



IFUW Update – 23 July 2014



International Federation of University Women news

Cape Town wins 2016 IFUW Conference bid

The 2016 IFUW Conference venue has been selected by the IFUW Board! Join us in Cape Town for a new format conference. The event will take place over five days: two days for internal meetings (General Assembly) and three days for external speakers, workshops and interventions. More information will be forthcoming over the next few months.

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Japan

The Tokyo chapter of the Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) held a screening of the DVD "Women, War and Peace" by the makers [Peace Is Loud](#) in Tokyo, on 11 July 2014. Both members and non-members turned out for the screening, including media representation and other NGOs interested in the topics presented in the film. Two selected films were shown during the course of the evening. The first film, "[The Peace Unveiled](#)" looks at the Afghanistan conflict through the eyes of three Afghan women and follows their inspiring campaign to have women's rights protected against the political demands of the Taliban. The second film, "[The War We Are Living](#)" focuses on the courage and determination of two Afro-Colombian women to protect their community's gold-rich land - their source of livelihood – from paramilitary exploitation. After the showing, discussion was opened up to the audience where the importance of education was highlighted as a critical means to combat the effects of conflict. IFUW previously emphasised the role of education for girls and women in helping to maintain peace and foster tolerance in its position paper on [Priorities in Peacekeeping: Women, War & Peace](#), where the economic empowerment of women through education greatly contributes to the stabilisation of societies emerging from armed conflict.

Nordic countries

Almost 20,000 people met in Malmö (Sweden) on 12-15 June 2014 at the [Nordic Forum](#) to shape new strategies towards the realisation of equality between women and men, in the framework of the discussions on the 20 years following the Beijing Platform for Action. Over the course of four days, women and men committed to or interested in women's rights had the opportunity to discuss with new partners, discover new perspectives, debate issues, attend artistic performances, participate in the parade, call on their national representatives, and propose ideas and actions. Amongst the participants at the Nordic Forum were the European Women's Lobby and the UN Women Executive Director. The event concluded with an outcome document, delivered to the Nordic Ministers for gender equality

during the closing ceremony. Read more at the website of the Swedish Association of Graduate Women [here](#)

Advocacy

European Union: Draft Conclusion on Violence Against Women (VAW) including FGM

The European Union's Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER) has submitted a draft text for adoption to the Council of the European Union entitled "[Preventing and combating all forms of violence against women and girls, including female genital mutilation](#)". The text calls on member states to implement several policy and legislative changes to combat gender-based violence including: developing multidisciplinary and multi-agency coordinated action plans, ensuring prompt investigation in all cases of violence against women, identifying all obstacles in the under-reporting of violence against girls and women and including legal aid and specially trained police units. The text mirrors the position of IFUW on the need to tackle violence against girls and women, including [female genital mutilation](#), which is a significant barrier to accessing education.

NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva Forum on Beijing +20

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women Geneva (NGO CSW Geneva) will host a [forum](#) in Geneva, Switzerland on 3-5 November 2014. The event will provide NGOs and civil society actors the opportunity to discuss the progress of the [Beijing Platform for Action](#) (BPfA), prior to its 20-year review in 2015 at the 59th session of UN [Commission on the Status of Women](#). NGOs and civil society will be provided with the opportunity to highlight different issues arising under the BPfA's [12 areas of concern](#), to be considered at the subsequent regional review of the [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe](#) (UNECE) on 6-7 November. The NGO forum will bring together numerous women's rights advocates and women's groups and networks, where there will be three main objectives to the event: to contribute to the Beijing+20 review process, both at the ECE regional level and globally; to identify emerging women's issues; to provide input for the current discussions on the Post-2015 Agenda. IFUW will be represented throughout the course of the event, and will submit in advance a paper focusing on the necessity to include access to quality secondary, tertiary and continuing education for girls and women in the Post-2015 Agenda.

Proposals & Workshops

The Kaufmann Dissertation Fellowship Program

The Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship Program (KDFP) is an annual competitive programme that awards up to 15 Dissertation Fellowship grants of \$15,000 each to Ph.D., D.B.A., or other doctoral students at accredited U.S. universities to support dissertations in the area of entrepreneurship. The findings generated by this effort will be translated into knowledge with immediate application for policymakers, educators, service providers, and entrepreneurs as well as high-quality academic research.

Deadline for application: **10 September 2014**. [Read more](#)

Capacity Africa Training Institute "Grant Management Training workshop"

The purpose of this course is to build the confidence and skills of those responsible for managing institutional donor grants and to meet donors' financial terms and conditions when implementing programmes. Effective grant management by project implementers can contribute to more funding for the organisation.

Workshop date: **13-15 August 2014**.

Venue: Nairobi, Kenya

Price: 500 USD. [More information](#)

Did you know...?

IFUW was one of the original non-governmental organisations to be accredited by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), in 1947. One year later, IFUW was officially granted consultative status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Almost 70 years later and IFUW is still advocating at the UN in four centres: Paris, Vienna, New York and Geneva!

Upcoming events

August 4 - 12	Kilimanjaro trek for girls' education
August 17 - 22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
August 31 - Sep 6	Women in Leadership (Rwanda): An Experiential Learning and Friendship Tour
September 4 - 7	University Women Europe AGM, Bucharest
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference
September 12 - 14	Women Graduates USA AGM , Salt Lake City
September 17 - 19	Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) Fifth International Conference , Mexico
September 19 - 20	IFUW workshop on "Building membership & visibility" , Mexico



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