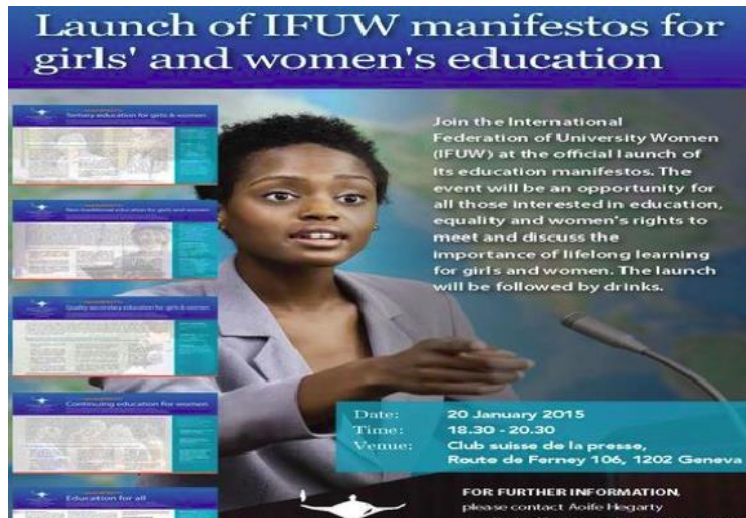




IFUW Update – 14 January 2015



International Federation of University Women news

IFUW to launch education manifestos

IFUW will be launching its education manifestos on 20 January 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland. The event will be an occasion for IFUW to share its position on how and why it is working towards increasing literacy and lifelong learning for all girls and women worldwide, as well as its recommendations for policy makers to implement strategies to achieve this aim. The event aims to bring together all those interested in education, equality and women's rights to meet and discuss the importance of lifelong learning for girls and women. For further information on the launch click [here](#) or contact [Aoife Hegarty](#).

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

IFUW welcomes Greece as new member

IFUW is delighted to announce the membership of Greece as its 62nd national affiliate. The Hellenic Association of University Women (HAUW) is led under the presidency of Dr. Evi Batra, with Marion Kavallieros as coordinator for international relations (CIR). Contact information for the Hellenic Association can be found on the IFUW website [here](#).

Advocacy

Cities for CEDAW: Virtual National Conference

Join the "Cities for CEDAW" virtual national conference as part of the Cities for CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) [campaign](#) on **20 January 2015**, [supported](#) by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women New York ([NGO CSW New York](#)). As the United States of America (USA) has still not ratified the Convention, the online campaign seeks to get municipalities within USA to adopt CEDAW as a city ordinance during [Beijing Plus 20](#), a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) Fourth World Conference on Women. Speakers will include Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General (UN Women), UN ambassadors and civil society leaders. IFUW UN Representatives to New York, Polly Woodard and Sophie Turner-Zaretsky, are members of the New York City for CEDAW task force. Participants at the virtual conference will have a chance to discuss priority issues about women's human rights and to send their messages to the UN. The event is free and

open to all, and will take place at **11.30 am – 1.00 pm** (Pacific Standard Time)/**2.30pm – 4.00pm** (Eastern Standard Time). Register for the event [here](#).

Training and Proposals

Professional Training for High School Teachers at CERN

The European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) is now receiving applications for its 2015 High School Teachers Programme. The programme consists of a 3-week training period, taking place every year since 1998 at CERN. This is open to physics high school teachers from all CERN member and observer states, as well as from other countries subject to funding availability. The 2015 edition will take place on 5 – 25 July, with spaces for approximately 50 teachers. Deadline for applications is **15 February 2015**. Further information can be found [here](#).

Did you know?

According to latest data by [UN Women](#), in advance of the 20-year anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action (“Beijing Plus 20”), women still remain distinctly affected by poverty, which further exacerbates and perpetuates the gender gap. More than 1.3 billion women do not have an account at a formal financial institution. In developing countries, women are 23% less likely to have regular access to the internet than men. In sub-Saharan Africa, only 23% of poor, rural girls complete their primary education. Read the infographic in full [here](#).

Other information and events

CSW59

In preparation for the 59th Session of the United Nations Commission the Status of Women (CSW59), taking place in March 2015 in New York, IFUW requests members planning to attend the event to inform the IFUW office. This is in order that IFUW can invite all participating members to IFUW briefing sessions taking place throughout the event. Please email your attendance to ifuw@ifuw.org.

January 20	Launch of IFUW education manifestos , Geneva, Switzerland
January 20	Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation in Europe , Brussels, Belgium
January 20	Cities for CEDAW , USA (nationally)
February 6	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation , global
February 24	Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy , Geneva, Switzerland
February 25	Eliminating Domestic Violence in Europe , Brussels, Belgium
March 1	Zero Discrimination Day , global
March 2 – 15	Trek Mt. Kilimanjaro for International Women’s Day , Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
March 8	International Women’s Day , global
March 9 – 20	Commission on the Status of Women , UN Headquarters, New York, USA
April 23	International Girls in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Day , global
May 14 – 16	2015 Global Summit of Women , Sao Paulo, Brazil

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