



Working Group on the Girl Child and Status of Women Committee Request for Information

If you have not yet answered the joint questionnaire from the IFUW Working Group on the Girl Child and the IFUW Status of Women Committee, we encourage you to take a few minutes to look at the attached survey and give your feedback. There are two separate parts.

- The first part asks about any national or local projects that your NFA has that promote education for girls, from the primary through to higher education. This may be a current project or it may be a completed project undertaken in recent years. The Working Group on the Girl Child wants to use this information to put together model projects or "best practices" that can be shared through the IFUW website.
- The second part, a request from the Status of Women Committee, is asking for an update on all advocacy and project work in other areas that your national federation and association has undertaken since the IFUW Conference in 2007.

Why is it important to share information about your NFA's activities?

IFUW is an international organization, yet most members have few opportunities to learn about what is happening in other parts of the world. Hearing about the work your members are doing is a way to build bridges and to inspire members in other countries by giving them a chance to see how your group is approaching some of the same issues they face in their own communities. Your report on a national or local project or advocacy initiative may give another group an idea of action they might start at home. We hope that every national federation and association will respond. Local leaders are also encouraged to answer. The deadline is being extended through December to give every NFA a chance to participate.

IFUW Survey on Programme

Some of you have experienced problems with the printable version of the IFUW's On-line Programme Survey. You can find a PDF version of the survey at <http://www.ifuw.org/docs/pfasurvey.pdf>.

Changes in IFUW's Teams of Representatives in Geneva and Vienna

We are pleased to welcome the two newest members of IFUW's Teams of Representatives to the United Nations in Geneva and Vienna.

- Dr Manjit Dosanjh is special advisor in life sciences and international organizations to the Director General of the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN). She is actively involved in applying particle physics derived technologies and ICTs in the field of life sciences, and is

experienced molecular toxicologist in mechanisms of cancer resulting from environmental exposure including radiation exposure. She is also actively involved in helping non-profit health-related and gender-related issues organizations based in the Geneva area within the UN system. She will be working for IFUW on human rights and health issues.

- Karoline Holmes is retired, but has been actively involved in the activities of the United Nations since 1949. Her language capabilities comprise written and oral fluency in English, French and German.

Ms. Holmes will make all efforts to become a valuable asset for IFUW's contribution and representation within the NGO community at the Vienna International Centre of the United Nations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Uschi Kozomora, who is leaving the IFUW team to become the first female director in the economic department of her county's government (Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland). The demands of her new position will not allow her to continue her work with IFUW's Geneva team. We thank her for her contributions over the last few years and wish her much success in her new endeavour.