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#### **UNDP Sounds Alarm on Worsening Global Income Disparities: Refers India-China**

The UNDP report said income inequality increased by 11 percent in developing countries over the two decades between 1990 and 2010. The majority of households in developing countries — more than 75 percent of those nations' populations — are living today in societies where income is more unequally distributed than it was in the 1990s, the report said. The UNDP says this is a global trend that, if left unchecked, could have dire consequences since it "can undermine the very foundations of development and social and domestic peace." The widening income gap comes as some major developing countries - such as China and India - have seen strong economic growth and an overall increase in national wealth. But that wealth has not been evenly distributed, this has contributed to greater inequality in those societies. (Reuters)

#### **EU Parliamentarians Call for More Legitimacy in Economic Policy-Making**

European deputies and their colleagues from national parliaments met at the European Parliamentary conference from 20 to 22 January in Brussels to mark the beginning of the annual EU national fiscal policy coordination cycle. Parliamentarians want to ensure that measures aimed at reining in budget deficits and public debt take into account how the measures will affected people. They also pointed out that austerity programmes for bail-out countries currently lack democratic legitimacy. (European Parliament / News)

#### **President Karzai Should Reject New Law That Protects Perpetrators of Violence Against Women!**

Afghanistan may pass a new law to silence victims of gender-based, domestic

violence, by not allowing family members of the accused to testify against him. As the majority of cases of violence against women occur within the family, this new law would allow men to beat, rape and sell their wives and other female members of the household, without the risk of judicial punishment. The bill is now in the hands of President Hamid Karzai, who we urge to not sign the new criminal procedure code. This new law will make it close to impossible to protect women and girls from domestic abuse, forced marriage, and honour killings. (girlsglobe.org)

#### **Women Parliamentarians' Meeting for Africa and Arab World**

The executive committee for Women Parliamentarians of Association of Senates Shura & Equivalent Councils in Africa and the Arab world will be held in the Sudanese Capital Khartoum, where they will discuss the work plans to enable women economically and inheriting the culture of solidarity among women in Africa and the Arab world. They will also discuss creating joint cohesion mechanisms between the Arab and African parliamentarians to achieve peace and development, in addition to urging the parliamentarians to work on alphabet and technical literacy, and to reduce poverty in general, in addition to the poverty of Arab and African women in particular. The meeting will also discuss women's parliamentary role in enhancing social change, and ways to implement the recommendations that will emerge from the meeting. (Baharian News)

#### **Vietnamese Prime Minister Dung Chosen to be Leadership Icon in Asia**

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has been widely praised by global institutions and leading news media outlets in Asia and the world for his leadership and "strategic trust" doctrine to cope with regional tensions and economic challenges. Besides, in the contexts where many issues arose within the country relating to implementation of Resolution IV of the Communist Party and Vietnam suffers from impacts from global economic and domestic difficulties, he is still resolutely leading the economy to overcome all challenges and to achieve a 5.4 percent GDP growth, stabilize the economy and control the inflation. (The Korea Herald)

### **Population**

#### **Indonesia Revives Population-Control Measures**

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono wants families to stop at two children to prevent a burgeoning population overwhelming schools and services. Asih, a cleaner in Tangerang, near Jakarta, is stopping at seven. "In my family, we always had a lot of children, and as long as we still had something to eat, why do family planning?" said Asih, 35. "Now I have two children in primary school and more that will have to go in the next few years and I have no money to pay school fees.

Seven kids are enough.”

Facing slower investment and one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the Asia-Pacific region, the government is concerned the demographic dividend that attracts companies seeking a young, cheap workforce will become an economic time bomb. As Indonesia’s growth slows, the world’s fourth-most-populous nation isn’t generating enough quality jobs to keep up with the population, the International Labour Organization said. (Bloomberg.com)

### **Pakistan Also to Curb Population**

Pakistan plans to slow South Asia’s fastest population growth rate through enhanced education for women to ensure sustainable economic expansion for the world’s sixth-most populous country. The country will try to reduce its population growth to 1.2% a year by 2025 from about 2% now, Ahsan Iqbal, deputy chairman of the Planning Commission, said in an interview. The nation of about 196 million people each year and adds some 4.4 million people, the equivalent of New Zealand’s population, he said. We actually need to apply brakes. With this almost 2% growth rate it becomes very difficult to sustain your development.

## **Leadership Events: May click for more**

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Conference in Qatar](#)

[Women in Leadership Summit 2014 in  
Auckland](#)

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[International Symposium on Finance,  
Poverty and Sustainable Development  
in Bangkok](#)

[Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference  
2014 in Tasmania Australia](#)

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[Asian Leadership Conference in Seoul](#)

[Social Innovation Congress \(CIS\) 2014  
in Manila](#)

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### **Message for Leaders**

**Why do some men rape? Most men who committed rape  
said they did so because they wanted to have sex and they  
wanted to show that they could with no regard for consent**

(Partners Prevention)



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