



IFUW Update – 04 July 2013



Advocacy in Geneva

UN representatives Manjit Dosanjh and Hillevi Perraudin, supported by the staff in Geneva, organized a panel session on Women in Science at the United Nations on July 2nd. On July 4th, UN representative Arielle Wagenknecht read IFUW's oral statement to a public of decision-makers. The impact of both the panel and the statement is to increase visibility for IFUW and its mission, as well as reinforce national messages that its members may wish to convey to their own national governments. [Click here](#) to read the oral statement. Some 100 people attended the panel, from missions, embassies, universities, CERN, and other international organisations. IFUW was able to pull this panel together thanks to the huge personal networks of the Geneva-based UN representatives and the dedicated work of the office staff. You can read the press release that was sent to the international media below.

IFUW, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO, CERN AND ITU, CALLS FOR GENDER BALANCE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Women's involvement in science and technology is an essential component of economic development

Geneva, Switzerland, July 2, 2013, The International Federation of University Women (IFUW), in partnership with UNESCO, CERN and ITU, highlighted that women's equal access to science is crucial to unleash the full potential of science and technology, in a panel discussion held during the ECOSOC High-Level Segment. [Click here](#) to read the full press release.

IFUW is Listening – Members’ questions

You said:

It is really hard to understand what the UN representatives are actually achieving.

We answered:

International advocacy translates into national law making and policies. IFUW and its UN representatives can leverage the contacts IFUW has at UN centers, and so influence international decisions, which in turn impact national ones. The more IFUW’s name is put in front of decision-makers, the more it shows we are committed to our mission and are serious in our claims, and the higher the likelihood that IFUW will be invited to the tables where the real decisions are made. And that is one of the ways we can impact on girls’ and women’s lives.

“A Global Campaign to Celebrate Beijing Plus 20” WORKPLAN

Beijing Plus 20 in 2015 is a golden opportunity to “scale up and speed up” implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). This paper proposes commemorating Beijing Plus 20 with an unprecedented year-long series of events, virtual conferences and calls to action—in short, a **global campaign**, anchored in five regional conferences, using the full power of new information technologies and social media. Much like the “16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence” campaign to combat violence against women, the global campaign will be the sum total of thousands of events in different countries, states, cities and villages. This will be launched 2014 (possibly at the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting in March 2014), continue throughout the year and culminate in 2015 at a Special High-Level event at the General Assembly.

To read more [click here](#)

INDIA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY WOMEN 2013

The Indian Federation of University Women Associations is looking for candidates from emerging economies for:

The award is a citation and a cash prize of \$1000 seed money donated by Prof Chitra Ghosh, Past President IFUW. The award will be given once every three years and the first award will be given in cash by Prof Chitra Ghosh, to the recipient, at the Istanbul IFUW Conference – 2013.

We kindly request you to suggest a project within your association or federation that might fit the criteria below.

Criteria of the Award

- A) The awardee must belong to your national association or federation (or any branch thereof) as an affiliated of IFUW
- B) The woman recipient must be a graduate of a recognized university
- C) She must have contributed to the development / betterment of the association she belongs too

Preference will be given if the candidate is associated with an ongoing / existing project of her association.

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The University Women's Association of Calcutta celebrate IFUW Day, 1 June 2013

Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Life and Work of Chandramukhi Bose (1860 – 1944)

IFUW Day on June 1st, 2013, was celebrated in the second year of its inception by highlighting the work that IFUW has accomplished over 90 years to improve, uplift and empower women from all social strata and to make them leaders of their communities and, if possible, of their countries.

The University Women's Association of Calcutta chose to focus on a pioneering woman of over a 100 years ago, Dr Chandramukhi Bose, who was Calcutta University's first woman graduate from Bethune College and a post graduate holder from Calcutta University. She first realised the benefit of institutionalisation of higher education for Indian women and believed that it is the right of all women to be educated.

Chandramukhi Bose was also the first Principal of Bethune College, who was a pathfinder of women's higher education. A talk and a slide show on the fascinating story of her life were given by Dr Sunanda Ghosh, a professor of Political Science, who has researched the life and times of Chandramukhi Bose. The University Women's Association of Calcutta were privileged to be able to participate in the presentation and witness the unfolding of a life of a very brave and courageous pioneering lady a woman who battled patriarchy and domination of men in every way to fight for her right to education.





For IFUW Day, Jeanne Sarson, a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), presented a workshop on human rights education to three Grade 7 classes in Nova Scotia, based on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training. [Click here to read the full summary.](#)



Credentials and Travel Grants Deadline 15 July

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circulars and forms***

Upcoming events

- [1-25 July: Substantive Session, Economic and Social Council](#)
- [1-4 July: AMR: Science, technology and innovation \(STI\) and culture for sustainable development and the MDGs](#)
- [1-8 July CEDAW 55th session](#)
- [8 July: GA Thematic debate on Inequality](#)
- [12-15 August: Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 4th session](#)
- [23 September: High-Level Meeting on Disability](#)
- [25 September: Special event to follow up on efforts on MDGs](#)

- [26 September: High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament](#)
- [3-4 October: High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development](#)



Reserve 16-21 August 2013 and join us at the 31st Triennial Conference, Istanbul 2013, to “Meet where the continents meet”. A great opportunity to renew friendships, exchange and learn.

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