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French Leaders Initiatives on Prostitution

A French parliamentarian and vice president of European Parliamentary Forum (EPF) has launched a cross-party legislative initiative on prostitution: Europe free from prostitution. According to him, prostitution is the product of patriarchal society where money is the king and sexual freedom is far from reality. BBC has also interviewed a former prostitute where she explained the pros and cons of prostitution and why it should be legalized.

Training on Gender and Politics

To strengthen political leadership and challenge gendered political structure, Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development will organize a gender and politics training in Jakarta from 23-25 November 2012. The training aims to build on skills and capacity of women who want to engage in political processes and advance women's agendas in their respective countries and across the region. (APWLD)

Are Leaders Born or Made?

"What is charisma and charismatic leadership?" is the subject of study published by Ronald E. Riggio, professor of leadership and organizational psychology at Claremont Mckenna College USA. It points out what are the several important characteristics that we believe every leader would possess, are leaders born or made? The study answered the questions like, what particular traits do popular leaders possess that allow them to lead and inspire people?; and what are some behaviors or traits that might derail a leader in their path to success? (Psychology Today)

African Women Parliamentary Speaker's advice to Indian Women

Reservation in parliaments has brought social change in our countries, other countries and India can learn from this, is the advice of Ms. Anna Malcinda, speaker of Tanzanian parliament who along with four other women speakers of parliaments from Africa, are in India for two days meeting. According to the data compiled by IPU, African union fare better than Asian countries when it comes to the representation of women in the parliament. (IPS)

Korean Parliamentary Leaders commit to Reduce Child Death

Korean Parliamentarian friends of UNICEF gathered on 01 October in the Parliament and reaffirmed their commitment to reduce preventable child death. The President of the Korean Parliamentarian league on children, population and development, (CPE) Mr. Lee Joo-Young, is happy to celebrate that the world-wide under five death of children has fallen below 7 million. This is a positive news. When KPFU was created in 2007, the Korean government contribution to UNICEF was 7.6 million. Last year, its input was 14.4 million which places Korea in the 19th position among all contributors.

Bill Gates Funds Aspen Institute to Engage Elected Leaders

To foster engage discourse among members of congress, key analysts and regional parliamentarians driven by the aspiration that better informed legislators make wiser policy choices, Bill Gates foundation has provided support to ASPEN institute of America for this purpose. Aspen also has Global Leadership Network of community leaders from business, government and non-profit sector. India Leadership initiative in Asia is also a Bill Gates Foundation initiative. (Foundation website)

Japan to Add More Women to their Workforce

Japan's leadership is facing a decline of population and looking to bring more women in the workforce. A 2010 Goldman Sachs study referred to an increase in female labor force participation rates to parity with men would add 8.2 million workers to Japan's economy, virtually erase the productive decline in the country's working age population and boost GDP growth by 15%. (BKK Post)

Population

Vaccination Key for Population Reduction: World Bank

A recently retired WB demographer John F. May told a French magazine that vaccination is the integral part of the Bank population policy especially in so-called high fertility countries. He further explained that WB is taking up lead role in achieving general population reduction. A study published in Human and Experimental Toxicology in 2011 concluded that "nations that require more vaccine doses tend to have higher infant mortality rates." (The Seeker)

Population Growth Needs 600 million Jobs

Hundreds and millions of jobs will be needed to keep up with the growing world population by 2020 as per WB report released that highlights the importance of jobs in development. A good job can change a person's life and right jobs can transform the entire society, promote prosperity and reduce poverty, WB President Jim Young Kim feels. (DPA)

Gender

Will UN resolution on traditional values legitimize abuses?

The Human rights council of UN on 27 September voted in favor of a resolution that promotes human rights through better understanding of traditional values. The EU countries stressed that the draft resolution failed to recognize that the so-called traditional values could also be used to justify human rights violation and abuses. In fact, traditional values could also undermine the human rights of some groups such as in the cases of violence against women, female genital mutilation, child marriage and violence against vulnerable groups. This could also have negative effects on the rights of women, lesbians, gays, transgender, bisexual and other minority groups. (Politikan Dk)

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