

November 2019

#OrangeTheWorldForWomenInKashmir

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The International Community must urgently address the violence against women in Kashmir. There is no justification to ignore them for too long .

Women & Media



#SheLeads feature this November Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Gender Concerns launches Instagram Campaign #SheLeads

On the 1st of November Gender Concerns International launched its Instagram account by introducing the #SheLeads campaign.

Every week, the organisation will be presenting one international and one Dutch female leader. These amazing women are an inspiration in the fight for gender equality around the world.

With #SheLeads, we hope to spread awareness, inspiration and an appreciation for these women's great work!



Sabra Bano with Ruth Hopkins at the premiere of Prison for Profit

Prison for Profit : [IDFA](#) World Premiere

The world premiere of the documentary 'Prison for Profit' took place on November 24th in Amsterdam at Tuschinski, the most prestigious cinema theatre in the Netherlands during the IDFA week.

Based on the brave work of investigative journalist Ruth Hopkins, the Dutch duo filmmaker sisters Ilse and Femke van Velzen brilliantly depicted a story of the harsh reality in a privatized prison in South Africa, highlighting the grave scale of human rights violations of prisoners.

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Agenda 2020



Regional Review of the Beijing 25+ Agenda

On the 29th and 30th of October the Regional Review meeting of Beijing+25 took place in Genève. This meeting examined the progress of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

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UNSCR 1325 & Dutch NAP update

The Dutch NAP UNSCR1325 Community, marks the 20th Anniversary by preparing the kickstart of the development of the Fourth Dutch National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 in 2020.

Gender Concern has noted the declining interest for the Participation P in the Dutch NAP III and recommends to the Task Force 1325 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the NAP Community to balance this deficit in our joint NAP IV.

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Women, Peace and Security



Kashmir

German Chancellor Angela Merkel stated that the situation in Kashmir is unsustainable. She expressed her concerns over the Indian government's actions.



Syria

The withdrawal of US military forces has sparked new unrest in Syria. The Turkish invasion in Northern Syria has caused uncertainty for a great number of

Chancellor Merkel's public acknowledgement of the severity of the situation raises hope for increased international attention for the human rights violations in IAK.

Gender Concerns International has written to the Chancellor praising her attention towards the situation in Kashmir and requested her to help in galvanising European support for women in Kashmir

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women staying in refugee camps in this region.

The escalation of tension and fragile security situation has brought the hard fought progress made on women's legitimate political representation under threat.

The situation for women in Northern Syria is concerning and demands a genuine response from the International Community.

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Movement Building



Lebanon's Population is Calling for a Revolution

Women in Lebanon are at the forefront of the Lebanese protests, leading the demonstrations arm in arm, revolting against police forces and publicly showing their disregard for the Lebanese government, fighting deep-rooted patriarchy in the country.

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Mass protests in Chile : Women hold a March of Silence for Those Killed in the Unrest.

On Friday the 1st of November about 1,000 women dressed in black, carrying flowers marched silently through Santiago's streets.

They called for justice for the nearly two dozen people who have died, and thousands more who have been injured during the volatile unrest that has gripped Chile for two weeks.

Climate Change



COP 25 : Time to Act!

The twenty-fifth Conference of the Parties on Climate Change takes place from the 2nd of December to the 13th of December in Madrid.

With the Motto being : 'Time to Act' some real action on **Climate Change** is to be expected.

Gender Concerns International will be closely watching if this action will also include a gender perspective since a bigger role for women in climate action is needed.



Netherlands Impacts Climate Change: Launch of new Funds

This month The Dutch Government announced the launch of two Climate Funds, the DFCD and the MoMo4Climate fund.

The DFCD is a consortium of the FMO, WWF, CFM, SNV that will act to generate 160 million to invest in climate related business.

The MoMo4Climate fund aims to bring together entrepreneurs, firms, policymakers, investors and civil society organisations to make green business propositions that tackle the impacts and causes of **Climate Change**.

Post-Election Updates



Historical Step Towards Gender Parity in Switzerland.

The Swiss population voted for their representatives in parliament. The percentage of women representatives reached 42%, making this election historically significant.

The result indicates an big increase in women representatives. Last term women representatives constituted 32% of the parliament.



Mr. Kais Saied Elected Next President Of Tunisia

Tunisian voters have convincingly elected Kais Saied as their new President on Sunday, October 13th in the second round of this year's presidential elections. The President, an independent conservative politician, received around 72 percent of the total votes with a voter turnout of 57.8 percent.

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