



IFUW Update - 08 May 2013

News from Geneva



As we steam forward with IFUW, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Nina Joyce as the person in charge of communications, to fulfill the strategic objective of raising IFUW's public profile and pursue the advocacy work she has already been doing. Nina has been with IFUW as a Geneva UN representative and joins the staff part time. In her few weeks in the office with us, she has already restructured the website and we are working together to enhance it further.

Ashton Adams, our unpaid intern from Boston University, has written a whole new fact-based section for the website, called [Education for Girls and Women](#). We invite you to visit it. We shall be continuing to populate this section. Ashton was due to stay two months only (March and April) and requested to stay longer as she enjoyed working with the team here so much. We are also pleased to say that the closed member site is also being enhanced. We will be posting tools and kits for wide membership use. We encourage you to visit the members' area regularly to see what we are adding.

Still on web matters, IFUW now has a discussion group on LinkedIn which we hope you will join. For those unfamiliar with the social medium, it is a place for discussion and debate, as well as a knowledge resource and a networking tool for professionals. You can begin any discussion, ask any questions and group members can add their comments at any time. You can also create polls and do much besides.

On more mundane matters, during the strategic workshop in 2012 a recommendation was made to redefine job descriptions and reallocate staff work. The Board commenced this process, which has now been completed. Staff performance appraisals with performance objectives and outcomes have been put into place. The staff is enthusiastic and ready to move IFUW forward.



NFA News and Announcements

The South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG) is organizing a conference on Saturday, 25 May 2013 to celebrate its 90th Anniversary entitled: 'Enough is Enough', Challenges Still Being Faced Around the Status of Women and Children and Finding a Concerted Way Forward.

The conference presents the progress made regarding gender equity and the status of women and highlight the challenges which still face women and children within South Africa. Please visit



The IFUW/ RAUW/ SRIA Rwanda Ltd colloquium on women in leadership that took place in May 2013 on higher education was a great success with brilliant keynote speeches by RAUW members Dr Jolly Mazimhaka and Prof Verdiana Musanja was moderated by RAUW's new President Madame Speciose Nyiraneza.

Presentations by the Rectors, Vice Rectors, Deans, Directors and Department Heads from the public and major private universities were also well received, as was the speech of the Executive Director of the Higher Education Council and Hon Euthalia Nyirabega, RWPF.

The colloquium was organized by a team of RAUW members, CGCD graduates and SRIA associates Shamsi Kazimbaya, Jane Umutoni, Marie Odette Kansanga Ndahiro, Prof Gertrude Fester, Katie Carlson and Winnie Muhumuza.

IFUW members and supporters can all be very proud of this contribution to a wake-up call for how much still needs to be done to achieve gender parity in leadership in higher education institutions in Rwanda. And one of the colloquium's outcomes the Rwanda Higher Education Leaders' Network will add to the late Aloisea Inyumba's initiative of a Rwanda Women Leaders' Network.

Young Members Newsletter Deadline for submission

The Young Members' Newsletter is currently looking for people to contribute articles in English for the June 2013 issue. Articles should be submitted by May 30, 2013. All submissions are reviewed and deadlines have been set to ensure ample time for discussion of revision and layout issues before final publication.

Format Guidelines: Articles of 250 to 1000 words, pictures/graphics are also encouraged. Notification of your interest to sending in an article will help facilitate the process. Please feel free to contact: romilda.boerleider@gmail.com. Please visit the link to read our past newsletters at: <http://www.ifuw.org/resources/ym/>

Bring a Delegate to Conference"

As we draw nearer to Conference the "Bring a Delegate to Conference" organized by the IFUW Membership Committee and LAC has already generated a large amount of interest. Please let us continue to support the fund, so that together we can make the campaign a huge success and help bring as many delegates to Istanbul as possible.

With this in mind, the IFUW Board and the LAC invite both NFAs and individual members to continue contributing towards this fund. The funds will be used only for delegates who are able to attend the full conference and provide an undertaking to participate fully in the programme of events and report back to their NFA in a meeting on their return home. The delegates will be from lower and low middle income countries. To participate [please click](#) here or send an email to memcom@ifuw.org

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Credentials

For NFA and IFUW Leaders

Please note that the credential information has been sent out in Circular 9. You may read our download the forms and information at:

- *Please visit the Members Only section, [Official Documents and Publications](#) for more information, circulars and forms*



Early Bird registration for the 31st Triennial **Conference, Istanbul 2013** has been extended to 31 May 2013! You can learn more and register by visiting www.ifuw.org or on the official conference page at www.ifuw2013istanbul.org/.

New online courses on "Cosmopolitan Communication" and "Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks" by UNITAR

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is pleased to inform you that registration is now open for the new UNITAR on-line courses on "Cosmopolitan Communication: Connecting across Diplomats, Business Leaders and Civil Society Actors" and "Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks". Discounts are offered for group bookings. For further information please contact UNITAR at:

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Eleventh International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS - "CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE CITIZEN", University of Muenster, Muenster, Germany, July 22 - 25, 2014

This notice serves to invite interested parties to submit abstracts for contributions to be made at the 11th International Conference to be held at the University of Muenster, Germany, from 22 to 25 July, 2014.

Click [here](#) to read the full Call for Contributions.

Upcoming events

- [Ending 12 May: Global Online Consultation on Education for Sustainable Development](#)
- [20-29 May: 2013 Resumed Session, Committee on NGOs](#)
- [1-25 July: Substantive Session, Economic and Social Council](#)
- [1-4 July: AMR: Science, technology and innovation \(STI\) and culture for sustainable development and the MDGs](#)
- [15 July: Informal Interactive Hearings on Migration and Development](#)

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