



IFUW Update – 11 June 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Think tank

The [German association](#) (DAB) is setting up a think tank to consider “How can IFUW and its members fulfil the needs of academic women in today’s world?” Members who wish to participate need to [subscribe to the Discussions network](#) and are asked to send an expression of interest via discussions@ifuw.org, copying DAB President [Patricia Aden](#). Once all of the expressions of interest are received, Patricia and her team will lead the think tank and develop ideas for implementation. Deadline for expressions of interest is preferably 30 June.

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Universal Periodic Review reporting deadlines

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a review of the human rights records of all 193 United Nations Member States once every four years. The goal is to improve the human rights situation in all countries and address human rights violations wherever they occur.

The UPR is one of the best ways for IFUW and its NFAs to influence governments. NFAs in Turkey and Sweden have expressed an interest in following the process. All NFAs, please [email the office](#) if you wish to get involved and if you need information or assistance. You may have already received the reporting deadline information below from UN sources.

15 June 2014: Deadline to submit stakeholder reports for UPR 21st session (to be held in January 2015)
NFA countries: Spain, Kenya, Armenia, Sweden, Turkey

21 July 2014: Deadline to submit national reports by States to be reviewed at UPR 20th session (27 October – 7 November 2014)
NFA countries: Italy, Fiji, Slovenia, Egypt

15 September 2014: Deadline to submit stakeholder reports for UPR 22nd session (to be held in April 2015)
NFA countries: Panama, Bulgaria, USA, Croatia

Members can find more information in the member’s only section of the IFUW website.

Advocacy

Working against Trafficking

The [United Nations Human Rights Council](#) will announce its appointment of a new 'Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children' at the 26th Human Rights Council from 10-27 June 2014. IFUW members who work on IFUW resolution on [Working against Trafficking](#) might wish to consult the [list of applicants and their biographies](#) for their own advocacy purposes. Read the report (A/HRC/26/37) of the Special Rapporteur [here](#).

No Ceilings Project

Studies have shown that educating girls leads to more prosperous, stable, and healthy communities. Chelsea Clinton from the [Clinton Foundation](#) [leads an internet discussion](#) about the state of girls' education around the world with Rebecca Winthrop from the [Brookings Institution](#), and Kennedy Odede from [Shining Hope for Communities](#). The [No Ceilings: The Full Participation Project](#) aims to evaluate and share the progress women and girls have made in the 20 years since the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. IFUW members are invited to share their own observations about their communities in a survey that will be used to advance IFUW's mission of the full participation of women and girls all aspects of political, social, and economic life. [Take the survey](#)

Nominations and awards

Global Education Conference 2014

A call for proposals has been opened for the [Global Education Conference 2014](#). The conference is free and will be held online, around the clock, over the course of five days. Submissions are welcome until 15 November 2014. [Read more](#)

Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy

The [Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy](#) is accepting proposals for sessions focused on effective instructional practices and research aimed at improving the quality of teaching and learning in higher education. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

June 10-27	26th Human Rights Council , Geneva
June 21	IFUW Workshop: Building Membership, Growing our organisations and empowering women & girls through lifelong education, Dublin, Ireland
June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference, Ontario
June 29-30	IFUW Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop , Singapore
June 30- July 18	58th session of CEDAW
July 7-11	ECOSOC High Level Segment
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 4	UWE Annual General Meeting, Bucharest
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference
September 12-14	WG-USA AGM meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
September 19-20	IFUW workshop on "Building membership & visibility" , Mexico
September 26	Pacific Graduate Women's Network (PGWNet) Council Meeting
September 26-28	New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW) Conference 'Women Empowering Women as Leaders'
September 27-Oct 1	Third Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, Bulgaria
November 17-22	Global Education Conference

Let us know?

Tell us about your NFA's activities towards growing membership – [email us!](#)



Empowering women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace. IFUW is in special consultative status with ECOSOC and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO.

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