



IFUW Update – 29 January 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Capacity building workshop – West Africa

On 22-23 January 2014 IFUW held a regional capacity building workshop entitled “Building Membership”, in Dakar, Senegal. Eight IFUW members from the Nigeria Association of University Women, the Sierra Leone Association of University Women, and independent members from Ghana, gathered for the workshop. They participated actively in sessions on membership development, member benefits, marketing and communications, age segmentation, budgeting and action planning. The workshop culminated in an action planning session, in which each country group created a SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound) action plan to implement on their return home. Thank you to the IFUW members who participated and contributed to the success of this workshop. **Join our discussion on member engagement and share your strategies [here](#).**



National Federations and Affiliations news

Germany & Russia to present reports to Committee on Rights of the Child

The 65th Committee on the Rights of the Child is underway in Geneva. The Committee monitors the implementation of the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (CRC) which is an agreement between states to protect the best interests of children. Its provisions include the right to freedom from violence,

trafficking and exploitation, the right to free compulsory primary education and the right to equal treatment regardless of gender or background. [Read](#) whether your country has fulfilled its agreements to protect and promote the girl child in education. Every national affiliate can take action - [please contact IFUW](#) if your national affiliate wishes to advocate for girls in your country.

Advocacy

Back to Beijing: Beijing+20

In 1995, the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) made clear that the human rights of women and of the girl child were an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. Women's empowerment and their full and equal participation in all spheres of society are essential for the achievement of equality, development and peace. It was also clear that equal access to and equal treatment of women, girls, men and boys in education and health care are critical to women's equality. Women and girls must be free to develop their potential to the fullest.

Ahead of the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, the United Nations Economic and Social Council called (read [resolution](#)) on all states to review their progress in implementing the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#). The resolution strongly encourages civil society to participate in government consultations. The deadline for states to complete these reviews is 1 May 2014. Please contact your government or the [IFUW office](#) to get involved. Final outcomes will be presented at the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2015. Read the [guidance note](#) from UN Women.

Opportunities

International Telecommunications Union (ITU) seeks a Regional Director for Asia Pacific in Bangkok. Application deadline is 24 February. [Read more](#)

The University of the Western Cape is offering postgraduate scholarship opportunities in South Africa in partnership with Generations for Peace. Application deadline is 15 February. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

13-31 Jan	Convention on the Rights of the Child , Geneva
27 Jan-7 Feb	Universal Periodic Review , Geneva
Feb 5-12	IFUW Board meetings, Geneva
Mar 3-28	Human Rights Council, Geneva
Mar 6-7	High-level event on the contributions of women, the young and civil society to the post-2015 development agenda
Mar 8	International Women's Day
Mar 10-26	Committee on the Status of Women (#CSW58), New York
May 5-9	Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, Tanzania
Jun 1	IFUW Day

Did you know?

[Virginia Gildersleeve](#), co-founder and twice President of IFUW, was the only woman appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt to the US delegation that established the United Nations and the first woman in the United States to sign a United States treaty.

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