



## IFUW Update – 21 January 2015

### IFUW Manifestos



#### Education for All

- EMPHASISING that access to education is both an internationally recognised human right, as well as a fundamental enabler to achieve economic growth, human development, peace and stability
- RECOGNISING that girls and women are particularly vulnerable and many need increased support to access quality secondary, tertiary and continuing education
- ACKNOWLEDGING that investing in education for girls and women through their life course is critical to reduce inequality and to stimulate development

[Read More](#)

Visit the [IFUW webpage](#) and download all five IFUW manifestos for girls' and women's education

## International Federation of University Women news

### IFUW receives symbolic quilt from AAUW

IFUW was delighted to receive a beautiful, hand-embroidered quilt, created by several branches of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The historic quilt, representing the rich and diverse culture of IFUW member countries, served as the centerpiece for the 24<sup>th</sup> IFUW Triennial Conference held at Stanford College in 1992. The blocks making up the quilt were made by AAUW branches in the United States who had sister relationships with the nations depicted. Since its creation, the quilt has been on display throughout various cities, finishing its journey at IFUW headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

## National Federation and Association (NFA) news

### USA

Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) is looking for members to join its newly formed Working Group for the Prevention of Violence Against Women. Violence Against Women is one of the prevailing concerns of our times. In 2013, Women Graduates USA passed a resolution on the issue, highlighting that: "An estimated one in every three women worldwide experiences violence, with rates reaching as high as 70 percent in some countries. Gender-based violence ranges from rape to domestic abuse and acid burnings to dowry deaths and so-called "honour killings." Violence against women and girls — in peacetime and in conflict — knows no national or cultural boundaries." WG-USA members can find out more about becoming part of the Working Group by visiting the [WG-USA website](#) or by contacting [Kathryn Horvat](#).

## Advocacy

### IFUW Manifesto Launch

Yesterday evening IFUW launched its [five education manifestos](#) for girls' and women's education in Geneva, Switzerland. The event was attended by representatives from diplomatic missions, international organisations including United Nations bodies, non-governmental organisations, academics and

members of the public with an interest in education and women's rights. The launch provided a platform for IFUW to share its position on how and why it is working towards increasing lifelong learning for all girls and women worldwide. Read the Press Release in full [here](#).

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## Training and Proposals

### UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women is pleased to announce its 2015 [Call for Proposals](#) in support of promising approaches to prevent and end violence against women and girls. Civil society organisations and governments are invited to apply for funding through the 19th grant cycle (2015), as of 12 January 2015. The deadline for submitting initial and brief concept notes is **29 January 2015**. Read more [here](#).

### Post Career Break Fellowship at CERN

CERN is piloting a programme to offer full-time or part-time Fellowships to science and engineering graduates wishing to re-start their careers. This is an outstanding chance for you to update your knowledge and skills working for up to three years in an international environment at the forefront of research. Deadline to submit applications: 2 march 2015. For further information, visit the [CERN jobs portal](#).

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## Save the Date!

With less than six weeks left until International Women's Day (IWD), celebrated annually on **8 March**, IFUW encourages all members and supporters of women's right to get involved with an activity or campaign to champion and promote the international celebration. The theme of this year's IWD is "Make It Happen". Find out more about the activities taking place across the world on the [IWD website](#).

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## Other information and events

February 6	<a href="#">International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation</a> , global
February 24	<a href="#">Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy</a> , Geneva, Switzerland
February 25	<a href="#">Eliminating Domestic Violence in Europe</a> , Brussels, Belgium
March 1	<a href="#">Zero Discrimination Day</a> , global
March 2 – 15	<a href="#">Trek Mt. Kilimanjaro for International Women's Day</a> , Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
March 8	<a href="#">International Women's Day</a> , global
March 9 – 20	<a href="#">Commission on the Status of Women</a> , UN Headquarters, New York, USA
April 23	<a href="#">International Girls in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Day</a> , global
May 14 – 16	<a href="#">2015 Global Summit of Women</a> , Sao Paulo, Brazil
August 20 -26 (2016)	<a href="#">IFUW Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa</a>

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