



COMING SOON:

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, MAY 2014, MALACCA, MALAYSIA

International Dialogue on Violence Against Women is a follow up of the recently concluded International Conference on Trafficking of Young Women and Children held by World Youth Foundation.

We are pleased to inform you that World Youth Foundation is now preparing for an International Dialogue on Violence Against Women tentatively scheduled in May 2014. We welcome those who are keen to join us as partners, sponsors or donors to write to the Foundation by email to Ms. VarshaAjmera (wyf@po.jaring.my) expressing their interest by **15th December 2013**

MELAKA HEALTHY LIVING CARNIVAL (MHLC) 2013

World Youth Foundation will be hosting the Melaka Healthy Living Carnival on December 2013 in conjunction with World AIDS Day. The MHLC is a follow-up of the Youth Be Aware: Health and Environment Workshop held in November 2012.

MHLC is a **community outreach programme** by World Youth Foundation which aims to promote healthy lifestyle habits through raising awareness on health and lifestyle issues. This one day free event will include various programmes and activities including free clinics, lectures and medical screening among others.

The event has received the support of the Ministry of Health under the MySihat division. Among the agencies that will be taking part in the MHC includes the Malaysian Cancer Society Berhad, Reproductive Health Association (Malacca), Malacca Medical Association, Melaka Health Department and Nestle Products Sdn Bhd. Those who are interested to support the event either as sponsors, donors, partners or volunteers are welcome to contact the World Youth Foundation at +6062320911 or email wyf@po.jaring.my.

MY WORLD

World Youth Foundation (WYF) has joined force with the UN and became a committed partner for MY WORLD. It is an options survey which MY WORLD asks individuals which six of sixteen possible issues you think would make the most difference to your lives. We seek your support to disseminate this campaign widely to get millions of people to VOTE.

Click Here to Vote: <http://www.myworld2015.org/?partner=wrlthyth>

THE 2013 COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY (IDEP)

The 2013 Commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) was held on Thursday, 17 October at United Nations Headquarters in New York, focusing on the theme - **"Working together towards a world without discrimination: Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty"**.

This year's event was organized in partnership with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, the NGO Sub-committee for the Eradication of Poverty and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, supported by the Missions of France and Burkina Faso to the United Nations.

The 2013 theme highlights the discrimination that people face on a daily basis because of poverty, their marginalization in the political, economic and social spheres of their societies, and their lack of voice and representation in the conceptualisation, implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes that affect them directly and indirectly.

For more information, please visit:

<http://undesadspd.org/Poverty/InternationalDayfortheEradicationofPoverty/2013.aspx>

NEW GLOBAL TREATY CUTS MERCURY EMISSIONS AND RELEASES, SETS UP CONTROLS ON PRODUCTS, MINES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS.

Japan, a country which has come to epitomize mercury poisoning in modern times, today became one of the first countries to sign a historic new international convention to reduce emissions and releases of the toxic metal into air, land and water and to phase out many products that contain mercury. The new treaty is the first new global convention on environment and health for close to a decade. Coming at a time when some multilateral negotiations have faced challenges, its successful negotiation, after a four-year process, provides a new momentum to intergovernmental cooperation on the environment.

Its agreement is also significant in that many countries, despite the lingering effects of the global financial crisis, remained prepared to commit resources to combating the harmful effects of mercury. Countries began the recognition for this new treaty at a special ceremonial opening of the Diplomatic Conference in Minamata, the city where many local people were poisoned in the mid-20th Century after eating mercury-contaminated seafood from Minamata Bay. As a consequence, the neurological syndrome caused by severe mercury poisoning has come to be known as MinamataDisease.

The Minamata Convention provides for controls and reductions across a range of products, processes and industries where mercury is used, released or emitted. The treaty also addresses the direct mining of mercury, export and import of the metal, and safe storage of waste mercury.

The full text of the treaty can be found [here](#)

For more information about the Diplomatic Conference, please see [here](#)

AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY STATEMENT ON ICPD BEYOND 2014

The civil society organizations of Africa recognize African governments and development partners for the progress that has been made towards the realization of the commitments of the ICPD Programme of Action (PoA). Since 1994 governments have formulated various policies to contextualize the ICPD PoA, and they have adopted various regional protocols to reinforce the ICPD and other development frameworks. In spite of the gains, there are marked deficiencies in implementation, and Africa has realized the least progress in most ICPD and related MDG indicators.

AF-AIDS call upon African governments and development partners to urgently demonstrate political will and commitment to the ICPD agenda by mobilizing financial resources and enabling implementation of interventions to address the continent's population and development challenges. Actions must be guided by: Human Rights principles, integrity, transparency and accountability, inclusiveness, and strong partnerships with the private sector, CSOs and communities.

Download full text in PDF:

http://safaid.net/files/Africa_Civil_Society_Statement_on_ICPD_Beyond_2014.pdf

NEW NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LAUNCHED

On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, [UN Women](#) and the [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts](#) (WAGGGS) has launched [Voices against Violence](#), a pioneering non-formal education curriculum on ending violence against women and girls that puts young people at the heart of prevention efforts.

A first of its kind, *Voices against Violence* is a co-educational curriculum designed for various age groups ranging from 5 to 25 years. It provides girls, boys, young women and young men with tools and expertise to understand the root causes of violence in their communities, to educate and involve their peers and communities to prevent such violence, and to learn about where to access support if they experience violence. Working with youth organizations, UN partners and governments, UN Women and WAGGGS will roll out the curriculum to young people around the world. It will be adapted to national context, translated into local languages, and reach an estimated five million children and young people by 2020.

If any youth organization is interested to implement it, please contact the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at stoptheviolence@wagggs.org, and check [how to deliver it safely](#).

More information about the programme can be found here:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2013/10/press-release-on-voices-against-violence-launch>

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2013/10/voices-against-violence-curriculum>

LET'S ERADICATE HUNGER AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN! INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN 2013

Five years on, since the first International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008, the role of women in the development of rural communities is still of paramount importance. Women are the foundation of any nation; their role goes beyond child bearing as they contribute significantly to the livelihoods of their families and their communities. According to the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), women meet 90% of household water and fuel needs and process 100% of basic household foodstuff in Africa. Even though these contributions are recognised, it is saddening that women from all community segments continue to face forms of violence in their homes and in society.

The 2013 commemorations are under the theme: *"Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls."* Statistics and cases of gender-based violence (GBV), domestic violence and sexual violence continue to be publicised in the media and one wonders if and when we will get to a stage where women are valued and viewed as equal partners in society worth more than their roles within the home. Rural women tend to fall through the cracks when it comes to recognition of their sacrifices and contributions to the livelihoods of their communities. Cases of abuse and violence towards rural women often go unreported, with many suffering in silence. Development programmes need to focus on addressing the needs of women without leaving out rural women.

In line with this year's theme, SAfAIDS is implementing the Men as Protectors Campaign in the region. This campaign puts men at the forefront of confronting any forms of violence against women, including intimate partner violence. SAfAIDS believes that the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls can be achieved through having men championing the eradication of the violence. So today, SAfAIDS joins the world in commemorating International Day of Rural Women and encourages everyone to reflect on the strength and progress that rural women in particular have in eradicating world hunger. Let us ALL support them. Creating a future for all women particularly rural women creates a future for our nations! Online at: <http://safadays.net/content/let%E2%80%99s-eradicate-hunger-and-violence-against-women-international-day-rural-women-2013>

NEW WEBSITE TARGETS FIRST TIME VOTERS AHEAD OF NEXT YEAR'S EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

On September the 'My Vote 2014' website was launched by VoteWatch Europe in the framework of the League of Young Voters. The site has been created to engage young voters ahead of next year's European Parliamentary elections. VoteWatch Europe has developed this online tool within the League of Young Voters project. Visitors to the site can input their personal preferences on a number of topical issues that have been debated in the parliament; this will then match the results with the voting record of MEPs.

[Read More](#)

NEW GLOBAL YOUTH STRATEGY MUST GO FURTHER THAN UN INSTITUTIONS

On September in New York, the Youth Volunteering Strategy for 2014-2017 was announced at the United Nations. This strategy forms part of the UN Volunteers (UNV) programme and was publicly released at the Inter-Agency on Youth Development roundtable event. The strategy aims to be bold and engage youth across the globe through volunteering. Currently there are 1.8 billion young people in the world today, which is the largest group in history. Thus the new strategy comes at a time when there is an ever-growing youth population.

[Read More](#)

GOVERNMENTS MUST INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH PROPERLY FUNDED EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Large spending cuts in Greece are having a severe impact on public services and a recent report has revealed the impact these cuts are having on education. A special report from the BBC has revealed the current state of education in Greece and how students are coping with shrinking numbers of teachers. In a secondary school in Thessaloniki, pupils have been occupying the building to show solidarity with striking teaching staff. This snowballed and resulted in over 100 schools across Greece being occupied by pupils.

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EVENTS

2nd GLOBAL CONFERENCE: SPORT

1st – 3rd November 2013

Athens, Greece

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/sport/call-for-papers/>

THE 11th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AIDS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION (ICAAP 11)

18th – 22rd November 2013

Bangkok, Thailand

Website: www.icaap11.org

2nd WORLD CONGRESS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

25th – 27th November 2013

Maison N.-D. Chat d'Oiseau Brussels, Belgium

Website: www.adpol.org

2nd WORLD CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

27th – 29th November 2013

Brussels, Belgium

Website: www.psypol.net

WORLD FORUM FOR DEMOCRACY

“Rewiring Democracy: Connecting Institutions And Citizen In The Digital Age”

27th – 29th November 2013

Strasbourg

Website: www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy/home

MERCY MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCE 2013

“Sustaining Humanitarian Efforts, Over The Long Haul...”

28th – 30th November 2013

Swan Convention Centre, Sunway, Malaysia

Website: www.humanitarianconference-mercy.com

Email: secretariat@humanitarianconference-mercy.com

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC SOCIETY FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD ETHICS (APSAFE2013)

28th – 30th November 2013

Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Website: <http://www.apsafe2013.org>

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2013 (GPC 2013)

5th – 8th December 2013

Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Email: enews@globalpeace.org

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE 2013

10th December 2013

UN headquarters in New York, USA

Website: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/CivilSociety.aspx>

Email: humanrightsprize@ohchr.org

5th EWHA GLOBAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM 2013 WINTER

“Transnational Feminisms and Women’s Activism”

12th – 26th January 2014

EwhaWomans University, Seoul, South Korea

Website: <http://home.ewha.ac.kr/~acws/eng/>

Email: egep@ewha.ac.kr

7th APCRSR CONFERENCE

“Examining achievements, good practices and challenges: Towards a strategic positioning of SRHR for all”

21st – 24th January 2014

Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Manila, Philippines.

Website: <http://www.7apcrshrmanila.org>

Email: 7thapcrshr@gmail.com

3rd CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

30th January – 1st February 2014

Near East University, Lefkosa, North Cyprus, Greece

Website: www.cyicer.org

Email: cyicer.info@gmail.com

52nd SESSION, COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

"Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all"

11th – 21st February 2014

UN Headquarters in New York, USA

Website: <http://undesadspd.org/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD52Session/WrittenStatement.s.aspx> / <http://social.un.org> / <http://www.unsdn.org>

Email: ngo@un.org

THE 2nd CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS, ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA (COSA 2014)

17th – 19th March 2014

Hiroshima, Japan

Website: <http://www.presdafoundation.org/sustainable-business-conference/proposals>

Email: cosa.secretariat@presdafoundation.org

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2014

13th – 16th April 2014

Washington, D. C

Website: www.globaldonorsforum.org

4th GLOBAL CONFERENCE: LIVING RESPONSIBLY

6th – 8th May 2014

Lisbon, Portugal

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/ethics-everyday-life/call-for-papers/>

2nd GLOBAL CONFERENCE: TEENAGERS AND CONTEMPORARY VISUAL CULTURE

10th – 12th May 2014

Lisbon, Portugal

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/skins/call-for-papers/>

ACSEE2014 - THE FOURTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

12th – 15th June 2014

Osaka, Japan

Email: acsee@iafor.org

Website: <http://acsee.iafor.org/> www.iafor.org

RHYTHMS OF ONE WORLD 2014 INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Geneva, Switzerland

24th – 30th June 2014

Website: www.faf.org

Email: friendlyam@faf.org

7th KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (KMICE)

12th – 15th August 2014

Langkawi Island, Malaysia

Website: <http://www.kmice.uum.edu.my>

Email: kmice@uum.edu.my

WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE 2014

Sri Lanka

Website: <http://www.worldyouthconference2014.org/>

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