



BPW International

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President's Message

It is with mixed emotions I write this. I'm back home from a fantastic trip to Europe and Brazil where many new collaborations between BPW International, other civil society groups and business were formed. Our alliances in [South Eastern Europe](#) have led to a commitment of new clubs in many of the Balkan States. I was honoured to support [BPW Brazil in meetings with large companies](#) and now they are working together to advance the status of women through the WEPs. At Rio+20 we joined with others to [promote the WEPs](#) as a vital part to building a sustainable future [through empowering women in the global economy](#). We truly are empowered women leading business.

Not long after my return I was saddened to hear the passing of [Pauline Gapper](#), Life Member of BPW New Zealand; a special woman who early on in her BPW career, fought for Equal Pay and latterly was a huge supporter and advocate for the women of Nepal. Pauline empowered women.

So let's build on the success of our collaborations, honour the spirit of our past leaders and continue to empower women to lead business, in the community, at all levels and from the top. We can do it, together!

Freda Miriklis
BPW International President

From the Executive

Call for _expressions of interest for **UN Administrator**. We need an administrator to support us with our relationships with all the United Nations agencies. [more](#)

Young BPW: Does your club/federation have a Young BPW Representative position? Are there benefits to having such position? Please take few minutes of your time [to complete our Young BPW International Survey](#).

Anastasia Victoria Safarian, Young BPW International Representative

BPW Latin America has a [renewed bilingual website at BPW International](#). As part of our marketing plan the Latin America website has been refreshed, where you can find information in Spanish and English. Included is a short video to see the BPW International Initiatives. We hope

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Susan Jones, BPW Regional Coordinator Asia Pacific Coordinator

BPW News

BPW Brazil: Visit of President of BPW International and meetings in São Paulo to potential partners: BOVESPA, FIESP / CIEE, SEBRAE and the Government of São Paulo. [more](#)

BPW Mfoundi, Cameroon: report and pictures on activities on the Widows' International Day. [more](#)

EPW New-York State announced the [winner of the Young EPW-NYS Scholarship to attend the Young BPW International Congress](#). This is a great idea to support your Young BPW representative to attend the Young BPW International Congress

BPW France to launch WEPs officially in France in October 2nd. Freda Miriklis BPW International President visited BPW France June 8-11. [more](#)

BPW Italy: FIDAPA Foundation has made some [great progress around anti-corruption and launched a new incubator project](#).

BPW in the Media

BPW Australia: [Project to get women on boards](#) in Coffs Coast Advocate

BPW Canada: [Government of Canada salutes BPW Canada for adopting and promoting Women's Empowerment Principles](#) in Canada News Wire

BPW South Africa: [South Africa: Women on Board Programme launched](#) in 7thSpace Interactive

Africa: [Women and Sustainability - Women and Business Development](#) in All Africa.com

BPW UK: [Katey's legacy thrives as charity marks two decades](#) in Morpeth Herald

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BPW Events Worldwide

XIV BPW European Congress in Sorrento, September 28-30. [Register on www.bpw-italy.org](http://www.bpw-italy.org)

The Young BPW International Congress [registration is still OPEN](#) and so far we have participants from 13 countries. Will your Young BPWs represent your country at the Young BPW International Congress? Please see [latest updates to the Congress Program](#). See you in Sorrento!

The **BPW Asia Pacific Regional Conference** is being hosted by Taiwan (December 1-3, 2012). [Join the Grand Hotel in Taipei.](#)

Worldwide News

United States Secretary of State [Hillary Rodham Clinton recognises ITC's work with women entrepreneurs](#). 'I am announcing two new APEC initiatives to expand women's access to capital and markets.

BPW South Africa: [South Africa: Women on Board Programme launched](#) in 7thSpace Interactive

Africa: [Women and Sustainability - Women and Business](#)

First, we want to help governments use their purchasing power to support women entrepreneurs and grow their economies. So we are working with the United Nations International Trade Centre to improve the ability of APEC governments to source from women-owned businesses.

United Nations News

The United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) high-level segment ended with the adoption of a ministerial declaration calling for strengthened partnerships amongst Governments, the private sector and civil society to address issues that are crucial for providing full employment and decent work. [more](#)

UN Women: Michelle Bachelet Says [Chile Needs Rules to Boost Women Lawmakers](#).

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