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Gender Concerns Signs the Third NAP 1325

As a signatory to the Dutch NAP back in 2008 and 2012, Gender Concerns International reaffirms its commitment to implement the NAP in Dutch focus countries. The New NAP is to be officially launched on 8 March 2016 in The Hague. Gender Concerns will be present at this launch to highlight its current and future programmes in the focus countries Afghanistan and Libya within the framework of the Dutch NAP on UNSCR 1325. [Read on...](#)

Afghan Minister of Women's Affairs Dilbar Naziri Key Note Speaker (requested) at CSW60 Side Event at UN New York



On the 19th and 23rd of March 2016, Gender Concerns will co-host two events during the CSW60 in New York, highlighting the *Withdrawal of the International Community and its Implications for Female Leadership in Afghanistan*. Despite the significant progress that has been made, the situation of Afghan women remains highly volatile. Gender Concerns International led CSW Events are aimed to contribute to re-establish the commitment of high level Afghan and international stakeholders towards the political participation of women in Afghanistan. [Read on...](#)

Bayan: Women at a Flash Point, Challenges and Opportunities Beyond 2016



Despite more than a decade long joint efforts of various stakeholders, women in Afghanistan remain deprived of their full participation in public discourse, peace processes, security forces, political leadership and economic empowerment. The progress made so far with regards to Afghan achievement on gender-equality agenda is at great risk. The short documentary depicts the challenges posed to Afghan

women amidst a deteriorating security situation, and highlights Afghan women`s sustained and ever growing resilience to change these challenges into catalyzed opportunities. [Read on...](#)

Civil Society Organisations Draft Joint Recommendations at Roundtable Event in Morocco



On the 29th of February, Gender Concerns hosted a Roundtable Discussion at the Training Centre of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) in Rabat, Morocco. Key women and civil society organizations participated and showed their concern regarding the lack of progress on women`s political participation at local and national governance level in Morocco. A set of recommendations and a plan was drafted to influence women`s political and economic empowerment through inclusive political participation. [Read on...](#)

His Excellency Henk Bakker, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Afghanistan, Chief Guest at Kabul Conference "Afghanistan Challenges for Women's Political Participation and Leadership"



Afghanistan 2016 and Beyond: Opportunities and Challenges for Women`s Political Participation and Leadership, jointly organized by Gender Concerns and its two local partners, was held from 15-16 December in Kabul, Afghanistan. The consultation was designed for Afghan civil society organizations and individuals that have a focus on women`s empowerment, political participation and electoral participation in the Afghanistan context. Conference was attended by various national and international stakeholders. Among the Key-note speakers Deputy Minister Women`s Affairs and H.E. Ambassador Bakker were present. [Read on...](#)

Successful Gender Election Observation Mission in Myanmar



Gender Concerns was invited by the Union Election Commission Myanmar to observe the election in November 2015. The final report of GEOM will be released shortly. [Read on...](#)

Minister of Women, Family and Children Samira Merai Praises Gender Concerns' Work in Tunisia and MENA region



A Road to Equality: Gender-Inclusive Regional Electoral Reform was the first regional conference organized in Tunis that aimed to bring various regional stakeholders together to discuss common concerns, lessons learnt

and action-focused strategies to enhance the gender inclusive democratic process in the region. This Conference was inaugurated by Ms. Samira Merai, Minister of Women, Family and Children. This year, the second conference will take place in Morocco. [Read on...](#)

Speech at DOP-meeting at the UN Headquarters

During the Declaration of Principles (DOP) meeting at the UN Headquarters in New York, particular emphasis was placed upon the need for institutionalized gender inclusive reforms and policies for 2016 and beyond. Gender Concerns Director Sabra Bano was a speaker at the consultative meeting, and outlined various actions and strategies to facilitate the political participation of, and opportunities, for women in 2016 and beyond.



Election Observation Mission in Morocco

Gender Concerns was invited by its strategic partner, the National Human Rights Council of Morocco (CNDH) to observe the Moroccan election process in 2015. The final report will be released and presented this month. On the 7th of October 2016 the Kingdom of Morocco will hold national elections, which are seen as crucial for Morocco's developmental process towards a fully inclusive democratic state. [Read on...](#)



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