



Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women



We are very pleased to introduce to you our new Director ad interim, Ms. [Sally Fegan-Wyles](#). She is the first female Director at UNITAR in its almost 50 years of history!

Coincidentally, her most recent position was Senior Adviser on System-Wide Coherence in the Office of the UN Deputy Secretary-General where she led the inter-agency team that prepared the blueprint for the [United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women](#) (UN-Women).

To welcome our new Director, this edition focuses on 'Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women'

Dear Reader,

We are delighted to send you the Autumn Newsletter of the [United Nations Institute for Training and Research](#) (UNITAR). In this issue, we provide information about how UNITAR is promoting 'gender equality' and 'empowering women'.



Your feedback counts! We are enthusiastic to find out what you think about this e-Newsletter, its content and its relevance to you, our loyal readers. Please send us your comments or feedback to: communications@unitar.org.

Happy reading!

Quote



"Gender Equality must become a Lived Reality."

**Ms. Michelle Bachelet,
 Executive Director, UN Women
 Former President of Chile**

Gender Gap map

The Global Gender Gap Report, published by the World Economic Forum, provides a framework for capturing the magnitude and scope of gender-based gap globally. Find out where your country ranks in the world.

www.weforum.org/issues/global-gender-gap

Interview with Sally Fegan-Wyles

In September 2012, Ms. Sally Fegan-Wyles of Ireland was [appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon](#) as Director ad interim of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Her mandates are to lead and support the work of UNITAR, and, support the Secretary-General's initiative to consolidate seven existing UN entities for training, research and knowledge sharing.

In this video interview, she talks about her most memorable and most challenging moments in her long UN career, her mandates at UNITAR and her advice to young female professionals to be successful in the UN.

[Watch video](#) (25 min)

[Read the interview](#)

Women in Diplomacy



What challenges do women face in diplomacy today and how can we work together when applying a gender

perspective in national and international arenas?

These are some of the questions that delegates, government officials, NGO professionals and negotiators from all over the world discussed in the Online Discussion Forum focusing on Women in Diplomacy.

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Gender and Leadership in Post-Conflict Countries

While women often fall victims of conflict, they can also play a key role in preventing and resolving violent conflicts and rebuilding societies. Women - as agents of change and newly responsible care providers - play active leadership roles and have an impact on post-conflict reconstruction and national development at all levels.

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City of Curitiba Awarded for Protecting Women and Children

Curitiba in Brazil received the Americas Award, given by CIFAL Atlanta, for its actions through the Network of Protection, a municipal system that monitors the risk of violence and negligence towards pregnant women and one year-old children.

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New Partnerships



UNITAR, in partnership with the University of Geneva, will develop a new e-Course on International Water Law (1 Feb - 4 Mar 2013). This project has received the financial support of the Swiss Government.

Announcements



Prepared in collaboration with the Brazilian National Institute for Space Research (INPE), the ForestWatchers Project briefing will take place on 21 November 2012 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Building the Capacity for Women to Negotiate Peace Agreements

Although women worldwide are uniquely and disproportionately victimized by war and violence, women make up only 2.4 percent of all signatories to the 21 major peace agreements established during the past 20 years.

UNITAR has taken over a pioneer role in the UN system, setting up a skills-building workshop series for women diplomats dedicated to promote and enhance their capacities as negotiators for peace.

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Increase in Female Participation in Afghanistan Fellowship Programme

UNITAR has been conducting the Afghanistan Fellowship Programme since 2004, aiming at enhancing the leadership, management and professional skills of a core group of senior government officials primarily from Afghanistan. Seeing a rise in female participation from an average of 10% in the first 6 years of the programme to 18% in 2011 is a significant improvement given the status of women in that country.

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UNITAR offers more than 400 events per year. Check out our [e-Learning courses](#) and other [UNITAR events](#) in our Online Catalogue.

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