



IFUW Update – 28 May 2014



International Federation of University Women news

IFUW 31st Triennial Conference

The [Turkish Association of University Women](#) (TUKD) has published a book which encapsulates the IFUW 31st Triennial Conference, including keynote speeches, seminar presentations and policy resolutions. If you would like one of the 15 copies available from the IFUW office, please [email us](#) for your copy or else contact TUKD directly for more copies. Please note that the [Blue Book is now online too](#).

Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme (BRPID)

IFUW grants have been awarded to four [national federations and associations](#) (NFAs) for projects in 2014. The projects selected offer job search skills for young women in Cambodia, literacy and numeracy skills for women in Sierra Leone, school mentorship in South Africa and entrepreneur skills to girls in Uganda. BRPID projects are funded through generous donations and 60% of NFAs have participated in the programme, either as donors or project partners. The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) is also providing support. [Read more](#)

“Building Membership and Visibility”: 29-30 June 2014, Singapore

How can we increase access to education for girls and women in Asia? How can we get more women involved in our organisation to increase our impact? IFUW’s workshop on “Building Membership and Visibility” will provide you with practical tools to help you recruit members and inspire your current members to be more active in your association. We invite you to attend IFUW’s Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop, “Building Membership and Visibility” and Seminar to take place on 29-30 June 2014, at the Village Hotel Changi, Singapore.

To register for the Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop and Seminar, please [register online](#). If you would prefer to complete a registration form, please email cs@ifuw.org to request one. Workshop registration is provided free of charge to all IFUW members in the Asia region, on a first-come first-served basis, please note that places are limited. IFUW cannot cover the costs of travel and accommodation to attend the workshop. The **deadline for registration is 30 May 2014**.

National Federations and Affiliations news

Turkey coal mine disaster: IFUW members show support

A mine explosion in the Western town of Soma in Turkey has killed 301 people and many more have been affected by this national tragedy. The Turkish Association of University Women (TUKD) have raised awareness of this tragedy and called for donations for the education of the girls that have been left fatherless as a result of this disaster. The Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) made a collection at their recent Annual General meeting and gathered funds to make a donation to TUKD, to provide support to the education of girls who are now without a father as a result of the mining disaster. At such times, we can realise the importance of IFUW's global network of national associations and the role that they fulfil.

Advocacy

Violence against girls in school

Violence against girls remains commonplace, with 83% of girls in Ghana, 90% of girls in Kenya and 80% of girls in Mozambique saying that they have experienced some forms of violence in the past 12 months. A report from Action Aid entitled "Stop Violence against Girls in School: A Cross-Country Analysis of Change in Ghana, Kenya and Mozambique" summarises five years' work to fill the evidence gap on violence against girls. The report is aimed at empowering girls to enjoy their right to education and participation in a violence-free environment. This supports IFUW's policy resolution on "[Right to Safe Access to Education for All Girls and Women](#)". [Read more](#)

Safe access to education in Nigeria

Heads of state of Benin, Cameroon, Chad, France, Niger and Nigeria, as well as representatives of the European Union, the United Kingdom and the United States, participated on 17 May 2014 in a summit in Paris dedicated to security in Nigeria. This summit took place in response to terrorism by the Boko Haram group, and most recently the kidnapping of over 200 secondary school girls in Chibok Borno State. Participants pledged to mobilise donors in support of programmes fostering the rights of women and girls and their right to education, increasing women's participation in all decision-making processes, and supporting victims of sexual violence.

IFUW looks forward to seeing the results of this plan and supports coordinated efforts to protect and enable girls and women through education. The number of girls enrolled in secondary school in Nigeria has increased steadily from 1.8 million in 2000 to 2.85 million in 2005 and 4.1 million in 2010. [Read IFUW press release](#)

Nominations and awards

Lynn Syms Prize

World Pulse announces the inaugural Lynn Syms Prize in partnership with sculptor and philanthropist Lynn Syms. In 2014, the prize will be awarded to an outstanding grassroots woman and visionary voice who uses digital tools to effect change and advance her community work. To be eligible, please [submit](#) three written journal entries to the [Women Weave the Web Campaign](#) by 13 August. [Read more](#)

African Union Kwame Nkrumah Regional Award for Scientific Women

The [Economic Community of West African States](#) (ECOWAS) Commission in collaboration with the [African Union Commission](#) believes that the development of the West African region requires the promotion of women in research in science, technology and innovation (STI). The prize is an invitation for women to participate in activities related to STI as well as to increase their representation in these areas. The award also offers women scientists the opportunity to further their reputation within the higher education and scientific fields. A prize of US \$20,000 will be awarded in Life and Earth Sciences as well as Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation. Application deadline is 4 July. [Read more](#)

Other information and events

May 28-30	International 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 10-27	26th Human Rights Council , Geneva
June 19-22	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM and Conference
June 29-30	IFUW Asia Regional Capacity Building Workshop , Singapore
July 7-11	ECOSOC High Level Segment
August 17-22	Women's World Congress , Hyderabad
September 19-20	IFUW workshop on "Building membership & visibility" , Mexico

Did you know?

The deadline for [fellowships applications](#) is approaching! Tell us something we don't know about IFUW – [email us!](#)



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