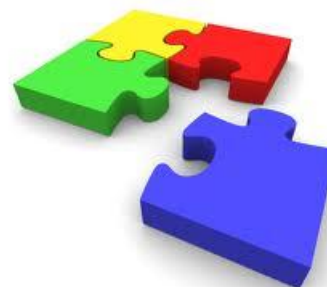




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IFUW Strategic Plan Smart Objective 4.3.1.

## **IFUW programmes and activities**



Following the information in the previous IFUW Update we are now starting with the aims.

The first aim of our strategic Plan is: **Girls' and women's right to quality education.**

To ensure that girls and women have the right and access to education up to the highest levels in order to achieve their full potential and participate as equal and independent members of society.

We have defined several SMART objectives for this aim:

1. To advocate for the implementation of human rights instruments and other international agreements to promote and ensure quality education for girls and women.
2. To advocate for good practice and laws to protect the right to education for girls and women.
3. To monitor the actions of governments on all international treaties and other international agreed documents related to education.
4. To campaign for access to education for the most excluded individuals and groups of girls and women.
5. To promote women's career advancement as a means of reducing the wealth gap and ensuring that educated women are empowered to gain the full financial and social benefits of education for themselves and for other women.

Looking at the 23 IFUW programmes and activities, 17 of them support the achievement of aim 1:

- Programme for Action pillar 4 Education for Sustainable Futures and the overall triennial theme "Education for the Realisation of Rights"
- Bina Roy projects
- Fellowships
- Hegg Hoffet
- Conference Training Programme
- Policy Resolutions
- Conference seminars
- Conference workshops
- CSW delegation
- Representatives at UNESCO
- Representatives at ECOSOC
- Pencils for Pakistan and similar
- Lobby for Afghan women and similar
- IFUW online discussions
- IFUW blogs
- Colloquia project: identifying barriers to women's access to decision-making positions in Higher Education

- Regional Conferences

To see more about each of these seventeen IFUW programmes and activities, see:

<http://www.ifuw.org/what/ifuw-strategic-planning/>

For example: **Programme for Action**

IFUW's new Programme for Action "**The Power of Education in Effecting Change**" calls for action that will contribute to women achieving equity in all aspects of life.

The themes of the pillars have been chosen through extensive consultation with the membership. They represent suggested areas in which IFUW's national federations and associations (NFAs) can work to further their own aims, while contributing to those of IFUW. We recognize that NFAs have different situations, needs and interests and should select actions relevant to them. The four pillars define the ongoing Programme for Action to be undertaken by NFAs. This programme is aimed to inspire all members with possibilities for collaborative activities to further the purposes of our organisation.

Pillar 4 Education for Sustainable Futures is the pillar of the Programme of Action that contributes to the realisation of aim 1. Pillar 4 is aimed to raise awareness and create opportunities through ongoing formal and informal education on how to live in a way that will sustain environmental, social and economic processes and ensures a just distribution of resources.

*Willemijn van der Meer*  
*IFUW Vice President*

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## Opening the 21st Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva

The opening 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 was attended by one of IFUW Representatives to the United Nations, Hillevi Perraudin.

During the Council the UN General Secretary, M. Ban Ki-Moon, stated that "women, men and children in every country, who were confronted with grave crimes committed amidst conflict or were victims of day-to-day discrimination, had the right to expect the international community to be on their side and that it was ready to react."



*UN Human Rights Council,  
Geneva*

Amongst the challenges warranted to the Council he commended the groundbreaking first-ever "intergovernmental discussion on discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity". Mr. Ban said that this should not be a one-time event and he urged the Council to deepen its engagement on this issue so that protection and dignity truly reached all members of the human family." He added that it was necessary to fight for the rights of women, including their reproductive rights and their political, social and economic empowerment.

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## CSW 2013 is approaching

Thank you to all those who have applied to be part of the official IFUW 2013 delegation. The list is now CLOSED and applications are being reviewed. All applicants will be given more news in due course.



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# NFA News and Announcements

## TAUW Call for Papers



**Second Announcement and Call for Papers for the 9th Triennial Conference of the UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF ASIA (UWA), on 'ROLES OF WOMEN AS PEACE MAKERS', hosted and organized by the Thai Association of University Women (TAUW)**

The Conference will be held on November 16 - 18, 2012 at the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn, (Room 405, 4th Floor, Building 3), University, Bangkok, Thailand. UWA members from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand will participate in this conference.

For those who would like to attend this conference and/or present papers, please contact Dr. Parnarai Sapayaprapa, UWA & TAUW President, at [parnarai@yahoo.com](mailto:parnarai@yahoo.com) or visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/tauw2491/> for more information.

## VAOE Friendship Meeting October 11 to 14, 2012

The Austrian Federation of University Women, VAOE, will be celebrating a Friendship Meeting Friday, 12 October 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Austrian National Library, Palais Mollard Herrengasse 9, 1010 Vienna in addition to various activities planned throughout the weekend including a visit at the Austrian Scientific Academy, a Guided tour through the Austrian National Library, a bus tour through the Viennese Woods, a guided tour through the monastery of Heiligenkreuz and a visit at the Museum of the 21st Century.

The complete program, costs and registration information can be found on our homepage at: <http://www.vaoe.at>. Or contact us via email at: [office.vaoe-wien@aon.at](mailto:office.vaoe-wien@aon.at) You may also reach our association at our mailing address at: Reitschulgasse 2, 1010 Wien

## FFUW 90th Anniversary celebrations

The Finnish Federation was founded in 1922. Celebrations will be marked with a dinner held at Aalto University on 20 October 2012 and will be attended by a IFUW board member and vice president Anne Négre. For more information please contact: [sanl.fkaf@akateemisetnaiset.fi](mailto:sanl.fkaf@akateemisetnaiset.fi)

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## Other news and announcements

**CEDAW REPORT** - from The Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU), with the support of the IFUW, regarding the examination of Mexico carried out by the CEDAW committee at the United Nations in New York City. To read more please visit our international advocacy page on our website at: <http://www.ifuw.org/what/advocacy/advocacy-news/>

**JAUW Disaster Fund 2012-2013 update. Read more about the “Scholarship to the High School Students in the area hit by 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami” on our webpage at:** <http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/jauw-disaster-fund-2012-2013-update/>

**Dr. Susana Fama**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dr. Susana Fama on September 2nd, 2012. Dr. Fama was President of the Argentina Federation (FAMU) from 2008 until the end of 2011.