



## IFUW Update – 07 January 2015



Students from Ginjo school in Jimma, Ethiopia, receiving support from the "[In Ethiopia](#)" project, assisted by the Canadian Mississauga group.

## International Federation of University Women news

### Visit the IFUW Website Projects Page

The IFUW project page has undergone a makeover to reflect the growing number of projects within the organisation and with partners. The projects span far and wide in terms of geography and focus, including the empowerment of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Germany, helping provide appropriate sanitary facilities at schools in Ethiopia, and public speaking competitions for secondary school girls in Europe and the Middle East. Visit the [IFUW project page here](#) to see the full list of projects, and check back regularly as the page is constantly being updated.

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## National Federation and Association (NFA) news

### Canada

#### Woman of the Year 2015

Nominations are now open for the 2015 "Woman of the Year", an award presented by the Cranbrook Club of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW). The CFUW Cranbrook Club has awarded this prestigious title to 36 women to date, all of tremendous caliber, all serving the East Kootenay. There are many more women who deserve recognition for their efforts and commitments to good causes. Deadline for nominations is **13 February 2015**. Visit the [CFUW Cranbrook website here](#) for further information.

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## Advocacy

### Count down is on for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

With less than a year left before the expiry of the MDGs, international policy makers are deep in discussion as to the next step in the global effort to eradicate extreme poverty. The "Post-2015 Agenda" is being considered at the highest political levels, guided by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the High Level Panel. A set of follow-on goals to the MDGs known as the "sustainable development goals" (SDGs) have been formally adopted by the UN General Assembly, which expressly include standalone goals for both education and gender equality (goals four and five respectively). The SDGs will "be the [main basis](#) for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development

agenda". The next critical step in discussions will be the [High Level Political Forum](#) on Sustainable Development in June 2015, under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

### Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

The following NFA countries will undergo their second cycle of reviews at the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the UPR Working Group on 19 – 30 January 2015: Spain, Kenya, Armenia, Sweden and Turkey.

NFAs from Lebanon, Rwanda, Nepal, Austria, Australia and Georgia can prepare a stakeholder's submission for their next review, which will take place at the 23<sup>rd</sup> session in November 2015. Deadline for the stakeholder submission is **23 March 2015**. More information on the submission procedure is available [here](#).

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## Proposals & Workshops

### 2015 Global Summit of Women

Join 1,000 women on 14 – 16 May in Sao Paulo, Brazil, to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unique business forum for women, established to accelerate women's economic progress worldwide. This year's theme centres on "Creative Women, Creative Economies", underscoring the innovation that women bring to the world's economies, despite the hurdles they face as workers, managers and entrepreneurs. The Summit will explore the ways women as entrepreneurs and corporate executives are creating opportunities in the business world globally, while working to maintain and conserve increasingly limited natural resources. Further information available [here](#).

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## IFUW wants to hear from you!

IFUW asks NFAs to send in information on news, events, conferences, annual general meetings *etc.* for 2015 that they would like to see included in the IFUW weekly update. Please send information and a web link (if available) to [Aoife Hegarty](#). Happy New Year to all our members and friends!

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## Other information and events

January 20	<a href="#">Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation in Europe</a> , Brussels, Belgium
February 24	<a href="#">Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy</a> , Geneva, Switzerland
February 25	<a href="#">Eliminating Domestic Violence in Europe</a> , Brussels, Belgium
March 2 – 15	<a href="#">Trek Mt. Kilimanjaro for International Women's Day</a> , Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
March 8	<a href="#">International Women's Day</a> , Global
March 9 – 20	<a href="#">Commission on the Status of Women</a> , UN Headquarters, New York, USA
April 23	<a href="#">International Girls in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Day</a> , global
May 14 – 16	<a href="#">2015 Global Summit of Women</a> , Sao Paulo, Brazil

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