



NEWS FROM THE COALITION

<http://www.hubrural.org/> - The **Hub** is a small non-partisan unit financed by several donors: European Union, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). The website, available in English and French, focuses on

- Information: to list and share development experiences
- Advice: to provide free high-level expertise
- Dialogue: to establish links between the rural sector agents

The Hub's goal is to assist West and Central African stakeholders (States, Inter-governmental Organisations, Civil Society Organisations and Development Partners) to promote coherence in rural development programmes worldwide.

June - NEWS - ILC participated in an **International Workshop** organised by the Global Mechanism in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Sanitation of Mali, in Bamako, 5-7 June, 2007. The theme of the workshop was "Renforcer les capacités d'investissement des femmes dans la Gestion Durable des Terres" (International Workshop on Empowering Women to Invest in SLM – Sustainable Land management).

Official documents from the workshop as well as the presentation given by ILC will shortly be made available on ILC's website in the Women's section.

For more information, go to <http://www.global-mechanism.org/news--events/events/international-workshop-on-empowering-women-to-invest-in-slm>

Online discussion on "Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women"

You are invited to participate in the online discussion on the theme "Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women", which is being organized by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women. The discussion will run for four weeks from 18 June to 15 July 2007.

The purpose of the online discussion is to contribute to a further understanding of the existing mechanisms and processes of financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women at the national, regional and global levels; identify good practices and lessons learned and highlight gaps and challenges requiring further action.

The online discussion is part of the preparatory process of the 52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held 25 February to 7 March 2008, which will consider "Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women" as its priority theme.

Registration for the online discussion

To register, please click on the following link to fill out an online form:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/forum/forum-daw-financing.htm>
<<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/forum/forum-daw-financing.htm>>

You are encouraged to register before 8 June 2007. You will receive an email with

your username and password before the start of the online discussion. If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Mr. Rajkumar Cheney Krishnan (cheneykrishnan@un.org) at the Division for the Advancement for Women.

Please feel free to circulate this invitation widely.

We look forward to your participation in the online discussion.
Division for the Advancement of Women

Background

Commitments have been made on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women by Governments at the international level, including through the Beijing Platform for Action (1995), the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000), the Millennium Summit (2000), the Monterrey Consensus (2002); and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005). However, limited progress has been made in channeling and allocating resources to translate these commitments into action.

A large number of Governments have taken initiatives to integrate gender perspectives into their national budgets in order to reflect the differentiated needs of women and men. Despite these efforts, there are insufficient resources to adequately support policies and programmes that promote the advancement of women.

In the area of development assistance, there has been a shift in the way it is delivered, with increased focus placed on sector-wide approaches or large programmes. Much of the funding for gender equality and the empowerment of women has been limited to the social sector, with fewer funds allocated in the agriculture, infrastructure and finance sectors.

In addition to public finance and donor funding, funds and foundations have been established to raise resources for activities promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. Women's development funds have been set up in many countries and regions to fund local, national and regional organizations working towards gender equality and the empowerment of women. Private sector companies have also established foundations to provide funding for development activities, including gender equality.

Contributions made to this online discussion will serve as a resource to the work of the Commission on the Status of Women in developing concrete recommendations on the issue of financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Themes of the online discussion

The online discussion is scheduled to begin on 18 June 2007 and to continue for four weeks. Each of the first three weeks of the discussion will be devoted to one theme, while the last week will provide the opportunity to raise additional issues and wrap up. Further details and questions on the themes will be posted shortly on DAW's website.

Week 1: 18-24 June 2007

Public finance: Using budgets for promoting gender equality

Week 2: 25 June - 1 July 2007

Bilateral and multilateral assistance: The way forward for promoting gender equality

Week 3: 2 July - 8 July 2007

Funds and Foundations: Mobilizing private and public resources for gender equality

Week 4: 9 July - 15 July

Other issues, wrap-up and recommendations for future action

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Call for Nominations: Gruber Foundation Women's Rights Prize

Source: Gruber Foundation (<http://www.gruberprizes.org/index.php>)

Prize Nominations

Only candidates who have been officially nominated on a fully completed nomination form will be considered for a Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation International Prize. Self-nominations are not accepted. The Chair of each Selection Advisory Board ensures that nominations are of sufficient caliber to merit consideration prior to the meeting of the Board. If a nomination passes the Chair's review, it remains active for three years unless the nominee is selected to receive the prize or is voted off by the Board. After the third year of eligibility, further consideration of a nomination requires that it be resubmitted.

The Women's Rights Prize Nomination Criteria

Who may submit a nomination?

Nominations for the Women's Rights Prize are invited annually and may be submitted by individuals, organizations, and institutions that are active in or have an appreciation for contemporary events in the field of Women's Rights.

Who may be nominated?

Individuals or groups that have made contributions, often at personal or professional risk, to furthering the rights of women and girls in any area, and to advancing gender equity

What the nomination must include:

- description of the nominee's major contributions, including publications and related achievements
- the nominee's curriculum vitae without full list of publications
- the reason for the nomination
- if the nominee makes the Selection Advisory Board's short list, three letters of support from individuals outside the nominee's own institution or organization

Format

The official Nomination Form should be filled out and submitted online. If necessary, the form may be printed and faxed or mailed.

Deadline: Nominations for the 2008 Women's Rights close December 31, 2007.

For further information, please visit

<http://www.gruberprizes.org/Nominations/WomensRights.php>