



## IFUW Update – 12 February 2014



### International Federation of University Women news

#### Commission on the Status of Women (CSW58)

A delegation of about 20 IFUW members will attend CSW in New York to bear witness to the lack of universal secondary, tertiary and continuing education for girls. IFUW asks the Commission to support greater access to secondary school for girls, in particular disadvantaged and marginalised girls. IFUW also asks for more participation of girls in science and technology through secondary and tertiary education. [Read IFUW's written statement](#)

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### National Federations and Affiliations news

#### Mexico

The Mexican Federation of University Women ([FEMU](#)) shares its news about the Museum of Women (Museo de la Mujer) with IFUW members on behalf of FEMU founding president, Dr Patricia Galeana, and executive president, Dr Mirella Feingold. [Read more](#)

#### New Zealand

New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women ([NZFGW](#)) shares its news with IFUW members, including an article on women working in the prison system, which is relevant to the forthcoming IFUW Day on the subject of Education for Girls and Women in prison, detention and refugee camps. [Read more](#)

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## Advocacy

#### Women's rights by country

The Guardian newspaper, in Great Britain, has compiled World Bank and United Nations data to give us a view of legislation around the globe that protects (or does not protect) women's rights into a user-friendly application. [Read more](#)

#### Everyday violence against women

International Justice Mission (IJM), which fights against injustices of all kinds including violence and war, likens everyday violence against the poor in developing countries to a plague of locusts. Not only are the poorest girls and women most vulnerable to violence, it is everyday violence that keeps them poor.

[Read more](#)

## Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Last week on February 6th IFUW condemned FGM because its consequences can prevent girls from going to secondary school. [Read the press release that was sent to NFAs and media.](#)

## Child, forced and early marriage

Child marriage will be one of the topics under discussion at the next Human Rights Council (HRC25) in March 2014 in Geneva. IFUW will attend the HRC25 and is currently preparing a written statement pursuant to the [policy resolution](#) against child marriage, voted by IFUW members at our last [General Assembly](#). Read IFUW's [position paper](#) on child marriage. Members can use the model [advocacy letter](#) (login to members' section required) in order to advocate to your local politicians and journalists.

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## Opportunities

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) seeks a Director. Application deadline is 24 March 2014. [Read more](#)

Global Education First Initiative seeks an Advocacy Consultant. Application deadline is 15 February 2014. [Read more](#)

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## Other information and events

Feb 19	<a href="#">Child Protection in Crisis symposium</a> , New York
Mar 3-28	Human Rights Council, Geneva
Mar 6	<a href="#">1000 young people at UNESCO</a> - for youth aged 18-35
Mar 6-7	<a href="#">High-level event on the contributions of women, the young and civil society to the Post-2015 development agenda</a>
Mar 8	International Women's Day
Mar 10-21	Committee on the Status of Women (#CSW58), New York
Mar 16-21	<a href="#">International Police Executive Symposium</a> , India
May 9-11	Biennial Conference of the Int. Association of Women Judges, Tanzania
May 5-9	UWE Meet and Greet, Amsterdam
May 12-14	<a href="#">Oslo Freedom Forum</a> , Oslo
June 1	IFUW Day
Aug 17-22	Women's World Congress, Hyderabad
Sep 4-7	UWE Annual General Meeting, Bucharest

### Did you know?

IFUW sent out 10 press releases in 2013, to worldwide media. Some clippings can be seen on the [www.ifuw.org](http://www.ifuw.org) website.

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