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EVENTS

1. NGOs:

- **2004 UNDP Awards for Human Development:** Call for Nominations. The awards programme is a biennial opportunity to publicly recognize the contributions of the NHDRs in influencing national/regional development actions, and to ensure that they continue to reflect rapid changes in the field of development. <http://hdr.undp.org/aboutus/nhdr/awards/>

2. GENDER:

- **Regional Meetings on Beijing +10 to be held during 2004.** If you would like to see a calendar of events of both regional intergovernmental and civil society events, go to, www.wedo.org/meetings.htm

NEWS

1. ICT:

- **UN and Partners Launch plan to Bring Wireless Internet connections to Developing World.** www.developmentgateway.org/knowledge/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=397742&version_id=242634&from=alert
- **Jordan's King Opts for Hi-Tech.** In an interview with the BBC King Abdullah told how he hopes to turn the country into the hi-tech capital of the Middle East. He has already started a program to put computers in the country's schools. www.developmentgateway.org/knowledge/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=399821&version_id=243947&from=alert
- **Impact of ICT innovations: The Islamic Context.** The Waseda University of Japan, in collaboration with the Multi Media University, recently organized a conference on ICT innovations and their Impact on Socioeconomic and Cultural Environments. www.developmentgateway.org/knowledge/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=400699&version_id=244532&from=alert

- **Syria Opens Telecentres in Rural Areas.** The launch of an information and communications technology telecenter was recently launched in Bosra, south Damascus, offering training in ICTs. www.developmentgateway.org//ict/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=404506&version_id=247111&from=alert
- **Microsoft Recently Announced PC Refurbishment Program.** Microsoft has announced that it will establish a vibrant community of computer refurbishers across 133 countries including in the Middle – East. www.developmentgateway.org//ict/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=401514&version_id=245103&from=alert
- **ICT Volunteers Essential to the MDGs.** The UN Information Technology Service (UNITes) has recently updated its examples of ICT Volunteering, linking each to its relevant MDGs and MDG targets, to promote ICTs as a fundamental tool for successful development. www.unites.org/cfapps/wsis/wsis.cfm

2. GENDER:

- **Amnesty International Campaign.** In March Amnesty International launched its worldwide campaign to “Stop Violence against Women”, with marches and demonstrations throughout the world. www.amnesty.org/actforwomen
- **Call for Action: Domestic Violence against Women in Iraq:** Amnesty International is calling upon activists to unite against domestic violence in Iraq. For several decades, Iraqi women have been victims of intolerable acts of torture such as rape, kidnapping, “honour killings” and forced prostitution. These crimes against humanity have risen dramatically since the 2003 US-led invasion and occupation of Iraq. In addition, citizenship rights of women are at stake as fundamentalist politics are trying to be instated. <http://takeaction.amnestyusa.org/ctt.asp?u=610768&1=8407>

REPORTS & BOOKS & ARTICLES

1. POVERTY:

- **The Internet Could Help Reduce Poverty:** This author argues that pursuing policies and strategies for using Information and Communication Technologies can help reduce poverty. www.developmentgateway.org/poverty/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=399318&version_id=243640&from=alert
- **Report: World Lags on Development Progress.** According to findings from a team of global experts the international community is doing far less than it should be to tackle poverty. www.developmentgateway.org/poverty/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=404392&version_id=247037&from=alert

2. TRADE/ECONOMICS/MICROFINANCE:

- **The WTO, Developing Countries and the Doha Development Agenda:** Prospects and Challenges for Trade – Led Growth: The Doha Development Agenda explicitly recognizes the concerns of developing countries and promises to seek an outcome that will resonate with their ongoing effort to reduce poverty, foster human development and ensure economic growth. www.developmentgateway.org
- **Key Challenges in Ethical Trade:** Report on the ETI Biennial Conference 2003. This is a paper that reports on the key issues and debates that arose at this conference in London. www.ethicaltrade.org/z/lib/2003/12/eticonf/pdf/ETIconf2003.pdf
- **Naomi Klein and the Anti-Globalisation Movement.** This paper examines the writings of Naomi Klein, a major force in the anti – globalisation movement. www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14690

3. YOUTH:

- **Y-PEER Icebreakers Index Cards:** These are pocket size full colour Icebreaker Cards for peer education training designed and developed by UNFPA within the framework of the Y-PEER programme. www.developmentgateway.org/youth/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=396767&version_id=242020&from=alert
- **Children & Young People as Citizens: Partners in Social Change:** This booklet and discussion paper examines children's different backgrounds in South and Central Asia and identifies a variety of ways in which children have organized themselves. www.comminit.com/ma2004/sld-9544.html
- **Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health: A Training Manual for Program Managers:** The training manual employs a participatory, experimental methodology based on the principles of adult learning. www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14281
- **Access to and Privatization of Education.** This is a document that is part of the International Youth Parliament's Youth Commission Report. It considers the way that globalization affects young people and their communities in the specific field of education. www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14281
- **So You Want to Consult with Children?** A Toolkit of Good Practice. This toolkit deals with involving children in formal consultation and policy processes and is mainly aimed at governments, international agencies and NGOs. . www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC142810
- **The International Youth Parliament Commission's Report on the Impacts of Globalisation on Young People.** This report presents the view of young people on the challenges of globalisation and presents their recommendations to policy-makers. www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14528
- **What Works in Youth Employment: The Impact of New Information Technologies.** This is a report that focuses on general trends shaping the job market, especially their impact on youth employment opportunities and training needs. www.comminit.com/ma2003/sld-9066.html

4. NGOs:

- **Corporate Social Responsibility: A Draft International Strategic Framework.** This is a document produced by the UK government which examines the international dimension of the UK Government strategy for corporate social responsibility.
www.dti.gov.uk/sustainability/weee/corp_soc_resp.pdf
- **Corporate Social Responsibility in the Southern Countries: The Other Context:** Presently CSR criteria are typically defined in the North due to a yet incipient albeit growing participation of the South.
www.developmentgateway.org//businessenvironment/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=401548&version_id=245125&from=alert
- **The Public Role of Private Enterprise.** This is a paper that examines challenges, trends, strategies, risks and opportunities in corporate social responsibility.
www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14604

5. GENDER:

- **Iraq Ministry of Health: Maternal and Child Health Information for Expectant Mothers.** This is a PDF guide prepared by the Iraqi ministry of health in both Arabic and English, for expectant mothers.
www.developmentgateway.org//gender/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=397922&version_id=242750&from=alert
- **One Year Later: Iraq Reconstruction Efforts Show Gaps in Women's Health and Trauma.** This is a study released by physicians for Human Rights that describe an extraordinary level of past human rights abuses.
www.developmentgateway.org//gender/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=398351&version_id=243040&from=alert
- **Iraq's Female Health Crisis.** This is an article written by a BBC correspondent and is based on interviews with UNFPA representatives. www.developmentgateway.org//gender/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=399861&version_id=243974&from=alert

- **Women’s Role in Post –Conflict Iraq.** This is a report based on the findings from the “Winning the Peace” conference held in April. The report advocates for the democratic transition practice in Iraq. www.developmentgateway.org//gender/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=404047&version_id=246814&from=alert
- **Impact Data- Morocco Family Planning/Maternal Child Health phase V Project.** This is a document pertaining to the results of a series of questions posed to 2,000 individuals who viewed a video about a pregnant woman and the implications on Maternal Health. www.comminit.com/africa/id2003/sld-487.html
- **Not a Minute More: Ending Violence against Women.** This is a report produced by UNIFEM and is about the achievements in combating gender based violence, and recommendations to address the challenges encountered in this endeavour. www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14057
- **Impact Study of the New Horizons Program in Egypt.** This paper examines the program’s impact on participants, their families and the community. The programme aims to improve the lives of girls and young women through education and development strategies. www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/rdr.cfm?doc=DOC14525
- **What are the Issues Related to the Headscarf ban in France?** In November 2003, France captured the attention of the world by suggesting the passing of a law that would prevent Muslim girls from wearing their headscarves in public educational institutions. The issue is discussed here in an interview with feminists located in France. You can find this interview in Awid’s Newsletter, or send letters to the editor at; jduddy@awid.org

WEBSITES

1. NGOs:

- **The ForeignAID.com Donor Directory Online:** This is a service that helps find donors for your organization. www.developmentgateway.org//globalisation/dg-

[contribute/item-detail?item_id=398605&version_id=243191&from=alert](#)

- **Have Your Say on World Bank-Civil Society Engagement.** Share your views about the World Bank by joining the global survey on World Bank-Civil Society Engagement. [www.developmentgateway.org//ngo/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=400981&version_id=244716&from=alert](#)
- **The Kurds in Iraq: Past, Present and Future.** This web site is about Kurdish Human Rights issues around the globe. It includes an interesting article about the Kurds in Iraq. [www.khrp.org](#)

2. YOUTH:

- **YOUTHINK! Site Launched:** This site is aimed at students, teachers and young professionals interested in development issues. It also has separate areas for younger kids and teachers. <http://youthink.worldbank.org/>

3. GENDER:

- **The Gender Gap.** This is a UNFPA site which gives a brief note on gender gap enrolment in developing countries, whilst it also explains the factors that contribute to this gap. [www.developmentgateway.org//gender/dg-contribute/item-detail?item_id=404616&version_id=247178&from=alert](#)
- **Aspects of Gender Balance in Iraq,** including the US officials' stance on gender. [www.cld.org/ManilaConference.htm#what](#)

CRTD-A: NEWS & EVENTS

1. **Women's Group Suggests Quotas for Elections.** In a Daily Star article dated the 5th April, it was stated that; "women were calling for a quota that will guarantee their representation in municipal councils, Parliament and other elected bodies". This gathering took place in a workshop sponsored by CRTD-A and partners, and was entitled "promoting Women's participation in Local Municipality Elections". [www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_ID=1&article_ID=1612&category_id=2](#)

- 2. New Web Portal to Debut by October:** CRTD-A's work on the Lebanese Development Gateway is being highlighted in a Daily Star article dated the 30th April. The Article describes how CRTD-A is developing a portal to serve as a knowledge bank through the application of ICTs.

www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_ID=1&article_ID=3150&category_id=1

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