

G-Concerns November Newsletter 2016



COP 22 2nd Week

The 2nd week of the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) is currently taking place in Marrakech, Morocco. Director of Gender Concerns International, Ms. Bano, spoke at an event on the 14th and will be speaking at a second event on the 16th. On the 17th, Gender Concerns International will launch a new initiative, the Post-COP Gender Watch International Network (G-WIN). [Read more](#)

Picture: Ms Bano and other speakers at the event "Women at Climate Change Negotiations in Fragile Contexts" at COP 22.



Leadership in Africa is Fully Committed to Democratic Transformation

The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) celebrated its 20th Anniversary at a Symposium in Johannesburg, South Africa. The Vice President of South Africa, H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa inaugurated the symposium, evaluating Africa's democratic progress. A number of high profile African leaders participated including: H.E Madame Aminata Toure, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal; H.E Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and the Honourable Cassam Uteem, former President of the Republic of Mauritius. Gender Concerns International's Director Ms. Bano attended. [Read more](#)

Picture: African leaders and other participants at EISA symposium.



11th Meeting of the Declaration of Principles

The 11th Implementation meeting of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) on international election observation discussed current implementation and was hosted and facilitated by EISA in South Africa. [Read more](#)

Picture: Participants of the Declaration of Principles.



Election 2016 Morocco: Preliminary Statement

Gender Concerns International conducted a gender observation mission for the parliamentary elections held in Morocco on the 7th of October.

[Read preliminary statement](#)

Picture: Mr. Driss El Yazami, President of CNDH, meets with Magda de Meyer and Sabra Bano after the Press Conference for the GEOM Preliminary Statement.



Gender Focused Electoral Reform Set as an Agenda Point on the Joint Statement Adopted by Afghan and International Women and Civil Society Organizations

During the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, held on 4-5 October, the international community reaffirmed its support to further the empowerment of women in Afghanistan. [Read more](#)

Picture: Brussels session on Empowered Women, Prosperous Afghanistan.



Union Election Commission of Myanmar Visits The Hague

A meeting on the theme of “the linkages between political parties, elections and constitutional matters in democratic transition” was organized by IDEA at its office in The Hague. Participants included the visiting delegation of the Union Election Commission of Myanmar, the representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands, NIMD and Gender Concerns International.

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Picture: Delegation of Union Election Commission of Myanmar with meeting participants.



H.E. Wouter Jurgens Addresses the Meeting of Leading Women’s Organisations in Myanmar

Representatives from leading women’s organisations in Myanmar, met in a high-level consultation to discuss gender focused electoral reform and ways to strengthen women’s electoral participation throughout the electoral cycle. H.E. Wouter Jurgens, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Myanmar attended the event as the guest of honor. [Read more](#)

Picture: Session of women’s organisations and leaders.

Upcoming Events

The Hague Youth Council for a United Future in Europe

New initiative The Hague Youth Council will be launched, supported by Gender Concerns International. This initiative is a timely action for young people to respond and raise awareness of islamophobia, xenophobia and gender in the Netherlands.

Call for Applications!

Myanmar

Are you interested in contributing to gender-focused development in post-conflict countries? Internship opportunities are open for our local office in Myanmar.

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