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Marboua political café opens in Libya

Gender Concerns proudly launched its Marboua project in Libya on Monday, November 25th. Women of Tripoli and other areas of Libya now have a place to connect to establish a collective voice and strategies at the political café.

At the event to mark the opening, Gender Concerns Director Sabra Bano, said she was “happy to welcome attendees to a venue space in a post-revolution Libya where the issues affecting rights and empowerment can be discussed among like-minded women and men as well.” Ms. Bano thanked the Swiss Embassy in Libya that supports the Marboua concept, which was born from her positive experience interacting at women's cafés in Amsterdam in the past decades.

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Libya training update: Women for Democratic Transformation

Despite recent security concerns around the country, Gender Concerns is moving forward with training for women's capacity building in Libya. The initiative, part of the Women for Democratic Transformation programme, is in close partnership with the Libyan Forum for Civil Society, Darajat Centre and pool of Libyan youth. After completing the training participants will then hold dialogues after the training on various social and political issues and to strategise on joint action for a better Libya. The Embassy of Germany in Libya supports this initiative.



Keep in touch with Gender Concerns updates with more information about women's capacity building in the drafting of a new constitution in Libya.

Gender Concerns contributes to meeting of World Election Bodies

Gender Concerns International was invited to participate in the Sixth Global Elections Organization (GEO) Conference from Oct. 14 in Seoul, South Korea. The GEO conference is an international forum for election stakeholders and professionals with the aim of facilitating networking and sharing of information on effective electoral processes.



It was also an honour to take part at the GEO conference in the inaugural meeting of organisations working to promote fair electoral practises. The Association of World Election Bodies is group of organisations, such as national election commissions, based on a common aim to cooperate, exchange and share electoral experience and knowledge, in order to enhance and promote each nation's democracy and elections. [Read more >>>](#)

Assessment mission for Gender Election Monitoring Afghanistan

Afghanistan will hold nationwide elections in April 2014 for a new president. This step is being viewed as an opportunity for the post-conflict country to make progress toward inclusive democracy. Parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place in 2015. It is important to note that even with these encouraging signs of democracy, it is crucial to ensure that elections are free and fair in order to create a democracy for all citizens that is formed equally by the voices of women and men.

Gender Concerns has been in contact with community organisations and election officials in Afghanistan in preparation for an assessment mission to lay the foundations for our Gender Election Monitoring mission to take place in 2014/2015. [Read more >>>](#)

Bayan project looks to the future

A meeting of all participating Bayan partners will take place in Kabul this month to discuss possibilities for the Bayan project for the next two years. Now that the pilot phase from June to December 2013 has been completed, each local partner will give a presentation structured around the successes, changes achieved so far and remaining challenges of areas needing attention. Gender Concerns is eager to continue on its partnership journey in Afghanistan working in support of UN Resolution 1325.

Staff news from the Pakistan office

We would like to welcome staff members at our local office in Islamabad, Pakistan. At our Pakistan office, Gender Concerns has already been active through the successful completion of the Gender Election Monitoring (GEM) mission in May of this year.

Ms. Anbreen Yasin Khan joined our team in Pakistan in September as a Program Officer. Ms. Khan holds a Masters degree in sociology from the University of Wah, Wah Cantt, and has previously worked as Media Coordinator in Pattan. Her experience has included involvement in a number of notable international meetings upon human rights. [Read more>>>](#)

Support for Pakistan earthquake victims

Residents of the South-West province of Balochistan are still coping with the aftermath of a 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck the area on September 24th, causing 360 deaths, damaging homes and affecting more than 300,000 people. Despite aid efforts, women, children and minorities still face matters of health, hygiene and rebuilding of social and economic structures. Gender Concerns is raising awareness to help sustain these residents' long-term well-being. [Read more >>>](#)



Would you like to be on the Gender Concerns International team?

Gender Concerns is accepting applications for a Project Manager to lead combined-organisation programmes in Libya. Are you interested in a challenging position in a post-conflict society that is looking ahead to a new constitution? Are you a university graduate fluent in English and Arabic with successful experience coordinating projects with international organisations? If the answer is “yes” contact us at info@genderconcerns.org to find out more.



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