Communicating for Change: Voice, Visibility and Impact for Gender Equality newsletter

New Edition of the IPS Gender and Development Glossary Launched

Chairman, chairwoman, chairperson or chair? Housewife or homemaker? What is so controversial about contraception, the word ‘family’ or ‘sex worker’? Does being gender-sensitive in news mean hiding the genders and sexes of people who appear in them?

Whether you’re a journalist, writer, researcher or a news consumer, some gender-related words are bound to have gotten you wondering about whether, or how, to use them, or what they really mean.

The 91-page third edition of the IPS-Inter Press Service Gender and Development Glossary offers journalists and writers a guide for picking their way through the sometimes tricky terrain of gender, media and development, and the use of gender-related terms and language in media.

Its glossary section that takes users through the meaning and nuances of 141 key terms in gender and development, many of them updated from the gender and media discussions over the last decade and useful in covering these issues. The book also has a list of troublesome terms and alternatives that are useful in newsrooms and other publication venues, as well as in training programmes and news stylebooks.

The glossary is part of a series of publications produced by the IPS international news network under its ‘Communicating for Change’ project, financed through the Dutch Ministry’s MDG-3 Fund: Investing in Equality. The other publications in this series are available at: http://www.ips.org/mdg3/publications

The Gender and Development Glossary (3rd edition) was edited by Johanna Son, IPS Asia-Pacific director, and was coordinated by IPS Asia-Pacific. The third edition builds on the work of the 1997 and revised editions of the glossary.

Spanish and French versions of the glossary will also follow.

For information, please write IPS Asia-Pacific at ipsapdirector@gmail.com or the IPS gender project at mdg3@ips.org.

Download the Gender and Development Glossary (pdf).

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IPS TerraViva at the Annual Ministerial Review

The recent Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) turned the spotlight on actions and progress made to meet the global agenda on women’s issues and to mainstream a gender perspective in all sectors.

The purpose was to promote practical strategies to advance women’s participation as equal partners of sustainable development, peace and security, governance and human rights.

On the occasion of the AMR (28 June – 1 July 2010) IPS produced a special TerraViva ‘Equality and Empowerment of Women’.

The printed version was distributed in New York on June 28, and included in-depth coverage of the main issues discussed at the meeting with features on the conditions of women in Sri Lanka, Turkey, North Korea, Congo, Brazil and the US.

A special op-ed by Anne-Marie Goetz, Chief Adviser of the Governance, Peace and Security Section of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) also appeared on the magazine.

The magazine (pdf) is still available for downloading on the IPS Gender Portal.

Two other magazines in this series were produced on the occasion of the 54th session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in March this year, marking the 15th anniversary of the Beijing Women’s Conference. An international team of journalists provided special coverage from New York and produced the two printed editions of IPS TerraViva.

These special Gender TerraVivas are part of the IPS programme “Communicating for Change: Getting Voice, Visibility and Impact for Gender Equality” financed through the Dutch Government’s MDG3 Fund: Investing in Equality, and through the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

In July we ran the first Gender Wire Survey among the 6,620 subscribers.

Your answers are helping us improve our service for you.

Results will be available soon on the website. The IPS Gender Wire free weekly newsletter covers the frontline issues asking an often forgotten question: What does this mean for women and girls?

Thanks to those who participated!

Follow The IPS Gender Wire on Twitter

The IPS Gender Wire has a presence in social media, delivering – in 140-character tweets – its brand of female-focused news from around the globe at:

https://twitter.com/thegenderwire/

TheGenderWire posts its news articles, entries from Gender Masala blog, “In Women’s Words” podcasts and other tweets relevant to MDG3.

Recently, TheGenderWire live tweeted from the historic July 2, 2010 United Nations General Assembly meeting that formally adopted the resolution establishing its new gender entity, UN Women.

Twitter also allows the IPS Gender Wire to engage with like-minded users, groups and institutions — like @kramdas, @awid and @KNOW_Politics — to promote and discuss issues of gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment.
IPS congratulates the Women’s Environment & Development Organisation for the 2010 Advocacy Award by The National Council for Research on Women (NCRW), as part of their Member Center Awards for excellence in research, diversity, and advocacy.

The 2010 Advocacy Award has been presented to WEDO for their contribution to the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and the success in advocating to include gender-specific and gender-sensitive language as part of the Conference’s draft decisions.

IPS includes WEDO’s voices in its in-depth coverage of gender and climate change — from the devastating impacts of climate change on women, to the gender dimension at COP15 talks, and the importance of the new U.N. gender agency.

“At the view of NCRW’s Awards Committee, WEDO has made a significant impact with its work on ensuring a gender perspective and women’s participation and leadership are well integrated into efforts aimed at tackling climate change. The Committee commended WEDO’s advocacy work to promote gender-responsive climate policy and improve resilience and capacity of women and their communities around the world,” says Linda Basch, NCRW President, in WEDO’s official award letter.

“WEDO is proud to receive the advocacy award from NCRW, recognizing our achievements in integrating a gender perspective into climate change decision-making, policies, and programs. As we approach our 20th anniversary, this award highlights the critical role that women’s leadership and advocacy continue to play in sustainable development spheres,” said Monique Issed-Fernandes, WEDO’s Interim Director.

Cate Owren, Program Director at WEDO, received the award on June 12th, 2010 in New York City at NCRW’s Annual Conference alongside three other organisations.

Wikigender

The Poverty Reduction and Social Development Unit of the Global Development Team at the has won the OECD Development Centre.

The team was awarded for their key contribution to gender mainstreaming through:

- The production of new statistics and analysis on the role of women in economic growth and other OECD areas of study;
- The discussions and development of policy recommendations on enhancing attention to gender variables in various fields, including the visibility and impacts of these efforts;
- And the significant contributions to leveraging OECD work on gender in the international arena.

Wikigender, the OECD information sharing platform on gender equality launched in 2008, significantly contributed to this success. Since April 2010, IPS partners with Wikigender, by sharing videos, podcasts and other multimedia materials produced within its MDG3 programme.

Read About Wikigender.
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Women activists are at the forefront of the struggle for human rights in Iran. Again on June 12, in the one-year anniversary of the elections that returned Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the presidency, they took the streets to peacefully demonstrate for democracy.

Iranian Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi tells some of the moving stories of women activists who keep the demand for rights alive, despite the repressive response from the authoritarian Iranian regime. Twenty-five hundred political prisoners are currently being held in Iranian prisons. An imprecise number await their fate on death rows.

The column is one of the fruits of the partnership between IPS and the fellow MDG3 grantee the Nobel Women’s Initiative to bring the voices of these tireless human rights defenders to the headlines. It has been picked up by leading newspapers in Europe, Africa, Latin America and in Canada. Read the full story picked up by The Guardian and a comment by Timothy Garton Ash.

Shirin Ebadi, a lawyer, is a founding member of the Nobel Women’s Initiative, the global organization that brings together six women Nobel Peace Laureates. She won the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for her work defending human rights in Iran.

The Nobel Women’s Initiative was established in 2006 by sister Nobel Peace Laureates Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Wangari Maathai, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Betty Williams and Mairead Maguire. Their MDG3 project is called “Conflict and Militarism: Raising Women’s Voices for Peace, Equality and Justice”. Activities include, amongst others; raising public awareness in the Arab world, advocacy and building power alliances. Countries in which the project will take place are: Burma, Central America, Guatemala, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, and Sudan.

Strengthening the number and range of Op-Ed and media interviews featuring women’s and girls voices, and to ensure translation and global distribution of these products, is one of the activities of the IPS MDG3 project.

By working together the Nobel Women’s initiative and IPS are amplifying women’s voices through the media.