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Gender

No 'One-Size-Fits-All' Solution for Mainstreaming Gender in Development

One of the main challenges of mainstreaming gender issues into development programs is dealing with country-specific contexts. According to Kelly Cronen, director of gender practice and a former anti-trafficking adviser at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), there's just "no 'one-size-fits-all' solution." "What the gender issues may be for women in Jordan may be completely different from what women are facing in Afghanistan," she said in an interview. "Responses need to be tailored to each country context." Cronen gave the example of how Jordan — in theory a progressive Muslim nation — has only three women shelters, while deeply conservative but "donor-driven" Afghanistan has many more. (Devex)

Professional Women's Leadership Conference in Pakistan

A 'Women's Leadership Conference', organized by the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan is aiming to highlight successful entrepreneurs and professionals across different sectors, serving as a platform for the country's females to gather under one roof and develop linkages as well. The conference is themed 'women hold up half the sky'. Amid the prevailing social and cultural norms, women in Pakistan are facing challenges in pursuing personal and professional development. The conference is aiming to provide women leaders an opportunity to share experiences and their learning with the audience. The conference aims to serve as a catalyst for aspiring women leaders, providing them with the wisdom and insights to solutions. It is also hoped that the conference would help inspire the upcoming generation to increase the success of women in the workplace and increase their representation. (Express Tribune)

Leadership

Global Leadership Summit in Madison Aims to Make the World a Happier Place

The Leadership for a Better World Global Summit, to be held June 17-18, 2014, is the first of its kind for the University of Wisconsin-Extension's new leadership center. The summit brings together internationally and nationally recognized innovators on leadership, organizational and community well-being, and collaboration. The UW-Extension established the Center for Inclusive and Engaged Leadership in fall 2012 in an effort to promote the next stage of leadership. "The purpose of leadership is to create happiness," said Stephan Gilchrist, director of the Center, which is based in Madison. "This is leadership with a higher purpose, and outcomes can be measured." This new way of leading involves three basic principles. The purpose of leadership is to create organizational and community well-being. Everyone is a leader. We all contribute to and influence our organizations. Inclusive collaboration is a means to creating well-being. (CNBC)

Myanmar to Host ASEAN Leadership Forum

Myanmar will host ASEAN Leadership Forum related to the 24th Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Nay Pyi Taw in May 11&12. At the forum, heads of states and government, entrepreneurs and experts will focus on regional challenges, ASEAN cooperation in 2015 and progress of the region and globe. An ASEAN People's Forum has been organized in Yangon last week under the theme of "Advancing ASEAN Peoples' Solidarity Toward Sustainable Peace, Development, Justice and Democratization". The event attracted nearly 3,000 civil society representatives from across 10 ASEAN countries as well as Timor Leste. Earlier this week, Myanmar also hosted an ASEAN Youth Forum which called for establishing a Myanmar Youth Center in Yangon. Myanmar takes the rotating chair of ASEAN this year for the first time after joining ASEAN in 1997. (The Global Times)

South Asia Civil Society Leaders Gather In Nepal

Prominent civil society leaders from across eight countries of South Asia have assembled here to discuss the role of civil society in promoting peace in the region and making the forthcoming 18th summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) fruitful and successful in realising its goals. The two-day conference, organised by South Asian Alliance for Poverty Alleviation, will have comprehensive discussion on the ways for spearheading campaign at the people's level on disarmament, denuclearisation, democratisation and institutionalisation of social justice in the South Asia. The Human Rights Alliance (HRA) of Nepal is the local host. (BERNAMA)

Dr. Wasim Zaman: Tribute

Dr. Wasim Zaman, Former UNFPA Official and current Executive Director, International Committee on Management of Population (ICOMP) was killed in Kabul by Taliban in an attack to his hotel. He was on a mission to advance the ICPD agenda. This cowardly act which has taken away lives of many including Wasim who were there to contribute for the betterment of Afghan people. He was a close friend, devoted and dedicated to the cause of population. He was a supporter of parliamentarians work done by AFPPD as well as a great source of strength to the "Foundation for Leadership Initiatives".

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