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<div>Greetings</div>	
<div> <p>Welcome to the eighth issue of the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) quarterly e-newsletter. CWGL staff wish everyone a happy and peaceful new year. CWGL and our partners have just completed the 17th annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign linking activists locally and globally in the effort to raise awareness about violence against women (see the recap below). Charlotte Bunch, CWGL's Executive Director, participated in two panels at the Women Deliver conference in England addressing galvanizing political will for women's rights and reforming the gender equality architecture of the UN. She also served as a resource person for the 3rd <i>Feminism in the Muslim World</i> Leadership Institute held in Malaysia by Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLURL); the Institute was a follow up to two such events organized by CWGL with WLURL in 1998-99. Cynthia Rothschild, CWGL's Senior Policy Advisor, helped to showcase women human rights defenders and the work of the UN Special Representative on Human Rights Defenders at the New York launch of Claiming Rights, Claiming Justice: A Guidebook on Women Human Rights Defenders and in Johannesburg, at events on sexual rights and UN organizing sponsored by ARC-International, the Coalition of African Lesbians and the Forum for the Empowerment of Women. Wanda Nowicka, President of the Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning and the 2007 Visiting Global Associate at the Institute for Women's Leadership, Rutgers University, presented a public lecture entitled The Erosion of Reproductive Rights in Poland: Policy Implications in the European Union.</p> <p>Best Wishes, Center for Women's Global Leadership</p> </div>	
<div>Highlights</div>	<div>News</div>
<div> <p>Human Rights for Women ↔ Human Rights for All: UDHR 60 (60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) On December 10, 2007, CWGL announced its participation in the global <i>Every Human Has Rights Campaign</i>. Organizations around the world, with the support of a group of activists known as The Elders, will lead in highlighting key aspects of the human rights framework each month and call for a worldwide commitment to realizing human rights.</p> <p>In the month of March, and using International Women's Day as an anchor, CWGL will take the lead on highlighting a spectrum of women's human rights issues and the importance of women's leadership in realizing human rights for all. As part of this campaign, activities highlighting <i>Human Rights for Women ↔ Human Rights for All</i> will begin March 1, 2008 and culminate with the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign 2008 (November 25 to December 10). For more information, visit CWGL's UDHR 60 website.</p> <p>Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) The Gender Equality Architecture in UN Reform (GEAR) campaign will officially launch at the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) session (New York, February 25-March 7, 2008). The focus of this year's CSW is financing for gender equality, which provides a useful forum to hold governments accountable for supporting a strengthened UN infrastructure for women's rights. CWGL has been working closely with AWID, DAWN, IPPF, WHR, WEDO, and a number of groups in New York to support the campaign goals, which include creating a new UN organization that focuses on women and a new Under Secretary General position for its director.</p> <p>Human Rights Council Passes Resolution on Gender Integration At its December 2007 session, member states of the Human Rights Council (HRC) adopted by consensus a resolution on integrating the human rights of women throughout the UN system. The resolution reaffirms the HRC's commitment to integrate the human rights of women as well as a gender perspective in its work and welcomes the new Women's Rights and Gender Unit of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Allies are particularly pleased that the Council agreed to integrate gender in all phases of the universal periodic review, the process through which states review one another's human rights records. CWGL worked with other organizations over the past months to develop and support the resolution and helped create a landmark HRC panel on this topic. For more information, click here.</p> <p>ARC-International Dialogue on Gender, Sexuality, and HIV/AIDS In December, CWGL participated in a meeting in South Africa on sexual rights and UN advocacy hosted by ARC-International and the Coalition of African Lesbians (CAL), and attended by activists from all regions. One area of focus was strengthening work at the UN Human Rights Council and furthering collaboration with special rapporteurs. In a related event on Women Human Rights Defenders hosted by CAL and the Forum for the Empowerment of Women, Cynthia Rothschild spoke about the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders and the international Women's Human Rights Defenders campaign, which CWGL helped to launch in 2005.</p> </div>	<div> <p>General Assembly Adopts Resolutions On Death Penalty In December 2007, the UN General Assembly adopted a landmark resolution that calls for states that still use the death penalty as a form of punishment to <i>progressively restrict</i> its use. Anti-death penalty advocates saw this call for a moratorium as a significant victory in the quest ultimately to end the practice.</p> <p>The Global Campaign to Stop Killing and Stoning Women! Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLURL) is coordinating a Global Campaign to address the persistent misuse of religion and culture to justify killing women as punishment for violating the 'norms' of sexual behaviour as defined and imposed by vested interests.</p> <p>WHRD Meeting In late January, CWGL will host a meeting on Women's Human Rights Defenders with participants that represent the steering committee of the Defending Women, Defending Rights Campaign, of which CWGL is a founding member. This meeting will focus on the internal organization of the campaign and its future programmatic initiatives. Sessions will be private, but next directions for this work will be posted on our website.</p> </div>
<div>16 Days Campaign</div>	
<div> <div>  <div> 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence November 25 - December 10, 2007 </div> </div> <p>The 2007 16 Days of Activism Campaign was celebrated in every region of the world with a variety of actions and events taking place in at least fifty-four countries. In Africa, groups working to end violence against women took action, from street theatre shows in Burundi to public demonstrations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, activities in IDP camps in Uganda, lobbying for the fair implementation of the comprehensive peace agreement in Sudan and public marches in South Africa, the continent was vibrant in its 16 Days events. Activities in Asia included the launch of a TV and radio campaign to end gender based violence in Sri Lanka, the launch of a worldwide campaign to free women human rights defenders in Burma, roundtables and awareness raising around the impact of guns and small arms on women's lives in Papua New Guinea as well as marches, rallies and interactive blog sites hosted by the <i>Wake up Now</i> Campaign in Utter Pradesh, India. To view the rest of the 2007 16 Days regional recap visit CWGL's program highlights page.</p> </div>	
<div>Upcoming Events</div>	<div>Contribute!</div>
<div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 6-15, 2008: UN Commission for Social Development (CSD), 46th session, UN Headquarters, NY. February 25-March 7, 2008: UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 52nd session, UN Headquarters, NY. March 3-28, 2008: UN Human Rights Council (HRC), 7th session, Geneva, Switzerland. </div>	<div> <p>CWGL needs your support to continue our work for women's human rights. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to fund our efforts.</p> <p>To support CWGL, please click here.</p> </div>
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