



## 2010 CONFERENCE SUMMARY SHEET

### STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN LINKAGES TO EDUCATION, ECONOMIC SECURITY, AND HEALTH

**WHERE:** Hunter College, West Wing, located at the southwest corner of East 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue in New York, NY

**WHEN:** 11-12 June 2010

**TIME:** Check in opens at 1:30 PM Friday; Friday session closes at 5:30 PM. Reception from 6 to 8 PM Saturday check in opens at 8AM; Session closes at 5:30 PM with reception immediately following

**PARTNERS:** The National Council for Research on Women and the US National Committee for UNIFEM

**SPONSORSHIPS AND CO-HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

**HOSTED BY** The Women and Gender Studies Program, Hunter College, CUNY (The City University of

**BACKGROUND:** Since the first UN World Conference on Women brought to the fore the situation of violence against women, women worldwide have joined hands with each other to create change. This conference is necessary to bring together people from all walks of life to concentrate on ending this pandemic. The UN estimates that more than 8,000 women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo have been brutally raped and tortured in this past year alone. Women in the Darfur region of Sudan are tortured, raped and brutalized in this regional conflict. In Liberia market women still face violence and rape as they cross borders to sell their goods. Women everywhere face sexual exploitation from trafficking, human rights abuses, domestic violence and rape. UNIFEM estimates more than one out of every three women worldwide can expect to experience some form of violence in her lifetime.

Sponsored by the US National Committee for UNIFEM and the National Council for Research on Women, this conference is designed to build collaborations to understand the intersections between violence against women and other key social investments, like economic security, education and health. By convening leaders from business, academia, philanthropy, advocacy, nonprofit and policy communities, the conference gives participants a better understanding of UNIFEM programs and funded projects, breaking research within the NCRW member center network, as well as current advocacy and policy initiatives. Speakers will highlight a comprehensive approach to end gender-based violence by emphasizing key investments, building communities and leadership.

#### ATTENDEES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Researchers
- ✓ Activists
- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Business leaders
- ✓ Donors and philanthropists
- ✓ Policy makers
- ✓ Nonprofit staff and volunteers
- ✓ Students

*It is clear that laws and international agreements are not enough. There must be regular sharing of information, research, strategies and action to end violence against women. The conference addresses this need; the partners expect that strategies and action plans will be outcomes of the conference.*

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*for RESEARCH on WOMEN*

**STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE:** The conference begins on Friday with an opening plenary session, with guest speakers from the partners and other dignitaries. Six concurrent workshops will be held; they address such areas as media, government, peace building, the environment and the UN's efforts to create global change.

The following day participants will learn more about the US National Committee and NCRW. Plenary sessions with key national speakers will address US foreign policy, the intersections of key social investments, and building connections. The afternoon offers six concurrent sessions that bring together research, programs and action in areas such as health, jobs and the economy, and such critical aspects as culture, human rights and the law. Following the concurrent sessions we will recap the main action points that came from the two-day sessions, followed by a call to action.

The conference closes with a reception on Saturday, bringing closure to the work done and a stimulating message. Awards from both groups will be given at that time.

### **RECEPTION, FRIDAY, 11 JUNE**

2010 marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World Conference on Women, held in Mexico City in June 2010. The US National Committee will hold a reception June 11, honoring the work of the women's conferences. H.E. Helvi Sipilä (Finland) was Secretary General of the Conference. Sipilä led the charge for the UN to fund women's development, out of which came UNIFEM and INSTRAW (by UN General Assembly resolution) in 1976. The reception honors the groundbreaking work of that meeting, and calls attention to progress made since that time. Attending are conference participants, guests and the community.

Proceeds from the reception are tax deductible contributions to the US National Committee for UNIFEM, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Combined Admission:** Conference and Friday evening reception: \$195 before May 10, \$250 after May 10. No walk ins.

Deadline: June 1

**Conference Admission only:** \$150 before May 10, \$195 after May 10. No walk-ins.

Deadline: June 1

**Friday evening Reception Admission only:** \$100. Deadline: June 1

### **ROOM RESERVATIONS:**

There are limited rooms available at the Indigo Chelsea in Manhattan. Rate is \$189 plus state, city and room occupancy taxes. To secure these room arrangements, please call Hotel Indigo Chelsea reservations department at 866-2INDIGO (866-246-3446) and ask for the group room block held under **US National Committee for UNIFEM**. Please book as soon as possible with an individual credit card to guarantee the room. The card will not be charged until you arrive. Cancellation is 48 hours prior to check-in for individual reservations, otherwise one night room and tax will be charged for last minute cancellations. This rate is extended from 10 to 13 June. Reservations must be made no later than 5:00 PM EDT on **May 10, 2010**.

### **TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE:**

[www.unifem-usnc.org/conference](http://www.unifem-usnc.org/conference)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** please contact [metrony@unifem-usnc.org](mailto:metrony@unifem-usnc.org)