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Special On Women Leadership

Women deliver; Delivered on several fronts

The 2013 women deliver in Kuala Lumpur with 4500 participants anyone-everyone important on women issue was present. It was attended by members of parliament, Government officials, private corporations, policy makers, investors, donors, NGOs and UN agencies.

Ms.Melinda Gates remarked in one of the session- "Contraceptives unlock one of the most dormant but potentially powerful assets in development: women as decision-makers. When women have the power to make choices about their families, they tend to decide precisely what demographers, economists, and development experts recommend. They invest in the long-term human capital of their families."

She clarified "we are not talking about abortion, we are not talking about population control, What I am talking about is giving women the power to save their own lives, to save their children's lives, and to give their family the best possible future

Ms. Jill Sheffield and Dr. Raj Karim of "Women Deliver" actually made it all happen.

Pakistan not ready to accept women in politics

Claiming women's political participation in the future will be at risk, female political leaders and former MP's in Pakistan say that society is yet to accept women in politics. These comments were made during a "Women's Initiative for Learning and Leadership forum" in Peshawar Pakistan, It's been argued that our political parties should acknowledge the contribution and dedication of female political leaders in the 2013 elections, they also articulated a strong need for women's political caucuses in the provincial assemblies. Parties must allocate more general and reserved seats for women in the future. (The Express Tribune)

South Asian civil society leader meet on VAW

A two days south Asian conference to strengthen regional dialogue and collaboration on elimination of violence against women held in Kathmandu last weekend with 150 women

activists, media, legal practitioners and government officials. It was observed that not having representatives of women in decision making process is also a kind of violence against women. Women should get equal treatment in every aspect. It also discussed ways to intensify efforts to overcome VAW. Regional vice-president of World Bank said – achieving MDG will be impossible if we fail to address the issues related to VAW.

Global initiative to educate future women leader first in Beijing

Wellesley College of Boston has unveiled a major global initiative to educate the next generation of women leaders around the world. This initiative called Women World Partner (WWP) is the most wide-reaching effort to educate women for leadership and to invest in women's leadership on a global scale. This partnership will begin with Peking University, have 20 students from Boston, joined by 20 female students from Peking University. They will attend 10 days academic program including issues such as economic inequality, food scarcity, environment and political science (Boston Globe)

Fortune Global Forum in China Discuss Women's Leadership

As part of the Fortune Global Forum 2013 in China a breakfast networking session on women, Power and the Emerging World held on 6, June in Sichuan Province (China). The networking meeting discussed that women in BRIC and UAE countries are becoming better educated than their male counterparts – and they are more ambitious than their female peers in mature economies. But they often face social and cultural system that complicates their ambition. The Challenges are vast, but finding ways to accommodate and encourage these women is crucial.

“All that matters is that you choose freely – a full time homemaker and female executives should be equally respected and admired .” (Source: wccdaily.scol.com.cn)

White House Leadership Summit on Women and Climate

U.S. department of energy and the white house office of public engagement brought together 100 distinguished women from business, research, government and nonprofit sector to discuss American programme in climate and energy, it was mentioned that extreme weather, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere needs urgent attention. Women are in a better position to highlight and contribute in solution. A working group was formed to work with concerned agencies and policy maker to engage in broad based action to show the way forward. (EDF Blog)

Message for Leaders

"It is not as if our community just gave the old family planning agenda a new coat of paint... We have been working on the new approach that gives women that they really want: Voluntary access to high-quality education, health services and contraceptives."
Melinda Gates

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