

World News...

A weapon against half the world

<http://www.newstatesman.com/society/2010/03/sexual-violence-women-rights>

Q&A: Qualified Women Have Better Chance in Top Jobs

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=50586>

RIGHTS: U.N. Women's Agency Remains Politically Paralysed

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=50538>

International Women's Day

<http://www.ips.org/mdg3/international-womens-day/>

CSW Marked by Political Uncertainties

Q&A: "Women Work in Both the Productive and Reproductive Sectors"

"Rape Is Never Inevitable"

1325 implementation – Where is Secretary-General's leadership?

RIGHTS: Fewer Jobs, Less Money, Same Old Story

Promoting Women Is Simply Good Business

Financial Crisis Turning Back the Clock for Women

Q&A: Men Need to Mobilise Men for Gender Equality

Educating Girls Lifts Up Communities

Gender Matters! Can the UN bring change?

<http://www.ips.org/blog/mdg3/2010/03/gender-matters-can-the-un-bring-change/>

CLIMATE CHANGE: The U.N.'s Boys' Club

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=50712>

The rights of woman: How far have they advanced?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/the-rights-of-woman-how-far-have-they-advanced-1917579.html>

Now, more than ever, we must push for women's rights

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/theobserver/2010/mar/13/women-rights-equality>

Push to close gender gaps 'slow'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/8564782.stm>

UN Commission on the Status of Women 2010

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/un-commission-on-status-of-women-2010>

Consultations and Publications...

Global 15-year review process in the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Outcomes

On 2 March 2010, the Commission on the Status of Women adopted a Declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women <http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/LTD/N10/251/37/PDF/N1025137.pdf?OpenElement>.

This Declaration will be brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council for transmission to the General Assembly for its endorsement.

On 12 March, the Commission on the Status of Women adopted seven resolutions, as follows:

- Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%202_%20Rev.1_%20HIV%20AIDS_Advance%20unedited.pdf
- Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%203%20_%20Women%20hostages_Advance%20unedited.pdf
- The situation of and assistance to Palestinian women
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%204%20_%20Palestinian%20women.advance%20unedited.pdf
- Women's economic empowerment
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%205%20_%20Ec%20empowerment_Advance%20unedited.pdf
- Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%206%20_%20MM.Advance%20unedited.pdf
- Strengthening institutional arrangement of the UN for support of gender equality and the empowerment of women by consolidating the four existing offices into a composite entity
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%207%20_GEE.Advance.pdf
- Ending female genital mutilation
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/L%208_FGM_Advance%20unedited.pdf

Also on 12 March, the Commission on the Status of Women decided to transmit the following Moderator's summaries to the 2010 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council:

- High-level round table on "Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and its contribution to shaping a gender perspective in the realization of the Millennium Development Goals"
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/crp/crp5e.pdf>

- Panel discussion on “Linkages between implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals”
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/crp/crp7e.pdf>
- Panel discussion on “Women’s economic empowerment in the context of the global economic and financial crisis”
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/crp/crp8e.pdf>
- Panel discussion on “Implementing the internationally agreed development goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women – contribution to the 2010 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council”
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing15/outcomes/crp/crp9e.pdf>

CoNGO members: call for information on projects and publications on the subject of “Information Society”

CoNGO is inviting its members to provide its Secretariat with information on their projects and publications on the subject of “Information Society” by sending it to CoNGO’s dedicated email address: wsis@ngocongo.org. The information thus obtained is to help us contributing to the conduct of the WSIS Forum 2010 (see below).

Rape victims worldwide denied justice and dignity

Victims of rape and sexual violence worldwide are denied access to justice due to gender discrimination and assumptions about the sexual behaviour of victims of rape, Amnesty International said in two regional reports released on Monday.

To mark International Women's Day, Amnesty International released two reports looking at sexual violence in locations across the developed and developing world; specifically Cambodia and the Nordic Countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ACT77/001/2010/en/5ba7f635-f2c3-4b50-86ea-e6c3428cf179/act770012010eng.pdf>

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ASA23/001/2010/en/17ebf558-95f0-4cf8-98c1-3f052ffb9603/asa230012010en.pdf>

The Global Assessment on Women's Safety

<http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/listItemDetails.aspx?publicationID=2848>

Events...

The Lunch Appeal

Women for Women International invites you to host a lunch for your friends to help women in war-torn countries throughout the world to rebuild their lives.

JOIN WOMEN FOR LUNCH

By hosting a lunch you are making a significant difference to the lives of women survivors of conflict. We have learnt that strengthening women is the most effective path towards creating lasting change and stability within a society. We do this by providing women with financial support, jobs and business skills training, rights awareness and leadership education.



<http://www.womenforwomen.org/help-women/files/w4w-lunch-letter.pdf>

Stop the traffic: protecting and supporting trafficked women in the UK



Understand the criminal and immigration laws that apply to women who have been trafficked into the UK for sexual exploitation and learn to navigate and assess the National Referral Mechanism and other measures implemented by the government for the protection of victims of trafficking. One year on from UK's ratification of the Council of Europe's Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings this one day course, trained in partnership with the POPPY Project, will enable you to identify and support women who have been trafficked and covers elements of both the criminal and asylum law.

<http://www.row.org.uk/training.php#1>

Images of Black Women Film Festival

Festival dates: Fri 9 Apr 2010 to Sun 11 Apr 2010
We are delighted to host the 6th annual Images of Black Women Film Festival which celebrates and promotes African Descent Women on cinema, both on screen and behind the camera.

Festival passes: £25/£23

EARLY BIRD TICKETS: Until 23 March any screening £5



<http://www.tricycle.co.uk/festivals/images-of-black-women-film-festival/#>