NOTE: The *Global Gender Update* will be taking a three week hiatus until June 11.

**Events**

**The 2012 MMMF Grant Recipients Forum**
*When*: Mon, May 14 | 3:00pm-5:00pm  
*Where*: World Bank Main Complex Room: C2–131  
1818 H Street NW

The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund is pleased to present the 2012 grantees from US and Canadian universities. Do not miss the opportunity to hear these impressive women share their stories and aspirations.  
[More info.](#)

**Consultation on USAID Implementation of U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace & Security**
*When*: Wed, May 16 | 2:30pm-4:00pm  
*Where*: USAID Information Center, Mezzanine Level  
Ronald Reagan Building  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

With Carla Koppell, the Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at USAID. For questions, contact Amber Ussery at aussery@usaid.gov.

**QDDR in Action: Civil Society Sustainability in U.S. Foreign Policy**
*When*: Thurs, May 17 | 9:00am-11:00am  
*Where*: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,  
6th Floor Flom Auditorium  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

The event aims to dissect the Dialogue’s engagement and
progress made. Among others, this discussion will feature Ambassador Melanne Verveer (INVITED), Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues. More info.

Yahoo! Business & Human Rights Summit on Women, Technology and Social/Digital Media
Where: Newseum-Knight Conference Center
555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

Change Your World DC will showcase the ways that women are using technology and social media to influence policy, govern, engage and inspire voters, address social issues and change the world. More info.

Consultation on USAID’s Contribution to an Interagency, Multi-Year Strategy to Address Gender-Based Violence
Where: National Press Club, 7th floor
529 14th Street, NW

With Carla Koppell, the Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at USAID and Kay Freeman, Director of the Office of Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment at USAID. RSVP to USAID_RSVP3@usaid.gov.

Gendering Conflict and Post-Conflict Terrains: New Challenges and Opportunities
Where: Lindquist & Vennum Conference Room
University of Minnesota

This conference will examine contemporary challenges that emerge for women in conflict and post-conflict settings. Among the topics: the relevance of methodologies to assess women’s experiences of harm, legal accountability for gendered harms in armed conflict, and enforcing international legal norms. More info.

Girl Up Community Benefit
Where: Home of Rhonda Lyle
4317 Wensley Court
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Featuring author and activist Naomi Tutu. More info.

Family Planning and Results-Based Financing

"For 1st time ever, G20 Finance Ministers recognize need to increase women’s access to finance! http://dld.bz/G20FM" - @pietracoalition

SIGI2012 launched: The SIGI is an innovative measure of underlying discrimination against women for over 100 countries. The SIGI captures and quantifies discriminatory social institutions - these include among others, early marriage, discriminatory inheritance practices, violence against women, son bias, restrictions on access to public space and restricted access to...
Results-based financing (RBF) is a non-monetary or cash exchange that is made to a patient, caregiver, or manager as an incentive to use or deliver priority health services, such as family planning. The discussion will evaluate how RBF affects the supply and demand-sides of family planning, highlight new research from the field, and address the future of RBF at USAID. More info.

**Women’s Top-Level Political Participation in Ukraine: Challenges and Opportunities**
*When*: Mon, May 21 | 12:00pm-1:00pm
*Where*: 6th Floor, Woodrow Wilson Center

Tamara Martsenyuk, Chopivsky Post-Doctoral Fellow, CREEES, Stanford University, and Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine) will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing Ukrainian women in national politics. More info.

**Innovative Economic Partnerships with Women in Post-Conflict Transition**
*When*: Mon, May 21 | 2:00pm-3:30pm
*Where*: U.S. Institute of Peace
2301 Constitution Avenue, NW

This panel will explore the impact of private business and civil society partnerships to empower women in the post-conflict contexts of Afghanistan, Bosnia and Rwanda. More info.

**When Women Lead Africa - A Roundtable Discussion**
*When*: Mon, May 21 | 5:30pm-7:30pm
*Where*: Vital Voices Global Partnership, Suite 300
1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Vital Voices invites you to join a panel discussion on the unique contributions of women’s leadership, changes in public perceptions of women leaders, and the opportunities and challenges for a new model of leadership in Africa. More info.

**Champions for Change Awards Gala**
*When*: Wed, May 23 | 6:00pm-9:00pm
*Where*: The Ritz-Carlton
1150 22nd Street, NW
Join the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), and special guest actor Ashley Judd, to honor the 2012 Champions for Change Awardees: Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State (special video acceptance), ExxonMobil Foundation, Thunderbird Emerging Markets Lab of the Thunderbird School of Global Management, and Solar Sisters. More info.

**Bystander Intervention Conference**
*When:* May 31 - June 1 | 8:30am-5:30pm  
*Where:* Northeastern University  
Boston, Massachusetts

A global conference devoted to exploring the roots of the bystander approach to gender violence prevention, and helping to set an agenda for next steps in the field. More info.

**2012 Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards**
*When:* Wed, June 6 | 7:30pm  
*Where:* Opera House  
2700 F St, NW

The Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards honor and celebrate women leaders around the world who are the unsung heroines working to strengthen democracy, increase economic opportunity, and protect human rights. More info.

**A Celebration of Women Diplomats**
*When:* Thurs, June 7 | 5:30pm-7:30pm  
*Where:* Residence of the Ambassador of Liechtenstein  
2900 K Street, NW, #602-A

An evening reception and program to celebrate and highlight the achievements of women diplomats. Register.

**Leveraging Women’s Voices - NCRW Annual Conference**
*When:* June 20-22  
*Where:* Georgetown University Conference Center

The twin focus of this year’s Conference is on strengthening women's economic security and advancing women’s leadership; two critical areas in the path towards greater gender equality. Held over three days, the Conference will offer a series of panels, workshops, networking, and strategy sessions with the specific aim of identifying action steps to bring about transformative change in our economy.
Opportunities

**Call for Applications: Girls' Education Challenge**
The UK’s Girls’ Education Challenge will support NGOs, charities and the private sector who can find better ways to provide education opportunities to marginalised girls in the poorest countries in Africa and Asia. More info.

**Call For Applications: Women's Rio +20 Good Practice Award**
*Deadline: May 17*

On the occasion of the upcoming UNCSD Conference in Rio (RIO+20), five Women’s Rio+20 Good Practices will be awarded and invited to present their initiatives at the UN summit in Brazil. More info.

**International Human Rights Fellowship**
*Who: International Federation of University Women*  
*Deadline: June 30*

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) is proud to announce the Conchita Poncini Jimenez Human Rights Fellowship promoting the use of human rights instruments and agreements for the advancement of women and girls. More info.

Resources

**Women's Demand for Reproductive Control:**  
**Understanding and Addressing Gender Barriers**
This paper provides a gender analysis of women’s demand for reproductive control. This analysis illuminates how the social construction of gender affects fertility preferences, unmet need, and the barriers that women face to using contraception and safe abortion (PDF).

Book notes

**Opening Minds, Improving Lives: Education and Women’s Empowerment in Honduras**  
*By Erin Murphy-Graham*

Draws on fieldwork in Garifuna villages of north coastal Honduras in a study of women's participation in an educational program known as Sistema de Aprendizaje Tutorial or SAT.