



G-Concerns September Newsletter 2017

Are we Genderblind?

Prelude to the Parliamentary Discussion

Gender Concerns International, in cooperation with the Dutch Women's Council, hosted the event on September 4th: '100 Years Women's Voting Rights - Disparity in Parity'. An overview of the conclusions and recommendations raised during this public reflection is available in the Post Event Report [here](#).



Esteemed parliamentarians Nevin Özütok (left) and Femke Merel Arissen (right) speaking on their professional experience and conclusions of women within the Dutch Electoral System

GEOM Netherlands Final Report

The 2017 Netherlands GEOM report has been completed and presented to relevant Dutch ministries. Full Report available [here](#).



GEOM Head of Mission Ms. Magdalena De Meyer (left), Mission Chief Coordinator and the Director Gender Concerns International Ms. Sabra Bano (middle) presented the GEOM Final Report to the Commission of Internal Affairs

Focus on MENA Region

Bayan II Programme concluded in Afghanistan:

Read more about the programme [here](#).

Enhancing Women's Economic Empowerment in North-Western Tunisia:

Gender Concerns International, with the support of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be launching a new initiative to strengthen women's economic empowerment. [Read more](#) on the position of women in Tunisia.

Gender Equality and the Libyan Constitution:

The drafting of Libya's new constitution is being observed closely by Gender Concerns International. [Read more](#) on Gender Concerns International's involvement in this process.



President Beji Caïd Essebsi asserting his commitment to gender equality to Ms. Bano in 2014; Gender Concerns International has had a longterm and respected presence in Tunisia

Gender Concerns International in Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw: Consultation Meeting with Union Election Commission and Women's Organisations in Myanmar

[Read more](#)

Yangon: Joint Female Leadership Workshop:

[Read more](#) on the event and its results.



Parliamentarians and Women's Organisation leaders in Myanmar

**Swedish & Albanian
Delegation UNSCR 1325
meeting
The Hague, September 19th**

This month, representative from Gender Concerns International attended a meeting hosted by WO=MEN attended by Albanian delegation and Swedish representatives for UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Constructive discussion and recommendations, along with positive relationships were made on how best to move forward in each countries implementation of the National Action Plan under UNSCR 1325.



Events and Conferences

Environment

The 2017 'Climate Chance Summit' was held in Agadir, Morocco from the 11th to the 13th of September. Gender Concerns International supported it's partner organisations who held workshops on gender-sensitive climate response.

Women and Democracy

Municipal Elections in Tunisia, December 17 2017: Tunisia will hold its first Municipal Elections since 2011, with Gender Concerns International intending to continue its work established during the General and Parliamentary Elections in 2011 and 2014.

In the upcoming national elections include Germany, Somaliland, The Czech Republic, Austria and New Zealand; all of which will be followed closely by Gender Concerns International through a gender-focus lens.

Migration

Gender Concerns International will be attending the International Metropolis Conference here in the Hague from the 18th to the 22nd September. With the focus this year being on Migration and Global Justice, Gender Concerns International will continue to highlight the need for gender-sensitive migration policy.