



IFUW Update – 21 May 2014



International Federation of University Women news

After the Millennium Development Goals: Education targets 2015-2030

The [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO) says that a “quality education is the most influential force for alleviating poverty”. UNESCO argues for a standalone education goal which prioritises literacy, secondary and tertiary education, life and work skills, quality teaching and learning and a heavy commitment of government resources to education. [Read more](#)

National Federations and Affiliations news

Bolivia

The [Bolivian Federation of Professional University Women](#) held an extraordinary national assembly in March 2014. Members of the Bolivian associations presented seminars on “Women professionals and entrepreneurs”, “Contribution of professional and business women to the economy and its regulations”, “Tax code”, “Fraud in companies”, “Social security code” and “Fundamentals of ethics”.

Cambodia, Cyprus and New Zealand

Several countries are undergoing a human rights review under the Human Rights Council’s [Universal Periodic Review](#). Each country’s government will produce a report for the Human Rights council in June. IFUW can help your association to follow and get involved in the process. Please [email the office](#) for more information. [Read more](#)

Mexico

The [Mexico Federation of University Women](#) (FEMU) calls for more educational programmes for girls and women in detention in the countdown to IFUW Day on 1 June. [Read more](#)

Advocacy

Discrimination against women in law and practice

The [Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice](#) of the United Nations [Human Rights Council](#) calls for submissions from NFAs regarding equality and non-discrimination in

marriage, rights and responsibilities in the family and participation in all aspects of cultural life including arts, sports and cultural activities. The Working Group will present its research to the Human Rights Council in June 2015. Deadline for submissions is 31 July. Please [email the office](#) for more information.

Gender and development

The World Bank shines a spotlight on the value of enabling women and girls to fulfill their potential and of amplifying their voices in a report entitled "[Voice and Agency: Empowering Women and Girls for Shared Prosperity](#)". The report highlights the constraints that girls and women face worldwide such as domestic violence, sexual and reproductive health and discriminatory property ownership laws. The report reviews promising policies and interventions with wide potential for development. Women's ability to make decisions and act on them independently has concrete value and advancing agency for women and girls should be central to any development agenda. [Read more](#) or watch a [replay of the report launch](#). [Join our discussion on LinkedIn](#).

Other information and events

May 23-24	South African Association of Women Graduates National Conference <i>Peace in our Times?</i> Launch of 90 th anniversary publication " <i>Rights and Wrongs in this land of ours</i> "
May 25-29	Women Advancement Forum , Gambia
May 26	Women's Leadership 2014 : Inspire to grow, Amsterdam
May 28-30	Conference on ICT for Development, Education & Training , Kampala
June 1	IFUW Day (IFUW member login required)
June 5-7	Global Summit of Women , Paris
June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference
June 30-July 18	58th session of CEDAW
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 5-7	UNITAR-Yale Conference
September 19-20	IFUW workshop on "Building membership & visibility", Mexico
September 27-October 1	3rd Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, Bulgaria

Did you know?

IFUW's United Nations representative Manjit Dosanjh appeared on a BBC World documentary, talking about her work on particle therapy at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN). [View the clip](#) Tell us something we don't know about IFUW – [email us!](#)



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