# IFUW Update – 12 December 2013



# **International Federation of University Women news**

#### IFUW Fellowships applications to open

The next round of Fellowships will open in January 2014. Each national federation and association (NFA) may select up to three applications to forward to the IFUW Office in Geneva by 30 June 2014.

#### **Change of dates - February 2014 Board meetings**

The dates for the February Board and committee meetings have been changed and are as follows:

5 -6 February Finance Committee7 February Board Meeting

8-9 February Board with Membership Committee

10-11 February Board Meeting

12 February UN representatives meeting

The meetings will take place in the Centre de I 'Espérance in the Eaux-Vives neighbourhood and the Hotel Calvy (just around the corner).

#### Website works near completion

For the past few months we have been working behind the scenes on our website and information technology infrastructure in order to provide better service. We plan to finish by the end of January 2014. What was known as the Leaders Corner is discontinued.

## National Federation and Association (NFA) news

#### Rwanda

The <u>Rwandan Association of University Women</u> (RAUW) joined with other Rwandan women and men and marched four kilometres to raise awareness on violence against women and girls in public spaces. <u>Read more:</u> http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/rwandan-members-march-against-violence-against-women/

#### **Turkey**

The <u>Turkish Association of University Women</u> (TAUW) organised an open air meeting to raise awareness of violence against women and organised a panel with the Istanbul Bar Association. <u>Read more:</u> <a href="http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/tauw-campaigns-on-violence-against-women/">http://www.ifuw.org/posts/nfa-news/tauw-campaigns-on-violence-against-women/</a>

## **Advocacy**

#### **#VAW**

The head of UN Women, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, says violence against women (VAW) is so endemic it is impossible to work on any women's issue without addressing it. Read more

# Call for input in Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is seeking input from human rights defenders from the OSCE region. If you wish to contribute to this process please send your feedback by 20 December 2013 to HRDconsultation@odihr.pl.

#### **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)**

The CESCR held its fifty-first session in November. IFUW members from Austria, Egypt, Norway may wish to follow the outcomes:

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=622&Lang=en

#### Human rights impact of fiscal and tax policy

The Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, invites NFAs to submit contributions until 20 December 2013 for her forthcoming report on the human rights impact of fiscal and tax policy. Please refer to the questionnaire in <a href="English">English</a>, <a href="français">français</a> and español for more details.

#### **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

The deadline for stakeholders' submissions for the 20th Session of UPR Working Group is 15 March 2014. This concerns members from Bolivia, El Salvador, Egypt, Fiji, Italy and Slovenia. Please send submissions using the new 'On-line UPR submissions system'.

## **Opportunities**

#### **OHCHR** recent vacancies

Several vacancies for positions in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) have been posted on the UN INSPIRA Website (<a href="http://careers.un.org">http://careers.un.org</a>).

## Vacancy in philanthropy

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is looking for an <u>Assistant or Associate</u> Professor.

#### Fellowships and calls for proposals

## **Women's World Congress**

The Women's World Congress in August 2014 invites paper, panel and workshop abstracts under the theme "Gender in a Changing World". Read more

## G(irls)20 Summit application period to open

The G(irls)20 Summit mobilises girls aged 18-20 for impact. Designed like the G20, the G(irls)20 brings together one delegate from each G20 country, plus a representative from the European Union and African Union. The year-long programme involves skills building, a global Summit that generates ideas which will be presented to G20 Leaders, and global mentorships that

#### Other information and events

Jan 13-16	Annual Conference of the Southern African Association for Research in
Mathematics,	Science and Technology Education, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Mar 3-28	Human Rights Council, Geneva
Mar 8	International Women's Day
Mar 10-26	Committee on the Status of Women (#CSW58), New York
May 5-9	Biennial Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, Arusha,
Tanzania	

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