



**BPW International**

Federation of Business and Professional Women

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### Message from the President

Vice President Huguette Akplogan Dossa has already started preparations for the Commission on the Status of Woman, session 56 (CSW56) and she is back from Italy, where she attended meetings with the FAO in relation to next year's priority theme. Affiliates wishing to have projects highlighted at CSW next year should read her message.

BPW Federations continue to show what is possible in relation to the triennium theme and in this edition, you will read about BPW Germany successfully negotiating with the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs to support and financially advance the Equal Pay Day initiative for another three years beginning with the Equal Pay Day 2012 with forum, toolkits and central contact point. Our Affiliates in Germany continue to impressively lead the world wide Equal Pay Day campaign.

BPW Turkey has successfully received EU funding to raise awareness around the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) and they are already planning 7 seminars, 1 international conference and establishing a [Civilian Strategic Research Centre](#) that will support sustainable relations and cooperation among women NGOs. Earlier this year BPW Turkey held their first successful WEPs event and the second international event will again be held in Istanbul, Turkey on the 4th of May 2012. Esteemed guest speakers have been invited and it promises to be a high level event. Congratulations BPW Turkey!

Regional Coordinator for Africa, Adenike Adeyanju-Osadolor, is back from her retreat with the [Nigerian First Lady](#) read about what she said about her experience. Finance Director Geva Murano and I are in New York completing the finance handover this week and look forward to catching up with members at the BPW Long Island Summer Social at Immediate Past President Liz Benham's home.

The Women's Global Forum for trade in Chongqing China will be taking place 27-29 September. Immediate Past President Liz Benham has been working steadily with our members in the identified sectors that will be invited to attend this international forum. Well done to the seven BPW members that have been selected from the sectors of construction, agriculture and textiles. BPW is progressing on empowering our business members through global trade and is creating the blueprint for the sustainable process to access the multinational corporation's buying power - "this is only the beginning!" said Immediate Past President Liz Benham. We look forward to hearing about the success of

the programme. [more](#)

This is another great edition of E-News showing you how BPW women are Empowered Women Leading Business at the top, at all levels and in the community. Enjoy!

*Freda Miriklis*

*BPW International President 2011-2014*

## News from the Executive

We have begun preparations for the 56th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW56), New York February 27 to March 9, 2012.

**Exciting news:** A few weeks ago I attended a special meeting with the Young BPW Representative and our Permanent FAO Representative to discuss a plan for a Side Event to be held during the Rural Women Day/FAO Day Celebration in October 2011, in preparation for CSW 56 and the priority theme. The result of this event in Rome will allow BPW to co-sponsor a parallel event with the FAO during CSW 56. [more](#)

*Huguette Akplogan Dossa*

*BPW International 1st Vice President*

### **BPW Africa Promotes BPW Values and Best Practices**

The Regional Coordinator for Africa, Ade nike Adeyanju-Osadolor was a resource person at a retreat organized by the Nigerian First Lady. [more](#)

*Adenike Adeyanju-Osadolor*

*BPW International Africa Regional Coordinator*

From 3rd to 5th of September, 2011 the 64th **Annual United Nations Conference of the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)** and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) will be held in Bonn, Germany. The theme of the conference is Sustainable Societies; Responsible Citizens. It will provide important network-building opportunities and a major civil society contribution to the Rio+20 Conference that is going to take place next year. The young BPW members, between the age of 18 and 24, who are interested to participate please contact [Ann Swain](#).

*Anastasia Victoria Safarian*

*Young BPW International Representative*

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## BPW News

**Young BPW Europe Report** on Helsinki Congress. [more](#)

**BPW Germany: Equal Pay Day will be continued with new concept.** The German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and BPW Germany are starting a new project – Equal Pay Day 2012 with forum, toolkits and central contact point. [more](#)

**BPW Japan: Recovery, Rebuild, Renew, BPW Japan's 3R yellow jacket.** The road to recovery from the disaster by women. [more](#)

**BPW Africa:** Shortly before the presidential election in April 2011, women in the country led by the First Lady herself through her Women for Change Initiative and other gender advocacy groups including BPW Nigeria intensified agitations for prominent roles in the administration of the country. President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of Nigeria fulfils his promise of 35% female representation in his cabinet. [more](#)

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## BPW in the Media

BPW Australia in Ruby Connection: National Policy Summit – Leading with Advocacy & Action September 2-4th is being held in beautiful Adelaide. [more](#)

BPW Canada in Westmount Examiner, August 3, 2011: Sally Aitken was an unstoppable force. Westmount lost a true community hero this week with the passing of Sally Aitken. [more](#)

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## Worldwide News

**Australia:** [Women who leave the workplace: Opting out or overlooking discrimination?](#)

**Australia:** [Gender equity 'vital to finance industry'](#)

**Australia:** [Women making a difference.](#) Media Release from Victoria. Minister for Local Government.

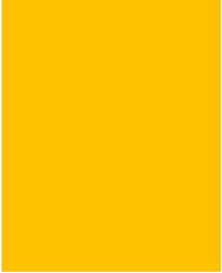
**Libya:** Libyans have lived under a dictatorship for over 40 years and the effort to think and act freely does not come easily. In Benghazi, a small women-led group called Express is waging a psycho-social effort to "Get Rid of the Gadhafi Inside You.". [more](#)

**New Zealand:** Women could boost economy by 10 percent. [more](#)

**South Africa:** Breakfast for women in business. Despite more opportunities than before, women in South African organisations are not as happy as they should be. [more](#)

**UK:** Women forced out of jobs by rising cost of childcare. Many women are being priced out of the jobs market because of the soaring cost of childcare, as new figures show female unemployment in Britain exceeding one million, a report warns. [more](#)

**UK:** In business, a woman's place is in the boardroom. Former British trade minister Mervyn Davies wants FTSE 100 companies to have 25 percent women on boards by 2015 and EU internal market commissioner Michel Barnier has put gender diversity for bank boards on his radar. [more](#)



**USA:** Why the Gender Gap Won't Go Away in US. Report Women in America. [more](#)

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