the amount exceeded the development funds of the previous year by \$1 billion. The International Finance Corporation, which is the Bank's private sector arm, provided \$1.38 billion in financing for its own account and mobilised an additional \$261 million in financing through syndications. The Bank said

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Africa, which it calls its "first priority," is in its third year of economic growth at levels above 5 percent.

This is despite persistent constraints throughout the continent, arising from inadequate infrastructure, low investment and limited skills. Although there is significant variation among countries, and many countries are showing measurable progress in expanding the reach of education and attacking malaria and HIV and AIDS, most African countries are not yet on track to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

*****Publication Released by the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery**

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery released a publication recently discussing their work, and providing an overview of contemporary forms of slavery as well as the legal instruments that exist to combat this problem. The fund, established in 1991, awards both project grants and travel grants to organizations assisting victims of slavery. Recently funded projects include the Kiota Womens Health and Development Organisation in Tanzania, where the grant helped to provide humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation to 200 victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking. In addition, the Trois Quarts du Monde in Guatemala received a grant to support a rehabilitation centre for over 100 sexually and physically abused street children in Guatemala City. Also, the International Forum of Solidarity in Bosnia and Herzegovina was given a grant that helped to provide shelter as well as medical and mental health care to over 100 victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

*****UNIFEM Web Portal: Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GRB)**

<http://www.gender-budgets.org/>

It is a user reviewed and user resourced portal and UNIFEM invites all interested organisations and individuals to contribute to the contents by sending resources for posting. Contact gender.budgets@unifem.org

The website has been upgraded to respond to feedback received by UNIFEM from users and partners over the past few years. Adjustments to the website include: Provision of easily accessible, searchable and up-to-date resources on GRB. Reorganization of the website into categories and sections that are more user-friendly. Creation of a section entitled "Issues" that provides resources on GRB in relation to specific issues, such as rights-based budgeting, aid effectiveness, reproductive health, HIV/AIDs, among others. Creation of sections for resources in Arabic, French, and Spanish.

*****UN-INSTRAW new website: Gender Training for Peacekeepers**

<http://www.un-instraw.org/jdata/en/gender-training-for-peace-keepers.html>

It is an interactive resource that contains documentation of gender training opportunities for peacekeepers and aims to facilitate gender mainstreaming in peacekeeping operations. It also presents an overview of pre-deployment and in-mission gender training provided to uniformed civilian peacekeeping personnel and includes information and resources for institutions interested in incorporating gender issues onto their training agenda.

*****"The Inclusion of Gender Perspectives in the Work of the WHO"**

The Department of Gender, Women and Health (GWH)

<http://www.who.int/gender/en/>

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GWH promotes "the inclusion of gender perspectives in the work of the WHO" through its collaboration with other departments and, regional and country offices. GWH works to "increase knowledge of gender issues by conducting research, training and advocacy on how socio-cultural factors and discrimination affect health." Although gender impacts upon the health of both men and women, GWH emphasizes the health consequences of discrimination against women that exist in nearly every culture. Powerful barriers such as "poverty, unequal power relationships between men and women, and lack of education prevent millions of women worldwide from having access to health care and from attaining - and maintaining - the best possible health."

*****Women's History Magazine**

<http://www.magazine.womenshistorynetwork.org/>

Women's History Magazine is published three times a year for professional and amateur historians alike who have a keen interest in women's and gender history. Each issue contains up to five articles, book reviews, Women's Library Newsletter, conference notices, book offers, details of courses, prizes and competitions and publishing opportunities." Women's History Magazine is sent to members of the UK Women's History Network, an association of academics, students, independent scholars, librarians, archivists and others within academia and beyond, who share a wish to research, learn and promote women's history. The web site provides details of contents.

*****"Remembering the Nation, Dismembering Women? Stories of the South African Transition"**

Author: Meg Samuelson

Publisher: UKZN Press

<http://www.ukznpress.co.za/>"<http://www.ukznpress.co.za>

Remembering the Nation, Dismembering Women? explores the ways in which the imaginative reconstruction of post-apartheid South Africa as 'rainbow nation' has been produced from images of women that dismember their bodies and disremember their historical presence.

From Krotoa-Eva and Sarah Bartmann to Nongqawuse and Winnie Mandela, Samuelson tackles the figurations of some of the most controversial and significant women in the making of modern South Africa. Drawing on feminist, postcolonial and post-structuralist theory and close textual readings of literary and cultural texts produced during the first decade of democracy, her analysis offers a provocative critique of the formation of nationalist and feminist collectivities.

The European Distributor is EUROSPAN. They handle distribution for Europe and the UK. Please visit their website at HYPERLINK

"<http://www.eurospangroup.com/>"www.eurospangroup.com

*****"Women's Reproductive Rights: Resource Pack"**

UNFPA

<http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=328&filterListType>

This resource pack provides relevant knowledge to facilitate mainstreaming gender-responsive approaches into reproductive health programmes, and the inclusion of specific aspects of gender inequality and disadvantage into national policy frameworks.

It focuses primarily on health, particularly reproductive health; on HIV/AIDS; and on violence against women as it relates to health services. The publication was produced under a UNFPA/UNIFEM strategic partnership aimed at developing a coordinated approach for effective technical assistance to gender-responsive budgeting (GRB).

The resource pack takes the form of brief "sheets," each focusing on a GRB-related topic. Each sheet includes descriptions of a range of experiences using GRB in different countries, as well as references to further reading.

The materials included in the resource pack are intended for use in developing countries and look at how GRB can be used to direct attention to those who are most in need and those who are disadvantaged by their gender, economic status, location and other characteristics.

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***“Gender Justice: A Citizen’s Guide to Gender Accountability at International Financial Institutions”

Gender Action and the Center for International Environmental Law

<http://www.genderaction.org/>

This first Guide comparing International Financial Institution (IFI) gender policies and accountability mechanisms provides tools for women and men harmed by gender discrimination in IFI investments to use these mechanisms to seek redress. Although nearly all the IFIs have committed to promote gender equality, Gender Action research underlines that IFI projects often ignore gender inequality and increase poverty, prostitution, and HIV/AIDS, particularly among women and girls. Most IFIs have taken inadequate steps to try to address these concerns. Half of the eight IFIs we reviewed—the Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and World Bank—have policies to address gender issues in their work. However, these policies tend to be weak, are poorly resourced and understaffed. For example, gender experts comprise less than one percent of staff at all IFIs, and the average is 0.3 percent. Other IFIs reviewed—the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, International Finance Corporation, and International Monetary Fund—do not have gender policies. They need to adopt gender policies to which citizens can hold them accountable.

In response to pressure from civil society, most IFIs have established accountability mechanisms that enable people harmed by IFI investments to raise concerns about project impacts. So far, these mechanisms have largely been used to address environmental issues. Although these mechanisms have not yet been used to address gender issues, complaints based on gendered impacts could help ensure that the IFIs having gender policies comply with them.

The report can be downloaded by clicking on the link above, or from

http://www.genderaction.org/images/Gender%20Justice_Final%20LowRes.pdf.

CAMPAIGNS

*** Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR)

The GAD Network is supporting the new global campaign for stronger Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) at the UN. The Campaign aims to highlight the importance of and need to bring women into the discussions in order to revitalise the UN and gender equality work within it.

The Campaign statement has been proposed by New York-based women's organisations, WEDO (Women's Environment & Development Organisation) and the CWGL (Center for Women's Global Leadership), with comments and input from the different women's organisations worldwide, including members of the GAD Network Steering Group.

By signing up in support of GEAR Campaign aims, the GAD network will endorse the materials and calls for action that will be generated by the Campaign; however GAD Network members' organisations can opt out of signing specific statements if they wish. For more information please visit <http://www.gadnetwork.org.uk/news-and-events.html> or contact the GAD Network coordinator by email gadnetwork@womankind.org.uk

***On-line: New debate on LGBT and feminism has started

A quick introduction to the structure of the debate started by Patricia Prendiville's [position paper](#) and information on how to participate.

Quick browsing

- [When will the debate start and what will it be about?](#)

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- [How can I participate?](#)
- [How will the debate be structured?](#)
- [How can I track the debate?](#)
- [What is the purpose of the debate?](#)

For more information please visit:

*****Take Action on Women's No Pay Day**

Fawcett Society

The pay gap should be acknowledged as a national scandal.

In 2007 it is still the case that women working full-time are paid on average 17% less per hour than men working full-time and 38% less if they work part-time.

Fawcett has declared a day of action on Tuesday 30 October this year when we'll be sending a strong message to Government that it needs to take more action to close the pay gap.

The pay gap means women are paid just 83% of men's wages – this is the equivalent of women only being paid until October 30th, while men get paid to the end of the year. We're going to have activist packs full of ideas and materials to help you support our call for change – from street campaigning, to email petitioning and lobbying your local MP. Your role could take five minutes or five hours on the day or at another time depending on how involved you want to be.

Get in touch with us as soon as possible to register your interest in taking part – registering doesn't mean you are committed to anything, it just means we'll be in touch again soon with more details.

Email jenny.westaway@fawcettsociety.org.uk or call 020 7253 2598 and ask for Jenny.
<http://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=515>

*****LFN Campaign: I did not ask for it**

London Feminist Network

Have you ever been sexually harassed or attacked? Do you still believe that a woman has the right to wear what she likes and go where she wants without fear of harassment or attack? The women at the London Feminist Network don't believe women ask for male violence. They are asking women to submit clothes, photographs, and pictures of items they were wearing when they were sexually harassed or attacked with the slogan 'I did not ask for it' written, pinned, painted, sewn or digitally written on the item or picture. The items will be gathered on a washing line of society's dirty laundry and put on display for the first time at this year's London Reclaim the Night march.

Send in your clothes, scan them, photograph them or draw them. Elaborate on the slogan or tell your story. Be part of this and send out the message that sexual harassment and assault are the fault of the attacker, not the woman.

E-mail digital designs or photos to: londonfeminist@yahoo.co.uk

Post items care of the Fawcett Society, clearly labelled:

I Did Not Ask For It UK campaign

c/o Kat Banyard, Fawcett Society, 1-3 Berry Street, London, EC1V 0AA

*****The World YWCA Pledge and Call to Action**

YMCA

The World YWCA Pledge and Call to Action, recently adopted at the Nairobi International Women's Summit, is now available for download from the World YWCA website:

http://www.worldywca.info/index.php/ywca/world_council_iws/iws_women_s_summit/call_to_action/women_s_summit_concludes_with_call_to_action

For the background to the pledge and call to action, you can click here or copy and paste this address:

http://www.worldywca.info/index.php/ywca/world_council_iws/iws_women_s_summit/call_to_action/background_call_to_action

Thanks so much to all of you who responded to the initial request for input into these documents. The full report of the consultation process, with all the inputs, will be available soon (but there were a huge lot of them so this is taking quite some time to compile!)

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*****0.7% Fund: launch of an Investment Fund for the empowerment of rural women and children**

The empowerment of rural women is an absolutely indispensable step in view of reaching the UN Millennium Development Goals. WWSF (Women's World Summit Foundation) brings to your attention on this year's World Rural Women's Day the launch of its newly created 0.7% Fund, which aims to develop an effective partnership with governments and civil society to help finance WWSF empowerment programs for rural women and children.

www.woman.ch/fund/7-introduction.php

WWSF wishes to express gratitude to its sponsors who made the 2007 Prize program and the World Rural Women's Day campaign possible. For further information on how to nominate prize candidates for 2008, visit our web site www.woman.ch/women/1-guidelines.php?lg=1 or contact us directly to receive our "Global Newsletter (Women's Section) "Empowering Women and Children" at info@wwsf.ch

JOB OPENINGS

*****CENTRAL AMERICA WOMEN'S NETWORK (CAWN): Researcher on Violence and Poverty**

The research will take up to 34 days work (including 5 days in Honduras late November or early December 2007)

Fees £6,800 plus travel costs

Closing date: **19 September 2007**

CAWN is currently looking for a researcher to investigate "The response of international aid agencies to gender-based violence and links to poverty analysis. The research be a comparative survey of the policies, approaches and outcome, programmes and projects, impact and lessons learned, and structures of the major aid agencies involved in work combating gender-based violence.

For a full description of the tasks please refer to the Terms of reference attached

To Apply please send the covering letter addressing the person specification; Your CV, and include the names of two referees and your contact details; A writing sample in English and Spanish; A short research proposal including methodology to info@cawn.org stating on the subject line: GBV Research Application. All Applicants must have the legal right to work in the UK.

*****UNIFEM: Information Analyst**

Based in: New York, NY, USA

Closing date: **20 September 2007**

The Information Analyst will work in the Strategic Partnerships and Communications (SPC) section and closely collaborate with the SPC team. The Information Analyst will support UNIFEM's efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in priority inter-governmental processes for UNIFEM including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and related preparatory processes. In this context, the Information Analyst will play an active role in planning and organising consultations and special advocacy events with civil society organisations (CSOs) including UNIFEM national committees and other strategic partners.

For more information and how to apply please visit:

http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?job_id=2614

*****UNIFEM: English Editor**

Location: Negotiable

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Closing date: **20 September 2007**

UNIFEM has been assisting the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MOWA) in developing a publication entitled, "Women and Men in Afghanistan: A Handbook on Baseline Statistics on Gender". The final draft of the handbook has been completed in September 2007, following consultations with the Adhoc Advisory Group for the same publication. The next major process that will follow involves professional editing of the final draft of the handbook in English before it is printed, for which UNIFEM is contracting the services of a professional editor.

The major final output is a fully-edited version of the English draft, around 70 to 100 pages, free from errors and styled for easy reading of the targeted users.

Vacancy Announcement No.: 2007/09/028

Please submit a one-page cover letter explaining your interest and suitability for this position as well as an updated CV. Please e-mail application to:

(Sherzad.khan@unifem.org)

For more information please visit: <http://afghanistan.unifem.org/vacancy.htm>

***The Central America Women's Network (CAWN): **Women's Rights Project Coordinator: Challenging Violence Against Women and Reducing Poverty in Honduras**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: £27,000 per year. Fixed-term contract 2 years 7 months, full time

Closing date: **20 September 2007**

Interview date: 02 October 2007

CAWN is in the second year of a Big Lottery Fund grant (BLF), a project that will run for total of 5 years, with the Centro de Estudios de la Mujer, Honduras (CEM-H). The Project Coordinator, based in London, will be responsible for the day-to-day administration and contact with the BLF and CEM-H on the project activities; and for the dissemination of research findings and wider issues relating to women's rights and violence against women in Central America to influence policy and practice at national and international levels. All Applicants must have the legal right to work in the UK. Fluent written and spoken Spanish and English are required.

For further information and an application pack please visit www.cawn.org/jobopp.aspx

***The Central America Women's Network (CAWN): **Advocacy Coordinator: Promoting Civil and Economic Rights of Nicaraguan Women**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: £27,000 pro rata. Fixed-term contract 7 months, 2 1/2 days p/w (Maternity cover)

Closing date: **20 September 2007**

Interview date: 02 October 2007

The Advocacy Coordinator, based in London, will be covering the post for a period of 7 months, starting in November. The main activities to be carried out by the post-holder in this period will be as follows: Project management, information work such as coordinating the editing and translation of reports and other information for dissemination through CAWN's website and producing CAWN's A-Genda bulletin and organising a speaker's tour for MEC to the UK.

All Applicants must have the legal right to work in the UK. Fluent written and spoken Spanish and English are required. See full job description and an application pack please visit (<http://www.cawn.org/jobopp.aspx>)

***Bexley Women's Aid: **Children's Development Officer**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: £20,895 plus £1,515 OLW. Maternity cover (9 Months beginning November 2007).

Closing Date: **21 September 2007**

The Children's Development Officer is looking for someone who has an NNEB, Social Work or other recognised relevant childcare qualification, at least 3 years experience working with vulnerable children, knowledge of OFSTED regulations and Birth to Three Matters, ability to plan and deliver creative and age appropriate activities to meet project objectives.

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If you are a highly motivated professional with the commitment to deliver a professional service to vulnerable women and children then BWA would like to hear from you. Women only need apply. Section 7(2)(e) of the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act applies to these posts. BWA is an Equal Opportunities employer and welcomes applications from ethnic minority groups, who are currently under represented within the organisation. Further information and application packs can be obtained by calling 020 8301 1536 or email shelley@bexleywomensaid.org.uk or please visit www.bexleywomensaid.org.uk

*****Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW): Programme Officer, Women's Health and Rights Advocacy Partnership (WHRAP)**

Based in: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Closing date: **21 September 2007**

The Programme Officer will be responsible for implementing the Women's Health and Rights Advocacy Partnership (WHRAP). WHRAP brings together 6 national level NGOs who are committed to strengthening civil society capacity to effectively advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), especially safe motherhood and young people's SRHR at the local, national and regional levels.

Applicants with relevant experience and appropriate qualifications should send an application letter with CV, academic transcripts, two work references, and samples of written work by email to: (arrow@arrow.po.my).

For more information please visit: www.arrow.org.my

*****World Health Organization (WHO): Scientist (HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health)**

Based in: Geneva, Switzerland

Closing date: **21 September 2007**

Under the overall guidance of the Coordinator, Director's Office, and in collaboration with the Team Coordinators in the Department, and other partners, support the Department's work on strengthening the linkages between sexual and reproductive health and HIV through: Develop advocacy materials, foster research, provide policy and programme support, related to strengthening linkages between sexual and reproductive health and HIV. Convene meetings to map and consolidate Departmental activities on SRH/HIV linkages, and coordinate planning of priority actions and ensuring adequate follow-up. Vacancy Notice No: HQ/07/RHR/FT935 . Online applications are strongly encouraged.

Please visit WHO's e-Recruitment website at:

<http://www.who.int/employment/vacancies/en>

*****The International Finance Corporation (IFC): Program Manager-Gender Entrepreneurship and Markets**

Based in: Washington, DC, USA

Closing date: **23 September 2007**

The Program Manager, GEM, will lead IFC's work in mainstreaming gender specific products, services and research across IFC investment and advisory services with the goals of broadening IFC's services to women and seeking greater market penetration of new business which has showed early promise. S/he will also be responsible for product development and management, ensuring the quality of research and services, building and maintaining coalitions within IFC, the WBG and across the wider marketplace. The Program Manager will play a key role in representing IFC and the World Bank Group in discussions on gender as they relate to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and IFC's responsibilities within the WBG Gender Action Plan. The Program Manager will also play a role as part of the leadership of CES.

For more information and how to apply please visit:

www.ifc.org/ifcext/careers.nsf/Content/CurrentOpportunities JOB #: 071394

*****The Joint Economics, AIDS and Poverty Programme: Programme Manager**

Based in: South Africa

Closing date: **23 September 2007**

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JEAPP is currently restructuring and strengthening its capacity. In light of this JEAPP is looking for a Programme Manager with experience in the HIV and AIDS sector, relating to research and policy development. PHD candidates will be favoured as will applicants with a Masters Degree. Please contact Carine Kiala at carine@jeapp.org.za for the full details. JEAPP reserves the right not to make an appointment.

*****GENDER & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK: COMMUNICATION'S ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER**

Based in: London, UK

Closing date: **24 September 2007**

Interviews date: 02 October 2007

The GAD Network is seeking a Communication's Assistant to support the management of general membership processing and research information on relevant events and activities both at national and international level. Duties include: Preparing regular updates and briefing papers on gender, women's human rights and development issues. Preparing information to update our web page and newsletter. Preparing project profiles and other project documentation when needed. It is expected that the person will have: Background in gender and development and/or communication experience. Good research and writing skills. Good communication and administrative skills. Ability to work independently and computer literate (Word and Excel).

For more information and an application pack please visit: www.womankind.org.uk or www.gadnetwork.org.uk

*****Victim Support Waltham Forest: Domestic Violence Advocacy Case Worker**

(female), part-time position

Salary: £20, 295 pro rata

Based in: London, UK

Closing date: **26 September 2007**

Interviews: week beg. 1 October 2007

Victim Support Waltham Forrest is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic, proactive individual to join our team in the delivery of practical and emotional support to victims of domestic violence. The successful applicant will provide a combination of crisis intervention, advocating on victim's behalf primarily women; providing information on available options and ongoing support two and a half days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings). There is a strong possibility to increase hours. The post holder must have experience of working in partnership with other agencies to raise awareness around domestic violence and its effect on victims, their dependants and society as a whole. The post holder **MUST** be fluent in Urdu and Punjabi.

For an application pack contact Victim Support on 0208 556 6006 or email us at vs.walthamforest@vslondon.org

*****Women's Environmental Network: Director**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: : £36,300 to £38,850

Closing date: **28 September 2007**

Interviews date: 08 October 2007

WEN is seeking a Director to provide effective leadership and development, build capacity, encourage campaign development and raise WEN's profile. Significant senior experience required with strong management, financial and strategic skills; understanding of charity/voluntary sector; experience in environmental and women's issues.

For more information and an application pack please visit

http://www.wen.org.uk/general_pages/jobs.htm

*****Kiran Asian Women's Aid: Project Co-ordinator**

Part Time: 10 hours per week

3 year fixed term contract subject to annual review funding

Salary: £10,000

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Closing Date: **28 September 2007**

The candidate must have NVQ L4 or equivalent. The post holder will provide leadership for the Parenting & Social Skills for Improved Family & Community Relationships Project. The successful candidate will manage the project team to meet targets and carry out monitoring and evaluation of the services.

The ability to speak at least 1 Asian language is essential as is the understanding of domestic violence and its effects on Asian women and children.

For more information please email kiranawa@btopenworld.com

NB These posts are advertised under section 5 2 (D) of the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Sex Discrimination Act under section 7 2 (E) 1975.

***Human Rights First: **Director, Fighting Discrimination Program**

Based in: New York, NY, USA

Closing date: **30 September 2007**

Human Rights First (HRF) works to combat discrimination by reversing the rise of racist, anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, and homophobic violence and reducing other bias crimes in North America, Europe, and the Russian Federation. HRF seeks a Director for their Fighting Discrimination Program who reports to the Executive Director and is a member of HRF's Senior Management Team.

The Director provides strategic guidance in identifying program focus and goals; leads research and reporting, international legal and policy analysis, targeted advocacy, and communication with expert and general audiences; and supervises and develops capabilities in a team of staff and consultants.

To apply please send CV, covering letter and three reference contacts to (jmunnn@globalnonprofit.com). Please see full position description at: (http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about_us/about_us.asp#)

***Women's Environmental Network: **Campaigns and Policy Officer – Local Food**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: £24,477 pro rata. 21 hours per week fixed-term contract until March 08

Closing date: **01 October 2007**

Interviews date: 9 October 2007

WEN is seeking a new Campaigns and Policy Officer to be an advocate and spokesperson for the local food project reflecting the experience and demands of women involved in WEN's local growing network. This will involve playing a key role in the strategy, planning and implementation of WEN's overall work and the local food project's work in particular. For more information and an application pack please visit

http://www.wen.org.uk/general_pages/jobs.htm

***CAMFED: **Head of Statutory Partnerships**

Based in: Cambridge, UK

Closing date: **01 October 2007**

The Head of Statutory Partnerships will have responsibility for the strategic development, management and oversight of CAMFED's statutory partnerships with bilaterals and multilaterals. This includes developing strategic partnerships, securing new funding streams, leading CAMFED's advocacy on international education initiatives, and building the capacity of CAMFED teams internationally to engage with this sector. Responsibilities include: Develop and manage strategic partnerships with key statutory agencies at international and national levels (to include DFID, Irish Aid, NORAD, CIDA, SIDA, USAID, World Bank, UNICEF). Build the capacity of all CAMFED's country offices to develop and manage productive partnerships with bilaterals and multilaterals including training initiatives and guidance notes.

To apply to this post please submit a cover letter and CV to Karen Kent at info@camfed.org; or Fax: +44(0)1223 366859.

For more information please visit: www.camfed.org

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*****AusAID: Gender Integration Advisor**

Based in: Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Closing date: **01 October 2007**

As part of the Australian Government's official overseas aid program, AusAID is seeking a specialist Gender Integration Advisor to work as an integral member of their PNG Aid Program's Strategic Policy & Coordination Unit. The Advisor will work closely with AusAID staff and a range of key stakeholders and provide expert high level policy, advice and specialist inputs to AusAID in preparation of an AusAID PNG Aid Program Gender Integration Framework.

The Advisor will take a lead role in assisting to integrate the Australian Government's aid Gender Equality Policy into existing sector programs and activities within the PNG Aid Program. This role is an excellent opportunity to facilitate consultations with a wide range of stakeholders in PNG and to establish strong gender networks across AusAID's PNG program.

For more information please contact Kylie Green at (kylie_green@coffey.com) or please visit: www.recruitment.sagric.com

*****Women's International League for Peace and Freedom: Voluntary Office**

Administrator, part-time

Based in: London, UK

Closing date: **04 October 2007**

UK WILPF is seeking an office administrator to run a small recently established office to service the UK Section of WILPF. Organise the work of office volunteers. Provide administrative support for WILPF officers, for campaigning activities, and programme working groups. Duties and Responsibilities include: Deal with correspondence: post and e-mail, respond and forward messages, file post and keep records. Organise printing and mailings of Newsletter, and other communications to members, branches, organisations etc. For the Executive, send out notifications, papers, take minutes, and circulate when approved. Deal with membership enquiries, and renewals. Establish a database of media contacts. For more information and a application pack please email Glenys at

glenys.lee@lineone.net

*****Lilith Project: New Initiatives BMER Officer**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: £27,054 - £30,594 per year. Fixed-term contract to April 2008 with possibility of extension

Closing date: **05 October 2007**

Interviews: 17 October 2007

The Lilith Project is seeking a dynamic individual to take the lead on developing new initiatives pertaining to issues of VAW and BMER women. If you have a thorough understanding of VAW and BMER issues within both the statutory and voluntary sector and the ability to develop capacity and promote good practice in this area then contact us for an application pack by emailing recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk or calling 020 7840 7124. For more information please visit www.eaveshousing.co.uk

*****The Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR): International Legal Fellow for Latin America and the Caribbean**

Based in: New York, NY, USA

Closing date: **06 October 2007**

The International Legal Fellow for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) will be responsible for legal and policy analysis of a variety of reproductive rights issues. Seventy percent of the Fellow's work will be focused on the LAC region and the remaining thirty percent will be focused on other regional and global work for the International Legal Program. In particular, the Fellow will work under the supervision to: Conduct legal and policy research on international law, human rights law, and foreign and comparative law, especially laws in LAC that impact women's reproductive rights in the region; Develop

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training modules for lawyers; Research and draft Center publications. Responsibilities also include public speaking and supervision of junior staff and interns. Extensive international travel required.

For more information and how to apply please visit:

http://www.reproductiverights.org/ab_employment.html#interLAC

***Lilith Project: **Research and Good Practice Officer**

Based in: London, UK

Salary: £27,054 - £30,594 per year

Closing date: **12 October 2007**

Interviews: 31 October 2007

We are looking for a dynamic individual to take the lead on research and good practice pertaining to issues of VAW. If you have a thorough understanding of VAW issues within both the statutory and voluntary sector and the ability to carry out research and develop good practice in this area then contact us for an application pack by emailing recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk or calling 020 7840 7124.

For more information please visit www.eaveshousing.co.uk

***Oxfam GB: **Programme Coordinator - Civil Society and Markets Working for the Poor**

Based in: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Closing date: **15 October 2007**

The job purpose is to lead and manage the strategy development, planning, and implementation of the CSMP Programme; to line manage the 3 project managers (provincial facilitators) in Stoung Treng, Kratie, and Kompong Thom; to support and build capacity of civil society for engaging government (mostly at the commune level) towards achieving NRM and SL goals; to lead the programme in relating with the National Coordinator (NC) of the Civil Society and Pro-poor Markets (CSPPM) Programme and with DFID and DANIDA as donors.

For more information, and apply online please visit:

(http://www.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_oxfam.asp?newms=jj&id=25630) or

(http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/work_with_us)

***Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations: **Senior Gender Adviser**

Based in: New York, NY, USA

Closing date: **26 October 2007**

Reporting to the Chief, Peacekeeping Best Practices Section, the Senior Gender Adviser will be responsible for providing policy and guidance to DPKO and support to DPKO missions with gender components. S/he will take the lead on monitoring implementation of two core policy tools to facilitate implementation of resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security at headquarters and mission levels, namely the Policy Directive on Gender Equality in Peacekeeping and the DPKO Action Plan on resolution 1325.

The Senior Gender Adviser takes the lead on gender aspects of mission planning and mandate reviews and oversees the integration of a gender perspective in all mission planning processes to ensure that these processes take gender considerations into account. S/he monitors and provides policy guidance to gender components in missions by supporting the standardization of gender mainstreaming approaches in peacekeeping missions, providing ongoing policy guidance and monitoring and reporting on the work of gender components.

For more information and how to apply please visit: (<http://jobs.un.org>) => "Programme Management."

Vacancy Announcement Number: 07-PGM-DPKO-415212-R-NEW YORK

***United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA): **Director, African Center for Gender & Social Development**

Based in: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Closing date: **30 October 2007**

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The post is located in the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa. The Director of the African Centre for Gender and Social Development (ACGSD) reports to the Executive Secretary. The Centre is structured around three sections, namely, the Gender and Women in Development Section, the Human and Social Development Section, and the Poverty Analysis and Monitoring Section. The sections are each headed by a Chief of Section. They work in a horizontal, integrated and interactive manner within the Centre and across other Divisions and Programmes in the Commission. Within delegated authority, the Director of the African Centre for Gender and Social Development will be responsible for the overall direction and management of the Centre. He/She will provide overall technical and managerial leadership for the Centre and coordinate the work of the Sections. For more information and how to apply please visit: (<http://jobs.un.org>) => "Social Affairs."

Vacancy Announcement Number: 07-SOC-ECA-414302-R-ADDIS ABABA (G)

*****ARK Ventures: Education Project Leaders**

Based in: UK and Internationally

ARK Ventures is currently seeking talented Project Leaders to lead feasibility studies in education for a number of exciting initiatives both in the UK and internationally. Feasibility studies are normally carried out by teams of up to five consultants from different disciplines. Teams normally seek to develop detailed business plans to bring to the Trustees of ARK, government representatives and ministers, and other funders and partners, with a view to getting backing to launch a pilot of each scheme should the business plan be approved.

The ideal candidate will have a background in business, management consultancy at senior analyst to manager level or marketing/new business development or operations. The candidate should possess excellent quantitative, analytical and interpersonal skills, and be skilled at drawing well synthesized action-orientated insights. There are currently opportunities with Teach On, International Literacy, and ARK Teacher Training Schools. For further information please visit: www.arkonline.org

Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE): Director

Based in: El Progreso, Honduras

The Organization for Youth Empowerment is an up and coming non-profit organisation working with at-risk youth in El Progreso, Honduras. Your main responsibilities will include strategic planning, program development, fundraising and development, financial and human resource management, community partnerships and public relations, to manage and oversee the volunteer program. You will need to be Fluent in spoken and written Spanish and English.

For further information: www.oyehonduras.org

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

*****Exhibition: 'Tomorrow's Truth' by Jonathan Barnbrook**

19-25 September 2007

Presented by Amnesty International UK and Anti-Slavery International

Held in conjunction with 'North Korea: Behind the Headlines', an exhibition of striking graphic prints by artist and designer Jonathan Barnbrook.

Free entry, no booking required. Open to the public between 11am and 3pm Monday to Friday. This event is part of our [Spotlight on Slavery series](#)

*****Call for participants for Africa-Europe Youth Summit**

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If you wish to participate in the Africa-Europe Youth Summit that will take place in Lisbon 4-7 December please apply before **21 September** to nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int

More information and application forms are available at <http://europafrica.org/2007/05/23/africa-europe-youth-summit/>

***Brown Bag Lunch on **[International Funding Investments for Gender Equality](#)** **25 September 2007**, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Host: Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, 8th Floor, Kellogg Room, Washington DC.

Speakers: Elaine Zuckerman, President, [Gender Action](#) and Dr. Virginia Seitz, Millennium Challenge Corporation

A photo ID must be shown at the security desk of One Dupont Circle.

Please come a little early to go through the sign-in system.

*****CONDOM COMMANDOS, A short film showing the 'Stepping Stones' process in action**

UK Premiere Of ACORD Angola's New Film

26 September 2007, 5.30-7pm

Forum @ Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL, near Waterloo Station

RSVP: Please either call or e mail Marie Aziz on: mariea@acord.org.uk or on tel. number: 0207 065 0850

Condom Commandos shows the power of the 'Stepping Stones' process in bringing people together to examine their lives and values and jointly search for new ways of living and relating that can better protect them from the threat of HIV and AIDS.

The half-hour film was shot in Angola – in the barracks of the 21st Battalion of the Angolan Army and the neighbouring village of Canjanguite, home to people displaced by the civil war that ravaged the country for over 2 decades.

Condom Commandos is a media co-op production for ACORD Angola.

The premiere screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with: Dr Andre Chimuco, the central character of the film, who is coming over especially from Angola; Dr Alice Welbourn, author of *Stepping Stones*; Dennis Nduhura, Manager of ACORD's HIV/AIDS Programme; Lucinda Broadbent (Director) and Angela Hadjipateras, (Associate Producer) from the film making team

***Photo Competition "**Violence against Women in the Mediterranean**"

The deadline for the Photo Submissions has been extended to Friday, **28th of September 2007**.

The Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) in Cyprus, in cooperation with Antigone (Greece), Heura (Spain), the Alliance for Arab Women (Egypt), and ISIS Center for Women and Development (Morocco), would like to remind you of the launch of an innovative photo-competition addressed to **young women**, ages 18-40 in Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Morocco and Spain, under the theme "Violence against Women in the Mediterranean". This competition is organised within the framework of the project "Intercultural Dialogue on Violence against Women" funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation for the Dialogue between the Cultures. To read more about the project please visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp/?p=240

The photo competition seeks images that make a creative and powerful statement on the issue of Violence against Women in the Mediterranean region. Please see attached documents for the Competition Entry Rules & Criteria or visit our website at:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp/?p=270

*****Stop Violence Against Women & Human Rights For China**

29 September 2007, 10am - 5pm, tickets £5

The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

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During a day packed with activities, you'll hear from inspiring speakers and be able to ask questions, attend workshops and discuss Amnesty's work on these campaigns. You can also pick up tips about how you can get more involved with campaigning on human rights issues yourself.

Shao Jiang will be talking about his experiences as a human rights defender on the front line. He was involved in organising the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989 and has been imprisoned as a result of his human rights work.

For more information please visit www.amnesty.org.uk/events

*****The real cost of flowers and veg: promoting women worker's rights in African horticulture**

Women Working Worldwide Conference

2 October 2007, 9am – 5pm (lunch and refreshments provided)

Amnesty International UK, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA, London

An opportunity for our partners working on the ground in East Africa to present their research findings on working conditions on flower and vegetable farms and go lead discussion on ways to improve the situation on women workers.

There will be invited speakers who will discuss different initiatives and campaigns to improve labour rights in the horticultural industry, as well as a look at the industry in the context of the climate change agenda.

The workshops will look at the following themes: the impact of purchasing practices, worker organisation, and the effects of codes of conduct on women workers.

To book please contact kate.women-ww@mmu.ac.uk or 0161 247 6171

*****Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU) Short Study Courses**

4,5,18,19 October and **15,16 November 2007**.

London Metropolitan University Ladbroke House, 62-66 Highbury Grove, London N5 2AD.

Cost: £400 - £450 per short course.

If successfully completed and taken as a credit towards a masters or postgraduate certificate, this will be deducted from the overall course fee.

The Department of Applied Social Sciences and the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit are running a short course - Violence against Women: Issues, Research and Policy. The course can be taken alone or as part of a broader study programme.

The course, led by Professor Liz Kelly will introduce students to research on the prevalence, contexts and consequences of a range of forms of violence. Study will include critical analysis of theories, definitions and research methods, including historical overview, theories of gender violence and human rights, intimate partner violence, harmful traditional practices, trafficking and sexual exploitation.

For further information see www.cwasu.org or telephone: 0207 133 5014.

To book a place contact: Rosie Mgbеojikwe on 020 7133 5174 or e-mail: nfp@londonmet.ac.uk

*****World Rural Women's Day – 15 October 2007**

Open Letter to rural women of the world!

To celebrate World Rural Women's Day – 15 October 2007 - an annual global awareness campaign to increase knowledge and empowerment - WWSF (Women's World Summit Foundation) published and disseminated its *Open Letter to rural women of the world* with the focus on the theme "Claim your right to food". A poster and the Open Letter are also available on Internet: www.woman.ch/women/2-poster.php

*****NAWAL EL SAADAWI, in conversation with Yasmin Alibhai-Brown**

15 October 2007, 7pm

The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

Presented by Amnesty International and Zed Books

Internationally acclaimed writer and activist Nawal el Saadawi is perhaps most famous for her books on the oppression of Arab women. An outspoken critic successive governments in

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her native Egypt, she has been harassed, imprisoned and threatened, and in 1988, was forced to flee the country when her name appeared on an extremist organisation's death list. Having returned to Egypt 1996, Nawal el Saadawi remained a thorn in the side of conservative forces homeland and five of her books were banned at the Cairo Book Fair in 2007. mark the re-printing of three of her most famous books, 'The Hidden Face of 'God Dies by the Nile', and 'Woman at Point Zero', Nawal el Saadawi will be a short tour of the UK; this event will be one of her few public engagements. Nawal will be discussing her life and work, and in particular, issues relating violence against women, with writer and commentator Yasmin Alibhai-Brown.

This promises to be a fascinating discussion between two controversial and inspirational women. The discussion will be followed by a book signing and reception.

Entry free. Booking essential at www.amnesty.org.uk/events

Please note doors will close at 7pm and no late-comers will be admitted

*****Gender & Development Network members meeting**

17 October 2007, 1-4pm

DFID, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE

The GAD Network members' meeting will be focused on the latest BRIDGE research on Gender Indicators and a possible presentation of the Gender Research Methodology by OXFAM. GADN's aim is provide an important support structure for gender professionals in the sector as well as strengthening our communication with DFID experts working on areas related to this field.

To reserve your place please send your details not later than Monday 8th October 2007 to gadnetwork@womankind.org.uk

Further details and agenda will be distributed with the confirmation of your place.

*Please be aware that only paid members are allowed to attend.

*****Why Women? Women's Resource Conference 2007**

17 October 2007, 9:30 – 5pm

King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0AN

'This conference will explore services run by and for women and women-only spaces in the UK today: What do they look like? What do they do? What difference do they make to the women who use them?'

For more information or to register, contact conference@wrc.org.uk or phone 0207 324 3040.

*****UNIFEM UK Presents: A Music Extravaganza marking the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

17 October 2007, 7:30pm

St. David's Hall, Cardiff

Tickets: £9.50/£13.50/£16

A wide-ranging musical programme featuring Catrin Finch, Serendipity and Only Men Aloud, Ballet Russe, Ivan Sadka Quintet, Fazliddin Husanov and Howell's senior School Choir.

For more information or to book tickets, please check: www.stdavidshall.cardiff.co.uk

*****Women Deliver Conference**

18 – 20 October 2007

ExCel Centre, London.

Women Deliver is a landmark global conference that will focus on creating political will to save the lives and improve the health of women, mothers and newborn babies around the world.

Key Issues at WOMEN DELIVER: maternal and newborn health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, girls' education, gender equality, women's economic status, violence against women, reducing poverty, combating HIV/AIDS, and involving youth.

For more information please visit: <http://www.womendeliver.org/> or www.excel-london.co.uk

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*****Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize (EHMP) Awards Ceremony 2007**

19 October 2007, 7pm-Midnight

Bankside Restaurant, Southwark Bridge Road (Entrance Sumner Street) London SE1 9EU

Costs: Early Bird £45 (book before 30 Sept), otherwise £65, corporate £100

In memory of Emma Humphreys, the EHMP is awarded to an individual woman and a group of women who have made an outstanding contribution to combating male violence against women and children. The award is made at an award dinner with all tickets including 3 course meal, unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks.

Special guest: Jackie Kay, award-winning writer of fiction, poetry and plays

For information and bookings see www.emmahumphreys.org, contact

info@emmahumphreys.org, or call 07738 461 478

*****Course: Promoting Gender and Rights in Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS**

22 October - 9 November

Nairobi, Kenya. Tuition is US\$ 2800

The Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS) is a regional collaborating centre of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in its worldwide effort to improve the quality and scope of reproductive health. Launched in 1996, "Operationalising Cairo and Beijing: A Training Initiative in Gender and Reproductive Health" is a collaboration of the WHO Secretariat, Women's Health Project of the University of Witwatersrand and the Harvard School of Public Health.

The Initiative offers a three-week core curriculum in gender and rights in reproductive health and HIV/AIDS for senior programme managers, planners, and policy-makers. The course uses a unique format of core modules and regional case-material. The content has been adapted to highlight regional priorities and current controversies in diverse countries in relation to the MDGs and the ICPD and Beijing Plans of Action in the context of HIV/AIDS.

For further information see www.cafs.org or email courses@cafs.org.

*****The Environmental Consequences Of War And Corporate Power - a women's perspective**

03 November 2007, 10am - 5pm. Tickets £5.00

Essex Hall, Essex Street, London WC2R 3HY, (off The Aldwych)

Speakers:

Edel Havin Beukes (WILPF Norway and Coordinator, WILPF International Working Group on Environmental Sustainability); Kate Hudson (Chair, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament): The Nuclear chain - linking nuclear power and nuclear weapons; Ruth Tanner (Senior Campaigns Officer, War on Want): The Environment, Climate Change and Corporate Power.

Workshops will focus on:

1. Nuclear power and the UK's energy needs
2. The environmental implications of the arms trade
3. Corporate power and its links to armed conflict
4. Uranium weapons
5. Climate change and the military/industrial complex.
6. The Women's Manifesto on Climate Change

Please book early and return this tear-off slip by 24 October at the latest to:

UKWILPF, 52-54 Featherstone St, London EC1Y 8RT or e-mail to: office@ukwilpf.org.uk

*****Permanent exhibition: WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation,**

11 Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

WWSF takes great pleasure in announcing the 14 winners of the Prize for women's creativity in rural life 2007 to the media and the international community. The award (US \$ 3000 for selected organizations in Africa, and \$ 500 for all other Laureates) honours creative and courageous women and women's groups around the world for their contributions in improving the quality of life in rural communities, for protecting the environment, transmitting knowledge and standing up for human rights and peace.

Established in 1994, WWSF has so far awarded 331 prizes in more than 100 countries. The

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work of the 14 Laureates 2007 is published on Internet and in our Global Newsletter Edition 15a. We hope that their stories inspire you and encourage others to make their mark in promoting human rights, ending poverty, preserving the planet, and safeguarding our cultural heritage.

www.woman.ch/women/1-laureates.php

A Travelling Exhibition presenting all Laureate profiles was inaugurated in Geneva at the CIGG and subsequently presented at the Geneva Book and Press Fair (March); the Civil Society Development Forum (June); the International Women's Peace Conference (Dallas-Texas, July), and will be presented in September at the United Nations in Geneva.

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