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European Parliament Debate on Need for More Women in Leadership Roles

A conference entitled 'Women in politics and public life at EU level' hosted by Labour MEP Claudette Abela Baldacchino at the European Parliament in Brussels. A number of speakers spoke about the obstacles hindering women to participate fully in the public arena. The conference was followed by a three-day programme at the European Parliament, facilitated by the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats. A meeting was also organised with Health Commissioner Tonio Borg at the European Commission. The MCWO, which is an umbrella organisation representing 15 local organisations and is a full member of the Brussels-based European Women's Lobby since 2004, has always played an active role in supporting the debate on the need for more women in leadership positions.

Asia Pacific Leadership Program for 2014-15

The APLP is the center of excellence for leadership education in the Asia Pacific region and a signature program of the East West Center. Currently celebrating its 13th anniversary, the APLP has created a network of 461 dynamic leaders in 53 countries who are helping to build a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific community. The East West center has prepared program for new leaders for 2014-15. Those interested may contact the center. (East West Center)

Mumbai to host 2014 Indian LGBT Youth Summit

LGBT Indians between the ages of 18 and 25 are invited to the Indian LGBT Youth Summit being held in Mumbai this year on 15-16 February. The summit is being organized by the Mission for Indian Gay & Lesbian Empowerment (MINGLE) and is intended to upskill young LGBT Indians in order to assist them in taking leadership roles in the community. MINGLE describe the summit as a 'pioneering initiative in India, primarily aimed at identifying and grooming high potential individuals within the LGBT youth, and preparing them for future leadership roles.' (gaystarnews)

Leadership becoming a rare commodity in South Asia

Leadership is a rare commodity. Yet here in South Asia we have tens of thousands of leaders. Everyone who leads a political party or holds an office in one is dubbed a leader by the popular media. Are they getting this right? Are these people really leaders? These questions become even more important in the context of politics. Political leaders have to run countries not corporations. They become responsible for the well being of millions of citizens, not thousands of paid employees. Getting the wrong person as the leader of a country can have catastrophic consequences. Installing an incompetent CEO may, at worst, result in a bankrupt company. Every corporation has a culture, strategy and objectives. Often, in response to changes in their environments, they need to change all or some of these elements. Their survival depends on how well and how quickly they are able to adapt. This in turn depends on the quality of the leader — his or her ability to earn the respect, trust, and confidence of people. This being so, one fleeting look at the quality of our 'leaders' speaks volumes about South Asia with the emergence of 'AAM ADMI' party in India there can be a new wave of change in Politic in South Asia — if it stands at all — in the world today. (Arab News)

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India's Tibetan women assuming bigger roles

Tibetan women in exile are taking up leadership roles within their community, challenging patriarchal stereotypes. In India, many of these women are participating in workshops and trainings to harness their skills. There are around 150,000 Tibetans in exile living in 30 countries; the majority of them lives in India. For a long time, Tibetan women in exile faced discrimination within their small community in India. They could not pursue higher education, and were not allowed to work. These women were mostly confined to their homes and performed traditional roles. "The patriarchal nature of the Tibetan society allowed discriminatory attitudes and practices to continue against women for many years," Nyima Lhama, General Secretary of the Tibetan Women's Association (TWA), told German News. In order to help empower these women, the TWA organizes several training programs. A group of 33 graduate students, professional workers, political activists, and teachers recently participated in a workshop where they were taught how to take up leadership roles in their community. "The training has brought out our hidden talents, and we aspire to take up challenging roles now," a Tibetan student, told DW.(Deutsche Welle)

A Wish List for US Development Policy in 2014

Here are some of the best ideas to come out of Center for Global Development for what the United States could do to make its development policy truly toast-worthy in 2014 (with the caveat that some are more politically feasible than others).

- Don't Limit US Development Policy to a 70's-style Model
- Pay for Development Outcomes: Pilot Cash on Delivery Aid at USAID and MCC.
- Modernize the Delivery of US Food Aid.
- Get Strategic about Bilateral versus Multilateral Allocations.
- Build 'Power Africa' into the Bipartisan Development Legacy, it Deserves to Be.

- Pass Immigration Reform that Recognizes the Link Between Migration and Development.
(Beth Schwanke,CGD)

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Martin Luther King Jr.



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