



## IFUW Update – 22 January 2014



### International Federation of University Women news

The Geneva office is gearing up to the Board meeting at the beginning of February. For reminder, the dates are as follows:

5 -6 February	Finance Committee
7 February	Board Meeting
8-9 February	Board with Membership Committee
10-11 February	Board Meeting
12 February	UN representatives meeting

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### National Federations and Associations news

#### India

The University Women's Association of Calcutta (UWAC) marked Human Rights Day on December 18. In a panel discussion, participants promoted awareness on the issues and problems in women's lives, where human rights and women's rights do not prevail and are conspicuous by its absence. There is still much to do. [Read more: http://www.ifuw.org/posts/advocacy-news/human-rights-day-uwac/](http://www.ifuw.org/posts/advocacy-news/human-rights-day-uwac/)

#### Cambodia and New Zealand

Human rights audits on Cambodia and New Zealand will take place in Geneva from Jan 27 to Feb 7 at the [Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#). The UPR is unique mechanism of the United Nations and consists of the review of the human rights practices of all States in the world, once every four years and a half. [Please contact us](#) if your national affiliate wishes to act.

#### Korea and Norway

The [pre-sessions](#) for the United Nations human rights audits on Korea and Norway will take place from 7-10 April. The UPR Pre-sessions bring together Permanent Missions, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to discuss the human rights situation of States **two months** prior to their review at the UPR Working Group. The Pre-sessions provide a golden opportunity for IFUW members to influence their governments' positions on women's education and human rights. [Please contact us](#) if your national affiliate wishes to act.

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# Advocacy

## Human rights at home

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) “has great potential to promote and protect human rights in the darkest corners of the world,” Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General [Read more about the UPR](#)

## Violence against women in India

Australia's 3CR Radio interviewed Rita Banerji, founder of [The 50 Million Missing Campaign](#), to discuss violence against women and the role of women and feminists in India. [Listen here](#) | [Join our discussion on local changes to end violence against women, on LinkedIn](#).

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## Call for papers

Promoting Women’s Entrepreneurship: Which Policies & Practices Work Best? International Research and Policy Seminar on 8-9 May 2014 at Maastricht School of Management. Deadline for submissions is 10 March 2014. [Read more](#)

## Experiencing Prison: A Persons Project

This project seeks to promote and encourage the study of all aspects of prison, prison writings and the literature of incarceration and confinement. [Read more](#)

## Other information and events

Jan 27-Feb 7	18th session of the <a href="#">Universal Periodic Review</a> (UPR)
Feb 3	6th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights, Yaoundé, Cameroon
Feb 5-12	IFUW Board meetings, Geneva
Mar 1	5th Women’s Leadership and Empowerment Conference, Bangkok
Mar 3	National Seminar on Women and Media, Silchar, India
Mar 3-28	Human Rights Council, Geneva
Mar 8	International Women’s Day
Mar 10-26	Committee on the Status of Women (#CSW58), New York
Mar 25	International Conference on Social Sciences, Colombo, Sri Lanka
May 5-9	Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, Tanzania
Jun 1	IFUW Day

Did you know?

IFUW and UNESCO published a book in 1993 called “Women in Higher Education Management”.



Empowering women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace. IFUW is in special consultative status with ECOSOC and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO.

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