



G-Concerns Newsletter

January - February

Pre-Election Gender Need Assessment Mission in Ukraine



Gender Concerns International between January 14-18, conducted a successful Pre-Election Gender Need Assessment Mission (PGNAM) in Kyiv, Ukraine. Director Sabra Bano met with Honourable Chairwomen Ms. Tetiana Slipachuk and other members of Central Election Commission. The mission met various key stakeholders to learn about the electoral processes, media coverage, engagement of civil society organisations and position of international community.

Honourable Chairwomen Tetiana Slipachuk and Director Sabra Bano,
Central Election Commission, Kyiv, Ukraine

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The Oceans are rising and so are we! Inspiring Young Climate Marchers in the Hague



On Thursday 7th February, thousands of school-students confronted the government demonstrating their concerns regarding the global emission crisis. They gathered at Malieveld in the Hague and from there kept marching through the state quarters during the day. The Dutch youth are following the good practice set by their Belgian comrades who have been protesting during the last few weeks to address the severity of climate change its impact on their future.

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Praising the launch International Gender Champions, The Hague Hub



On 5th February, the Hague Hub of Geneva based The International Gender Champions (IGC) network was launched with the support of the embassies of Canada and Switzerland at the International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague, the Netherlands. At the event Director Bano stated, "Gender Concerns International welcomes the opening of IGC The Hague Hub and ensures its cooperation and support for this initiative".

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London Film Premiere of Gul Makai: Celebrating the Life of Malala Yousafzai



On 25th January 2019, the Premiere Event for the film, Gul Makai, took place at Vue Cinema, Westfield, Ariel Way, London. The tale of Gul Makai reflects the real-life story of heroine, Malala Yousafzai which also illustrates the realities of many other girls.

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Emancipation still a long way off?



The Public Prosecution Service is set to investigate the Nashville Declaration regarding its potential breach of Dutch law. Emancipation Minister, Ingrid van Engelshoven, said on Twitter that the existence of a Dutch version of the declaration is a “step back in time” and shows that “emancipation is still a long way off.”

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Celebrating 100 years of women's right to vote: symposium on the past, present and future of women's rights



In 2019 it has been 100 years since women earned the right to vote in the Netherlands. To commemorate this achievement Gender Concerns International, as part of the steering committee on 100 years of women's right to vote, will be engaged in several events planned by various organisations and member committees.

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Electoral Gender Parity is the New Feminist Elan: Symposium Commemorating 120 Years of NVR (Dutch Women Council)



14th December 2018, KPMG, Amstelveen - Feminext Symposium commemorating 120 Years of The Netherlands Women Council (NVR)

By highlighting the Gender Electoral Observation Mission (GEOM) facilitated by Gender Concerns International to observe the 2017 Netherland elections director Bano emphasized the importance of the GEOM and the need for a broader support base to promote women's democratic electoral participation in The Netherlands.

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The 13th Implementation Meeting of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation in London



Gender Concerns International, as a signatory to the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (DoP), joined other leading election observation organizations in London to examine the current trends and issues faced by international election observers.

Dr Lawrence Gonzi, former Prime Minister of Malta, Katalaina Sapolu, Director, Governance and Peace Directorate, Commonwealth Secretariat, The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Commonwealth Secretary-General, and other dignitaries, heads of states and leaders of international organizations.

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Gender and Climate Change at COP 24, Katowice, Poland



COP24-KATOWICE 2018
UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE



The 24th session of the Conferences of the Parties (CoP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP24) was held during 3-14 December 2018. Gender Concerns International hosted two side events at COP 24 in Katowice, Poland highlighting the importance of women's inclusion in climate decision-making process.

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Event one, EU Pavilion: ‘Climate action in technology, financing & policy for gender-responsive adaptation & innovation’



This event was organised in cooperation of the government of Ireland and focused on gender in innovative technology, financing and policy-making. Gender Concerns expressed its concern over women’s inclusion at climate policy-making level and highlighted the initiative it launched during COP22.

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Event two, Benelux Pavilion: ‘Shared Inclusive Approaches to Sustainable Economic Development in MENA Region: Case of Tunisia’



Subsequent to the revolution, Gender Concerns international has been active in Tunisia, supporting gender electoral parity, election observation and rural women’s economic inclusion. The recent economic and political transformation in the MENA region requires urgent support and cooperation in meeting the environmental challenges – especially in Tunisia, as a regional role model.

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