

**INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN
ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES**

IAW website: <http://www.womenalliance.org>

**Equal Rights - Equal Responsibilities
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Equal Rights

IAW NewsFlash July 2010,

Dear members,

We like to give you information on the deadlines of three subjects:

The first is the 1 August 2010 deadline for submissions of communications for the **fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

(Note of IAW President Rosy Weiss: This procedure should be known by all our member organisations).

I. The United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women wishes to draw your attention to information about the communications procedure of the Commission on the Status of Women and to alert you to the **1 August 2010 deadline** for submissions of communications for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Find out more by clicking here:

http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/communications_procedure.html)

II. *IAW member Mmabatho Ramagoshi from South Africa asks our attention for the following article: The lack of fairness in the UN Women hiring process.*

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21 July 2010, XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna -

On July 2, the General Assembly created UN Women, a new agency that will take on women's issues seriously for the first time in the UN's 65-year history. With this magnificent, historic resolution, Member States recognized the colossal failure of the UN to fulfill its commitments to women's rights and development and decided finally to change its ways.

Here at the XVIII International AIDS Conference in Vienna, where twenty thousand delegates are pledging to tackle the women's and human rights issues that fuel the global pandemic, we have heard not a word about UN Women. Two days from now, thousands of delegates from around the globe will exit the closing conference session without any idea that they are missing a deadline to nominate a candidate for the post of Under Secretary-General of UN Women, a post that if filled by the right person, will have a major role to play in the fight against AIDS.

The Secretary-General promised that the process for selecting the Under Secretary-General of UN Women would be fair, open and transparent and would include civil society. It has not happened. He asked governments to submit candidates and barely made an overture to civil society.

The Secretary-General set July 23rd, the same day as the end of this conference, as the abrupt deadline by which the names of candidates should be submitted. With willful disregard for the promise of transparency, he decided to inform only UN Ambassadors that the deadline had been set. The open search has been confined, as ever, to the favorite nominees of member states.

The sad truth is that the vast majority of the women of the world have not the slightest idea that UN Women even exists, primarily because the Secretary-General has failed to use his communications apparatus to inform anyone anywhere of the existence of the new agency.

There are many women at this conference, for example, who might wish to apply for the position. Many of them would be entirely qualified. They will never get the chance to apply because the position has not even been advertised.

To read more: click on: <http://www.aids-freeworld.org/>

III. Irini Sarlis from the IAW New York team has mailed us the following.

Urgent Announcement: Nominations for NGO and civil society representatives at MDG Summit

The President of the General Assembly has very recently requested his Task Force composed of civil society and private sector representatives to provide him with a list of possible nominees to speak at the September 2010 MDG Summit plenary and round-tables **before the end of July** (Friday 30 July next week).

In order to make the nomination process as inclusive as possible in this extremely short time frame, Task Force members have requested NGLS to make this information publicly available to enable civil society organizations worldwide to submit nominations **by Tuesday 27 July COB New York Time**. NGLS has set up an online form for such submission. If you wish to nominate a **high level representative of civil society** for the Task Force to consider in the course of next week, please find more information on the nominations process and a form which can be accessed at:

<http://www.un-ngls.org/nominations>

Regular information for IAW members

Please be so kind to go to: UN-NGLS - United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service <info@un-ngls.org>, to receive regular information. This important UN organisation is promoting good communications between the UN, and NGOs and civil society.

With kind regards,

Joke Sebus (July the 26, 2010)