



EuroNGOs Newsletter

The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development

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Hot Topics

31-07-2015

[It's official: Post-2015 outcome document ready for formal adoption at UN Summit](#)



“Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the final draft of the post-2015 development agenda outcome document, was adopted by acclamation on 2nd August by 193 Member States and will be formally adopted at the United Nations Summit in New York 25th-27th September. Strong and consistent advocacy efforts played a key role in ensuring that the final draft contains strong references to gender as a cross-cutting issue and as a prerequisite for sustainable development, with governments committing to a gender goal and to a target on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.

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[A Q&A with Stuart Halford, Sexual Rights Initiative](#)



We are delighted to have had the opportunity to ask Stuart Halford of the Sexual Rights Initiative, a coalition of organisations that advocates for the advancement of human rights in relation to gender and sexuality, for his insight into four recent resolutions passed by the Human Rights Council.

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[Financing for Development: final outcome document adopted](#)



The Addis Ababa Action Agenda was adopted as the final outcome document of the Third Conference on Financing for Development, held 13th-16th July. The Action Agenda is to serve as the basis on the Means of Implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, and whilst civil society has expressed some serious concerns regarding the document it does contain a number of concrete deliverables that will aid in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

[New OHCHR information series on SRHR](#)

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights launched a new information series on SRHR, including topics such as Abortion, Adolescents, HIV and AIDS, Violence against Women, and LGBTI people, providing the latest data, the human rights standards and the international agreements

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[Schedule for IAEG-SDGs](#)

Schedule of work for the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators is now available, including a tentative timeline, work plan and organization of work

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[OHCHR call for submissions - deadline 15th August](#)

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights opened a call for submissions on good practices in the elimination of discrimination against women with regard to the right to health and safety

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[AmplifyChange Grant Window - deadline 17th August](#)

Network grants are available to organisations, networks and coalitions registered in its target countries in the Global South (list on its website). Such grants are intended to contribute towards stronger civil society movement in

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[Launch of the Global Financing Facility to support 'Every Woman Every Child'](#)



The Global Financing Facility (GFF), a new financing model that weaves together resources from countries themselves, international donors, and the private sector to accelerate advancements for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, was launched earlier this month at the Third Conference on Financing for Development. The model expects to mobilize between \$3 to \$5 dollars from the private capital markets for every \$1 dollar invested into the GFF.

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[HLPF: where are we heading?](#)



The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) convened in New York under the auspices of the UN ECOSOC from 26 June to 8 July 2015 on the theme "Strengthening integrations, implementation and review - the HLPF after 2015." This was the HLPF's third meeting and it was characterized by what many called a 'wait and see' mood, given that the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations were still ongoing.

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Focus on Europe

08-07-2015

[HLPF side event on 'Involving civil society in the implementation of post-2015'](#)



The European Economic and Social Committee, in conjunction with the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, held a side event on 7th July at the High-Level Political Forum on 'Involving civil society in the implementation of post-2015'. The event brought together civil society stakeholders with EU and UN officials, trade union representatives, and business stakeholders.

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[The new Gender Action Plan - an exchange of views at DEVE](#)



The European Parliament Committee on Development (DEVE) held a brief exchange of views on two oral questions and a wind up resolution related to the new Gender Action Plan during its meeting on 14th July. Although the discussion was short, it reaffirmed DEVE's commitment to gender equality in development.

support of SRHR in terms of capacity building support, building evidence for advocacy, policy and accountability, enhancing communication, strengthening coalitions and engaging new actors.

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[FLOW call for proposals - deadline 31st August](#)

Funding Leadership and Opportunities for Women (FLOW 2016-2020) funds programs in low and lower-middle income countries plus China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia; 93 million EUR is available for programs in these countries that focus on: combating violence against women; participation by women in politics and public administration; and women's economic participation and self-reliance

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[New online database - Combating discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity](#)

Council of Europe launched new online database on best practices and promising policies

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[Millennium Development Goals Report 2015](#)

UN launches report based on master set of data compiled by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on MDG Indicators

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[Global Policy Watch briefing: An Action Plan Without Much Action](#)

Briefing on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, outcome document for the Third Conference on Financing for Development

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[Briefing on World Bank's role in Financing for](#)

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Eurongos Updates

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100 days to the 2015 EuroNGOs Conference



The countdown to our biggest event of the year has started. With less than hundreds days till our reunion in Oslo, the 2015 EuroNGOs conference looks like the place to be this autumn. Here some of the most recent highlights we are thrilled to share:

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Register now! SRHR Civil Society Strategy Meeting in Oslo



LEARNING & TRAINING

Interested in how to protect and advance sexual rights in the European political landscape? How to advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights in the framework of the climate change talks at COP 21 in Paris later this year? How to ensure that financing commitments for the SDGs are adequate and respected? Join Countdown 2015 Europe, EPF, IPPF EN, PSDA and RFSU for an exciting EuroNGOs strategy workshop on 2 November in Oslo.

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News from Members and Partners

22-07-2015

Negotiations on the Post-2015 Declaration: our members at the forefront



EuroNGOs members have been at the forefront of the post-2015 negotiations, with Marianne Haslegrave (Commat), Ida Klockmann (DFPA), Karin Nilsson (RFSU), Rineke Van Dam (Rutgers), and Ana Rizescu (YouAct) being actively involved in the last round of intergovernmental negotiations in New York (20th-24th July). On 21st July, Rineke and Marianne delivered two powerful statements addressing the draft Declaration.

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Changes @ Equilibres et Populations



We welcome our French member Equilibres & Populations' new Executive Director Aurélie Gal-Régniez. Aurélie has been with Equipop since 2000. "I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone involved in EuroNGOs and contributing to the network's activities", she told us, "With everything that is at stake in 2015 and in the years to come, EuroNGOs will be a crucial space to invest our efforts in so that we can reach great outcomes together."

Development

The Bretton Woods Project has released new briefing on the Financing for Development Fund and the World Bank's role and influence

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Eurodad report on public private partnerships

The European Network on Debt and Development released a new report: "What lies beneath? A critical assessment of public private partnerships and their impact on sustainable development"

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Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals

New report launched by the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health

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Realising Country Ownership Post-2015

New report by ActionAid Italy and Professor Shannon Kindornay

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Will development financing finally level the playing field for women and girls?

Huffington Post blog by Françoise Girard on Financing for Development and gender equality

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European Women's Lobby video

"A she-(re)cession - What does austerity mean for women in Europe?"

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I Will Marry When I Want

Inspiring TED talk by Memory Banda on child marriage

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[IFPA: fostering involvement of parliamentarians in post-2015 process](#)



Over the last few weeks, our member the Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA) has been very active in involving parliamentarians of the Irish All Party Oireachtas Group on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Development in the current debate on the post-2015 process. IFPA has held the Secretariat of the group since its creation in 2000.

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[EU Gender Action Plan: a new chance to put SRHR at the heart of development?](#)



As part of this year's World Population Day, which focused on vulnerable populations in emergencies, co-chairs of our associate member the European Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development (EPWG) published a powerful Op-Ed. The article welcomes the recent EU stance in support of SRH, and calls for the inclusion of SRHR in the forthcoming Gender Action Plan, 2016-2020.

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