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Greetings

Welcome to the tenth issue of the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) quarterly e-newsletter! In celebration, CWGL would like to share with you ten exciting ways to become involved with the [Human Rights for Women ↔ Human Rights for All: UDHR60](#) (Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th Anniversary) Campaign, which is part of [The Elders - Every Human Has Rights Campaign](#) (EHR). CWGL's UDHR60 campaign will culminate during the [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence](#) in November/December 2008. If you have not done so yet, please sign on to the [UDHR60 pledge](#) to uphold human rights in your life and in your community.

The last four months have been very productive for the CWGL team. Staff have been working on a range of women's human rights issues and have been involved in a number of [UN activities](#) including the Human Rights Council, the UN High Level Meeting on HIV&AIDS, and, of course, the ongoing Gender Equality Architecture (GEAR) Campaign. Along with the in-depth program work, the CWGL team has been involved in organizational development work towards a number of important internal transitions – please see Charlotte Bunch's letter below in *Inside CWGL*.

Highlights

[GEAR Campaign](#)

GEAR UP – Building a Stronger United Nations that Works for all Women!

The Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) Campaign at the United Nations has been gaining momentum in recent weeks as we head into summer sessions of ECOSOC and the UN General Assembly (GA) in September. NGOs, UN organizations and member states are discussing potential models for a new women's organization; CWGL and NGO allies have been contributing ideas and concrete input to these conversations to strengthen the capacity of the UN to deliver for women around the world. Members of the GEAR Campaign are lobbying governments and urging them to support Gender Equality Architecture Reform at the UN now and at the GA. The [GEAR Campaign Statement](#) currently has over 270 organizational endorsements worldwide.

[Human Rights Council](#)

United Nations, Geneva: June 2-18, 2008

On June 5th, the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva hosted several events on *Rights of Women*, including a session on violence against women – the first time this topic had been addressed in depth since the inception of the new Council in 2006. Human rights, anti-violence, women's rights and sexual rights advocates, including CWGL staff, helped to create the session on *Addressing Violence against Women: Setting Priorities*, which is also a result of recent efforts to integrate “human rights of women” throughout the Council's agenda. Alejandra Sarda, a WGLI graduate representing CLADEM and Mulabi (Argentina), was the civil society representative on the panel, and [called for](#), among other things, greater state commitment to providing resources for and implementing measures that will prevent and punish acts of violence. Advocates are also calling for the creation of a governmental HRC Focal Point on gender, with focus on VAW.

Resources

New 2008 edition of [Local Action Global Change: A Handbook on Women's Rights](#). CWGL co-published the [first edition](#) with UNIFEM in 1999.

[Statement](#) on the Murder of Laxmi Bohara, in Nepal, National Alliance of Women Human Rights Defenders.

[Women, Ink.](#) has compiled a collection of materials on [HIV/AIDS and Women](#) and are also calling for new publications on gender and development. For more information, please [email](#).

Announcements

Congratulations to Wanda Nowicka, from Poland's Federation for Women and Family Planning, previous CWGL Visiting Global Associate (VGA) and renowned women's rights activist, who received the prestigious [University in Exile Award](#) granted by the New School, New York.

CWGL wishes June Zeitlin, Executive Director of [WEDO](#), all the best in her future endeavors, as she steps down from her position later this year.

UNGASS: UN High Level Meeting on HIV&AIDS Women's Groups Demand Action and Accountability at UN HIV Meeting: June 10-11, 2008

The 2008 high-level meeting (HLM) on AIDS took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The meeting reviewed progress made in implementing the [2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS](#) and the [2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS](#). CWGL joined allies in demanding that governments allocate greater resources to address women and HIV&AIDS generally and the links between violence against women and HIV&AIDS, in particular. A number of women's groups (and sexual and reproductive rights and health and human rights groups) issued the following statement demanding *Action and Accountability* to increase focus on and resources for women/girls and HIV. The statement addresses violence against women and human rights defenders engaged in HIV-related advocacy.

Inside CWGL

Message from Charlotte Bunch, Founder and Executive Director
CWGL is engaged in a two year organizational development and leadership transition plan which will culminate in the hiring of a new Executive Director in 2009. Click [here](#) to see letter from Charlotte Bunch and job announcement.

Departure of Sadia Hameed, Former 16 Days Coordinator
CWGL thanks Sadia Hameed for her hard work and dedication as Project Coordinator of the 16 Days and wishes her all the best in her new position and home in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to Charlotte Bunch who received an [honorary Doctor of Laws degree](#) from the University of Connecticut.

In September, CWGL will welcome Mary Jane Real of the Philippines, coordinator of the [International Campaign on Women's Human Rights Defenders](#), as a Visiting Global Associate for two months. Please continue to check our website for VGA activities.

16 Days Campaign

**November 25 -
December 10,
2008**

The [2008 16
Days of Activ-
ism Against](#)

[Gender Violence Campaign](#),

will be dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the UDHR. This 60th anniversary reminds us that human rights are universal and cannot be achieved without the realization of human rights for all women. CWGL invites our partners, activists, organizations and individuals to join us in this year's 16 Days Campaign.



Get Involved with the UDHR60

- [Sign the pledge](#) to live by the principles of the UDHR!
- Read, distribute and have discussions about the UDHR!
- Incorporate the UDHR theme into your ongoing work!
- Organize a UDHR60 event to celebrate women's human rights!
- Use CWGL's UDHR60 demands or create a list of your own demands for advocacy!
- Attend events hosted by organizations who are participating in the EHHR campaign!
- Contact participating organizations and urge them to incorporate a gender perspective!
- Send CWGL suggestions of resources you think would be helpful for activists and organizations!
- Incorporate the UDHR60 theme into your women's rights programming for 16 Days!
- Contribute to the 16 Days by creating your own materials on a feminist interpretation of the UDHR!

Upcoming Events

- **August 3-8, 2008:** [XVII International AIDS Conference](#), *Universal Action Now*, Mexico City, Mexico
- **September 24-26, 2008:** [Crafting Human Security in an Insecure World](#), Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego, California
- **October 9-11, 2008:** [WIDE Annual Conference](#), *Feminist Visions for a Just Europe*, The Hague, The Netherlands
- **November 14-17, 2008:** [11th International AWID Forum](#), Cape Town, South Africa

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