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UN WOMEN—59th Commission

Closing the gender gap in education. Date : 10 March 2015 Paris/New York.

Empowering adolescent girls and young women through education is the aim – and the name – of a programme launched in New York today by UNESCO, UN Women, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Bank.



Panel, including UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, speaks at press conference on closing the gender gap in education. Photo: UN Women/Susan Markisz

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and UNFPA Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin announced a new programme providing a coordinated and collaborative effort to close the persistent gender gap in education and accelerate development.

"We know increasing the education of adolescent girls and young women carries impact across generations," said Irina Bokova during the launch. "We know education is the best cure against transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child. We know it is the best way to avert child marriage. We know if all women completed primary education, we could reduce by 70 per cent the number of women dying in childbirth in sub-Saharan Africa – saving over 100,000 lives every year. Some 6.1 million children under 5 die in poor countries every year – we know we could cut this by half if all women had secondary education."

UNESCO's statistics show that around the world there are 57 million out-of-school primary children, 31 million are girls, and the number is higher still for secondary students. Similarly, two-thirds or 493 million of the world's adult illiterate population are women.

"We must ensure that every door to the education of girls and women remains open across the life cycle; that girls and women who drop out of education have second chances; that they have the relevant skills to transition to productive lives and full citizenship; and that the empowerment of girls and women becomes an inseparable part of the return on our investments in education," said Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women Executive Director.

"Today, too many girls do not complete school due to teenage pregnancy and early and forced marriage," said Babatunde Osotimehin, UNFPA Executive Director. "Providing girls and young people with comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and services protects the right to education and health, and advances gender equality and the achievement of internationally agreed goals."

The joint programme will be rolled out gradually in 20 nations where the education gender gap is most critical, starting with Mali, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, South Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania. It will concentrate on four areas: improving quality and relevance of education; raising awareness to create a favourable environment for gender equality; strengthening links between the health and education sectors; and improving the data base of statistics. It will also harness the potential of information and communication technologies to improve education delivery.

The new programme falls under the framework of the **Global Partnership for Girls and Women's Education**, launched by UNESCO in 2011, and is guided by the conviction that educating girls and women can break the cycle of poverty and foster greater social justice, economic development and sustainable peace.



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WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

Following are the names of WHO delegation that attended the third International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria in Kuwait on March 31.

- Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General
- Ms Elizabeth Hoff, WHO Country Representative, Syria
- Dr Michelle Gayer, WHO Director of Department for emergencies and humanitarian response.

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STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

In 1964, Prime Minister of Sweden Tage Erlander put forward the idea of establishing a peace research institute to commemorate Sweden's 150 years of unbroken peace. The Swedish Riksdag decided that the Institute be established on 1 July 1966 with the legal status of an independent foundation.

All SIPRI research is based exclusively on open sources. **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** is an independent international institute in Sweden, dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open source, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public.

Military Expenditure The SIPRI military expenditure project was established in 1967 to study developments in world military expenditure. Military expenditure is an indicator of the economic resources devoted to military purposes. The project monitors and analyses trends in military expenditure over time, looking at their economic, political and security drivers and their implications for global peace, security and development.

How arms exports have increased /decreased (increase since 2005-2009):

China +143%, Russia +37%, Israel +33%, USA +23%, Germany -43%.

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Military expenditure by Australia as a percentage of Government spending 2000-2013

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Military expenditure by Australia in US \$m. 2000-2013

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Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute - www.sipri.org/

Profile

Rose Gottemoeller: US Under Secretary for Arms Control & International Security

Known for: Nuclear non proliferation and denuclearization, Lead negotiator for the New START treaty (New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty). From 1993 to 1994, she served on the National Security Council in the White House as director for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia Affairs, with responsibility for denuclearization in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Belarus. She first joined the US Department of Energy in November 1997 as director of the Office of Non proliferation and National Security.

In 2000, she became a senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she also served as the Director of the Carnegie Moscow Center (January 2006 – December 2008). Gottemoeller was responsible for all non proliferation cooperation with Russia and the Newly Independent States. Prior to her work at the US Department of Energy, Gottemoeller served for three years as Deputy Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. Previously, she was a social scientist at RAND and a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow. She has taught Soviet military policy and Russian security at Georgetown University. **Gottemoeller received a B.S. from Georgetown University, and an M.A. from The George Washington University. She is fluent in Russian. During a recent visit to Australia Gottemoeller was interviewed on ABC radio.**



United Nations International Panel on Climate Change

Assessment Report 2015 (AR5) provides a clear and up to date view of the current state of scientific knowledge relevant to climate change. It consists of three Working Group (WG) reports and a Synthesis Report (SYR). Further information about the outline and content and how the AR5 has been prepared can be found in the [AR5 reference document](#) and [SYR Scoping document](#). Information about how the AR5 was prepared can be found [here](#): <http://www.ipcc.ch/activities/activities.shtml>.

One of the main IPCC activities is the preparation of comprehensive Assessment Reports about the state of scientific, technical and socio-economic knowledge on climate change, its causes, potential impacts and response strategies. The IPCC also produces Special Reports, which are an assessment on a specific issue and Methodology Reports, which provide practical guidelines for the preparation of greenhouse gas inventories.

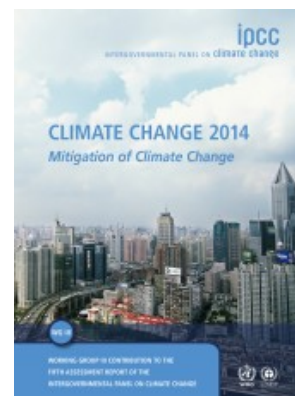
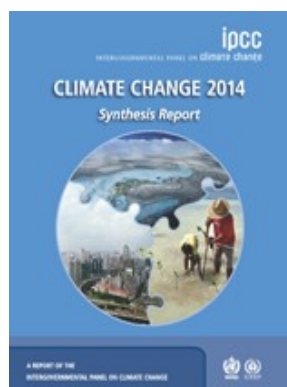
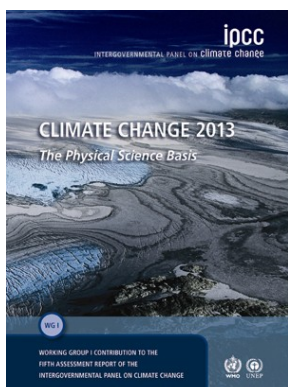
Since its inception in 1988 the IPCC has prepared five multivolume assessment reports. The Fifth Assessment Report was released in November 2014. They can be viewed under [Publications and Data](#): http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/publications_and_data_reports.shtml

What Is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Its Fifth Assessment Report?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a UN body that regularly convenes scientific experts to review and summarise the current state of understanding of climate change, to inform global policymaking.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established in 1988 under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in response to a growing call from governments around the world to better understand the scientific and policy challenges of climate change.

Every five to seven years the IPCC produces a comprehensive assessment of the Earth's climate. Since its inception, the IPCC has produced five reports documenting the consequences of rising global temperature and interrelated trends, threats from further greenhouse gas emissions and ways to avoid or adapt to climate change impacts. The most recent report was released over 2013–2014 and is known as Assessment Report 5 or AR5.



Updated climate change information for Australia is now available.

Information about observed and projected climate change found is the most comprehensive ever released for Australia, and has been prepared with an emphasis on informing impact assessment and planning in the natural resource management sector. Material has been drawn from observations and from simulations based on up to 40 global climate models and four scenarios of greenhouse gas and aerosol emissions during the 21st century. This website provides access to a suite of [brochures and reports](#), as well as summary statements about [regional projections](#). <http://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au>

A suite of additional products, including interactive tools and data associated with the projections, is being developed, with a focus on improving accessibility and uptake of information. These will be released on April 8th 2015. The research was funded by the Department of the Environment through the NRM Planning for Climate Change Fund with co-funding from CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology.



"THE ROAD TO DIGNITY BY 2030" IS NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL SIX UN LANGUAGES

The Secretary-General's Synthesis Report, which presents the vision for the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, is now available in all six UN languages. Drawing from the experience of two decades of development practice and from the inputs gathered through an open and inclusive process, the report charts a road map to achieve dignity in the next 15 years.

"Our goal is simple but daunting -- prosperity and dignity for all in a world where humankind lives in harmony with nature," the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at the opening of the President of the General Assembly's High-level Stocktaking Event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. "We have a year to put the final pieces of this complex puzzle in place."

- The 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference, entitled, "2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda" opens 27 August to provide an opportunity for civil society, international networks and activists to develop an "Action Agenda" to mobilize messaging, advocacy strategies, partnerships and accountability frameworks in the lead up to the launch of intergovernmental negotiations at the beginning of the 69th session of the General Assembly for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, due to culminate at a summit in September 2015.
 - The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are currently being formulated by the United Nations and a wide range of stakeholders, will require a step-change in both public and private investment in developing countries, if an estimated annual \$2.5 trillion funding gap is to be filled, UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2014 argues.
 - Private sector contributions will be critical to the realization of the SDGs, the report says.
- Young people from more than 1,000 youth organizations have gathered to add their voices to the ongoing discussion about a new global agenda that will succeed the MDGs. "We must invest in youth and ensure that Member States make youth a top priority of the next development agenda," UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth Ahmad Alhendawi said.
- Indigenous peoples must be a part of the ongoing process to define a global development agenda beyond 2015, United Nations officials said today, calling for explicit assertion of their collective rights as well as the promotion of traditional knowledge to tackle issues such as climate change, as the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues opened its 2014 session.

Join the conversation on global development #post2015: [UN The Road to Dignity by 2030](#) –see all reports

War and Peace: *Distant Lines: Queensland voices of the First World War.*

State Library of Queensland South Brisbane, Qld

Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 11:00AM-4pm ***bookings required**

Distant Lines proudly supported by the Qld. Gov. is part of *Q ANZAC 100: Memories for a New Generation*. Join us for a community day of reflection as we celebrate the opening. Enjoy a range of music events, including exclusive performances by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, commemorative activities, workshops, talks, curator's tours, and family focused learning activities. Plus, join discussions around the legacy of war and reflect on how war can be avoided in the future.

Music: Throughout SLQ from 10am-4pm, **no bookings required**
Emotional Frontiers | **Free**

Talks: Hear from specialist guest speakers on both the home front and war front during the First World War; then join us for a white gloves experience and discussion on the role of organisations devoted to peace and their role in the war. **Talks include:**
The Great War – John Thompson, **no bookings required**. *White Gloves Experience: Peace and Pacifism* | Free, * *Gallery Talk: War front* | **Free**, * *Gallery Talk: Home front* | **Free** *

Workshops and activities: Learn how to write a love letter with a celebrated author and crochet a poppy for a soldier to add to the commemoration wall in SLQ Gallery. **Workshops and activities include:**
Beginners Crochet Workshop | **Free.*** *Intermediate Crochet Workshop* **Free.***
Writing a Love Letter | **Free**, * *Poetry: Write a goodbye* | **Free**. *Paper crafting poppies* | **Free. no bookings required**

Venue: Meet at Reception, level 1, State Library

*Free, some bookings required For bookings, visit slq.eventbrite.com.



GRIFFITH REVIEW - EVENT - WAR & From the Shadows: a discussion about the enduring legacies of war

12 April 2015, Brisbane Powerhouse

In a year that marks the centenary of the battles of Gallipoli and the seventieth anniversary of the end of World War II, join a panel of contributors to *Griffith Review 48: Enduring Legacies* alongside dramaturge Dr Shane Pike, to explore the consequences of Australia's involvement in war.

Shifting the focus away from battles and commemorations, these writers and theatre practitioners shine new light on the legacy, and long shadow, of the great wars of the twentieth century and the conflict of ANZAC story-making.

From the Shadows will be chaired by ABC Radio National Big Ideas presenter and producer, Paul Barclay.

Panelists:

Professor Stephen Garton is deputy vice-chancellor at the University of Sydney and the author of four books, including *The Cost of War*.

Professor Jenny Hocking is the author of the two-volume biography of Gough Whitlam, *Gough Whitlam: His Time* and *Gough Whitlam: A Moment in History* and the inaugural *Distinguished Whitlam Fellow* at the Whitlam Institute, University of Western Sydney. She is a Research Professor and Australian Research Council DORA Fellow in the National Centre for Australian Studies, Monash University and the author of biographies of Frank Hardy and Lionel Murphy.

Dr Shane Pike is the dramaturge of *Ten Percent Terror*, a collaborative project between Brisbane Powerhouse, Dancenorth and Company 2 using contemporary artistic disciplines to connect modern audiences to the ANZAC legacy. Shane is a director/writer, Co-Artistic Director of the Wax Lyrical Theatre Company and Associate Director of The Kitchen Sink Collective.

Paul Barclay is presenter and series producer of *Big Ideas* on ABC RN.

Date: Sunday 12 April Time: 5.30 to 6.45 pm

Venue: Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse

RSVP: Free, but please book via

Email: griffithreview@griffith.edu.au.

Copies of *Griffith Review 48: Enduring Legacies* (RRP \$27.99) will be available for sale at the event.

Exploring the consequences of Australia's involvement in war with a critical and inquiring eye, **Griffith Review 48: Enduring Legacies** assembles a team of scholars, non-fiction and fiction writers, journalists and broadcasters to pose hard questions about why we remember and what we forget. How did the wars shape Australia socially, economically and politically? How did they alter the understanding of Australia's place in the world and in our region? Did Gallipoli mark the coming of age of the new nation, or did that war devastate its potential?

PEACE

Inspirational leader: Dalai Lama



St Stephen's Cathedral on June 11

BRISBANE Archbishop Mark Coleridge has extended a "glad welcome" to the Dalai Lama who will take part in a multi-faith event:

"From his early life, the Dalai Lama has been a controversial figure caught up in the drama of Tibet, especially in its relations with China," the Archbishop said.

"Inevitably he has been drawn into politics, but that is not where his true strength lies."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Dalai Lama's strength had always been in the spiritual realm.

"Through all the turmoil the Dalai Lama has shown a serenity of spirit and a quality of humanity, which have marked him as a spiritual leader," he said.

Archbishop Coleridge said "that, at the multi-faith event in St Stephen's Cathedral where the Dalai Lama would meet with religious leaders and many others, all political difficulties would be set aside.

We look beyond politics and ideology to greet a man who comes in peace," he said.



IKEA receives first order for flat-pack refugee shelters to be used in Iraq by United Nations. Updated Sat at 7:06am Sat 28 Mar 2015,



Photo: Flat-pack refugee shelters will soon be used in Iraq and possibly Ethiopia.

(AFP: UNHCR handout)

Sweden's IKEA has received its first order for temporary flat-pack refugee shelters and expects to double or triple production in the coming three years, the company says.

After developing the shelters together with the IKEA Foundation's social enterprise Better Shelter, the United Nations Refugee Agency signed an agreement for 30,000 units, of which 10,000 will be delivered in the middle of this year. The shelter, which comes in flat-pack cardboard boxes, can be assembled on site without additional tools and has a solar panel and a lamp.

Better Shelter's head of business development Johan Karlsson said the first units would go to refugee camps in Iraq and possibly Ethiopia. "We have around 53.5 million refugees and internal refugees in the world so this of course is just a drop in the ocean," he said, adding he expected production capacity to at least double or triple in coming years.

One housing unit is big enough for five people and costs \$1483.

The privately-held Swedish company, known for its flat-pack self-assembly furniture, reached a net profit of 3.3 billion euros (\$4.6 billion) in the 12 months through to August 2014.

[Related Story: Syrian refugees bear brunt of blizzard conditions](#)

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Third International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria.

Ban Ki moon was in Kuwait City to oversee the Third International Humanitarian Pledging Conference, which aims to mobilize donor support and raise funds to meet the needs set out in the [2015 Syria Response Plan](#) and the [Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan \(3RP\) 2015-2016](#).

"By conservative estimates, more than 220,000 Syrians have died from the conflict, but that number is likely much higher. Four out of five live in poverty and the country has lost nearly four decades of human development, with unemployment at over 50 per cent. Life expectancy has been cut by 20 years.

That is why the 2015 appeals amount to \$8.4 billion," the Secretary-General urged.

Comments by Helen Clark 31 Mar 2015

Allow me to begin by expressing appreciation for the unparalleled efforts of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait and the Government of Kuwait to marshal the international community's response to the Syria crisis, and for their great generosity in the response.

Thus this crisis combines humanitarian and development challenges. It defies conventional conflict resolution and development approaches, and it challenges standard aid responses and co-ordination mechanisms

Let me also commend at the outset the generosity of the communities which are hosting Syrians seeking refuge, both inside Syria itself and in neighboring countries, as the crisis enters its fifth year.

The Resilience Development Forum, proposed in the 3rd Resilience Plan, and expected to take place in the coming months, will be a key event in 2015. It presents a strategic opportunity to rally the capacities, instruments, and resources of the development community to deepen resilience-building in the sub-region.

Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She also chairs the United Nations Development Group. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/speeches/2015/03/31/helen-clark-statem...>



"I think we in the United Nations also deserve respect and I wish the Prime Minister had taken my views on this more seriously."
Juan Mendez, UN



United Human (UN) Rights Council Nations report

Agenda Item 3:

Promotion and Protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural, including the right to development.

A new UN report has found aspects of Australia's border protection policies have breached the international convention against torture.

UN Report into Australia's treatment of asylum seekers deserves to be treated seriously. "Sadly, however, Prime Minister Abbott launched an attack on the United Na-

tions, claiming the globally respected organisation would have more credibility if it paid credit to the Abbott Government, instead of launching a cheap attack on the report's author, Juan E. Méndez – Abbott should be providing an assurance that all the processing facilities that Australia funds are run in a safe, humane and proper manner".

The report prepared by the UN's special Rapporteur on Torture, Professor Juan Mendez, was tabled in Geneva at the UN Human Rights Council and dated 5 March. "I do give credit to Australia for having a very robust, democratic system with guarantees of human rights for everybody," Mr Mendez said. "But it is my mission, my duty, to point out when any country, including Australia, falls short of its obligations under international law. I don't dispute the fact that in the high seas the Australian forces behave in a humanitarian way and provide essential services to people that they find, even rescue people who may be at peril," Mr Mendez said. "That is obviously to be commended, but that does not detract from the use of prolonged arbitrary detention of people just because of their status, when in fact there could and should be better alternatives, including appropriate screening with a fair opportunity to state a claim why they should not be returned to a country where they face torture.

"I don't think that keeping people in prolonged arbitrary detention on the basis only of the fact that they attempted an irregular entry is a good course of action."

Mr Abbott said the UN should have given the Government credit for stopping boats making dangerous journeys to Australia. A critical part of that is ensuring Australian funded facilities and processing people's refugee claims without delay.

Juan E. Méndez is a Visiting Professor of Law at the American University – Washington College of Law and the author (with Marjory Wentworth) of *"Taking A Stand: The Evolution of Human Rights"*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011. On 1 November 2010, he was appointed the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

He was Special Advisor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He was also Co-Chair of the For 15 years, he worked with Human Rights Watch, concentrating his efforts on human rights issues in the western hemisphere. In 1994, he became general counsel of Human Rights Watch, with worldwide duties in support of the organization's mission, including responsibility for litigation and standard-setting activities

He has taught International Human Rights Law at Georgetown Law School and at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and he teaches regularly at the Oxford Masters Program in International Human Rights Law in the United Kingdom. He is the recipient of several human rights awards: the Rafael Lemkin Award for contributions to the prevention of genocide by the Auschwitz Institute on Peace and Reconciliation (2010); the Goler T. Butcher Medal from the American Society of International Law (2010); a Doctorate *Honoris Causa* from the University of Quebec in Montreal (2006); the inaugural "Monsignor Oscar A. Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights," by the University of Dayton (2000); and the "Jeanne and Joseph Sullivan Award" of the Heartland Alliance (2003).

Mr. Méndez is a member of the bar of Mar del Plata and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the District of Columbia, U.S., having earned a J.D. from Stella Maris University in Argentina and a certificate from the American University Washington College of Law.

Refer:

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/asylum-seeker-torture-report-united-n...>

General information about the inquiry: [Information from public hearings including transcripts](#)

[Expert reports from visits to immigration detention centres;](#)

[Commission's previous work on children in immigration detention](#)

[The Forgotten Children: National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention \(2014\) tabled 2015](#)



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Join the UNAA Qld Association and learn about the many issues the United Nations is involved in, help us to support the UN programs for children, women, addressing poverty and hunger, health issues or those who have no education and in particular maternal health issues, sustainability, peace and diplomacy. Share with other like minded people in making a difference. in world issues. Why not become a UNAA member? Why not support the Queensland Association?

SYRIA

83% of the lights in Syria have gone out since the civil war began four years ago this month (March), according to new satellite data.

UKRAINE

842 people were killed in eastern Ukraine in the month leading up to the Feb 15 ceasefire, according to the UN; the death toll has passed 6,000 since the fighting began in April.

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