



## *IFUW Update – 4 December 2013*



### **International Federation of University Women news**

The Board of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) has requested that the Update be shortened and sent out weekly. The idea is that a shorter version will enable each NFA leader and CIR to dispatch the news more widely within her own NFA. We encourage you to share the Update as widely as possible and to remind members that they can sign up directly online on the website.

#### **Call for answers**

In a continual effort to improve our service to members, IFUW needs your feedback on membership. We invite you to complete a **member survey** to share your comments with us. The survey takes 10-20 minutes to complete and the deadline for responses is 16 or 19 December, depending on which survey you complete. Please forward this link (<http://www.ifuw.org/posts/uncategorized/membership-survey/>) onto your fellow members.

If you **represent an IFUW** affiliated national federation or association, please complete this [online survey for national associations and federations](#).

If you are an **independent member** of IFUW, please complete the [online survey for independent members](#).

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### **National Federation and Association (NFA) news**

#### **Austria**

Ms. Lakshmi Puri from UN Women made herself available for a luncheon meeting with a number of NGO representatives at the office of [Verband der Akademikerinnen Österreichs](#) (VAÖ) representing the Austrian chapter of IFUW. [Read more:](#) <http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/ifuw-austria-meets-with-un-women/>

#### **Canada**

The issue of Non-State Actor Torture makes waves on Canadian radio. [Listen](#) (mins 12:20-17.55). Female genital mutilation (FGM) and incest are two forms of Non-State Actor Torture (NST) by which women and girls are disproportionately affected. Read [IFUW resolution:](#) <http://www.ifuw.org/posts/resolutions/non-state-actor-torture-2013-no-8/>

## Egypt

Members of the [Egyptian Association of University Women](#) (EAUW) - Alexandria celebrated the one year anniversary of their "Iqraa" (Read) Initiative, inspired by the Finnish Project "[Let's Read Together](#)". [Read more](http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/reading-project-in-egypt/): <http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/reading-project-in-egypt/>

## Japan

The [Japanese Association of University Women](#) (JAUW) Board member Professor emeritus Yaeko Sumi is in New York attending the Third Committee United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as a council member on the delegation from Japan. [Read more](http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/jauw-attends-united-nations-general-assembly/): <http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/jauw-attends-united-nations-general-assembly/>

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## Advocacy

### Practical guide for civil society

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) shares its new [Practical Guide for civil society on how to follow up on United Nations human rights recommendations](#). For [national federations and associations](#) (NFAs), this is a powerful tool for the [Universal Periodic Review](#).

### Human Rights Day #UNRightsAt20

Human Rights Day falls on 10 December and is a landmark day for IFUW. You are invited to use the [draft press release](#) and [advocacy letter](#) sent to all NFAs. Don't forget to [send us the news](#) of your association's activities.

### Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

Follow the [#HumanRights reviews](#) of #Cambodia, #Cyprus and #NewZealand on Twitter with #UPR18 #HRC

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## Opportunities

### Senior Advisor to Girls Not Brides

Girls Not Brides seeks an experienced Senior Adviser to facilitate international advocacy efforts to end child marriage. [Read more](http://www.girlsnotbrides.org/job-opportunity-senior-adviser-london-10-december/): <http://www.girlsnotbrides.org/job-opportunity-senior-adviser-london-10-december/>

### Senior indigenous fellow position

The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) calls for applications for its 2014 Senior Indigenous Fellow positions. [Read more](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/Pages/SeniorIndigenousFellow.aspx): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/Pages/SeniorIndigenousFellow.aspx>

### Roster of consultants on gender mainstreaming

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is compiling a roster of expert consultants for the Central Asia sub-region on gender mainstreaming. [Read more](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/VA/pdf/IRC2348.pdf): [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/VA/pdf/IRC2348.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/VA/pdf/IRC2348.pdf)

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## Fellowships and calls for proposals

### United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women 2013

The 2013 call for proposals is open for NFAs to apply for the UNTrust Fund. Grant proposals are invited for USD50,000 - USD1 million for a period of two to three years. [Read more](#)

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## Other information and events

Dec 2-4	Global Forum on Business and Human Rights, Geneva
Dec 4-5	<a href="#">UN Women stakeholders forum</a>
Dec 10	Human Rights Day
Feb 6	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

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