



IFUW Update – 8 April 2015



IFUW members and staff during the recent capacity building workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

International Federation of University Women news

IFUW members come together for a workshop on *Communities for Action*, Kenya, 26-28 March 2015

On 26-28 March over twenty members participated in this capacity building workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. The first day of the workshop focussed on exploring a member engagement model and how to involve members in activities at different levels. This provided the foundations for participants to then undertake the "Train the trainer" sessions on days two and three, in which members were trained to deliver a Gender and Leadership workshop for teenage girls, with the aim to support the latter to complete school. This project forms part of IFUW's [Girls CHARGE](#) – the Collaborative for Harnessing Ambition and Resources for Girls' Education – commitment. The workshop included the launch of an [infographic on gender and leadership](#) for teenage girls. One member commented: "The facilitation was great and engaging. The workshop was very useful and resourceful." While another shared that: "There was something new to learn in all sessions". Members participated in the workshop with enthusiasm and passion for the project in hand and left ready to inspire their membership communities for action. See more [on Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Germany

Edith Schütt, member of the German Federation of University Women (*Deutscher Akademikerinnenbund*, DAB) has written a children's book entitled "The Tree", examining the issue of deforestation in Africa. The Tree tells the story of an African father and his son, who are in search of fire wood and find the last tree standing. The father and son are concerned about the destruction of the trees but their family needs wood for cooking. This book shows the dilemma between the needs of mankind and the necessity to conserve nature on a lasting and long-term basis. Initially the book was written for Namibian schoolchildren and has since been introduced to Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Zanzibar and Tanzania. For further information on the book contact: <mailto:bmw.leyendecker@t-online.de>

Advocacy

IFUW and UN Women partner for regional seminar

On 26 March, IFUW in partnership with UN Women Regional Office for [Eastern and Southern Africa](#), held a regional seminar on the topic of "Perspectives on Women's Education for Entrepreneurship in Africa" in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was moderated by IFUW's Executive Director, Danièle Castle, with several distinguished panel speakers: Florence Butegwa, Senior Regional Advisor for Governance and Leadership, UN Women; Jane Maigua, National Programme Co-

ordinator (Kenya), International Labour Organisation Women Entrepreneurship Development programme ([ILO-WED](#)); Judith Owigar, Co-Founder and Operations Director at [AkiraChix](#); and Joy Mukanyange, former Ambassador of Rwanda to Kenya, as well as IFUW and Rwanda Association of University Women (RAUW) member. The panelists spoke about the current professional and educational challenges facing women in Africa and about the actions needed to encourage and attract more women to pursue business entrepreneurship. Strong emphasis was placed on the promotion of financial literacy and business acumen in the education system, the need for entrepreneurial behavior from a young age, and vocational training programmes. For more information read the Press Release [here](#).

Grants and Proposals

Peacebuilding, Mediation, Conflict Resolution & Intercultural Dialogue

The Institute for Peace and Dialogue (IPD) will organise an international summer academy in Peacebuilding, Mediation, Conflict Resolution and Intercultural Dialogue in Baar, Switzerland on 7 – 17 August (Programme 1) and 17 – 27 August (Programme 2). The main goal of the summer academies is to support institutional academic peacebuilding, mediation and conflict resolution education and strengthen the skills of the representatives of state organs, business sector, INGOs, education institutes and independent mediators. The academy will include different workshops, lectures, presentations, interactive group works, brainstorming on conflict places, mediation operations and peace negotiation activities as well as case studies on ongoing-fragile conflicts in the world. Deadline for applications is **01 June 2015**. [Read more here](#).

Save the Date!

IFUW members in Europe

Save the date for IFUW's European regional Capacity Building Workshop to be held on **4-5 June 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria**. The workshop, entitled, "*Communities for Action*" will provide interactive sessions, presentations and useful tools to support your recruitment, retention and engagement of members, while increasing your organisation's visibility and impact towards your mission. The workshop is free to all IFUW members in Europe that are involved in the recruitment, retention, and engagement of members, on a **first-come first-served basis**. The event is suitable for independent members that are interested in forming a national association or association branch. For further information or to join IFUW as a member, email: ifuw@ifuw.org.

Other information and events

April 23	International Girls in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Day , global
May 14 – 16	2015 Global Summit of Women , Sao Paulo, Brazil
May 29	University Women of Europe (UWE) Meet and Greet , London, United Kingdom
28 August – 1 September	UWE Conference "Networking as a Quality" , the Netherlands
August 21 – 23 (2016)	IFUW General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)
August 24 – 26 (2016)	IFUW Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa

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