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## Amnesty International reports & statements:

**24 September: USA:** Troy Davis received a stay of execution on Tuesday less than two hours before he was due to be put to death by lethal injection in Georgia <a href="http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/stay-execution-troy-davis-20080924">http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/stay-execution-troy-davis-20080924</a>

23 September: Myanmar: Freedom for U Win Tin, but 2,100 political prisoners remain behind bars

 $\frac{http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/good-news/one-myanmars-longest-serving-political-prisoners-released-20080923$ 

- **18 September: Bosnia and Herzegovina:** The authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina must guarantee a climate free of intimidation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people <a href="http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/bosnia-and-herzegovina-sarajevo-queer-festival-must-be-protectedb-200809">http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/bosnia-and-herzegovina-sarajevo-queer-festival-must-be-protectedb-200809</a>
- **16 September: Myanmar:** An anti-government activist leader in Myanmar at risk of torture http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/myanmar-activist-risk-torture-20080916

**15 September: Japan:** Three men were executed in Japan. Amnesty International has called for the government to immediately adopt a moratorium on executions <a href="http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/japan-should-adopt-death-penalty-moratorium-20080915">http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/japan-should-adopt-death-penalty-moratorium-20080915</a>

#### Children:

**Afghanistan:** The Ministry of Public Health, backed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), is planning to immunise 1.8 million underfives against polio between 21 and 23 September. *IRIN News* (18 September): http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80451

**Afghanistan:** Increased attacks on schools, rampant insecurity and threats to students have deprived nearly 300,000 children from education in 2008. *IRIN News* (22 September): <a href="http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80506">http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80506</a>

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) today called for the immediate, unconditional release of 90 pupils who were abducted from their schools in the northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo. *UNICEF Press Centre* (22 September): <a href="http://www.unicef.org/media/media/45702.html">http://www.unicef.org/media/media/45702.html</a>

**International:** The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) said that worldwide the number of children who die before the age of five has declined by 27% over the last two decades, and the rate is expected to continue falling. *Health 24* (15 September): <a href="http://www.health24.com/news/Child\_safety/1-943,47956.asp">http://www.health24.com/news/Child\_safety/1-943,47956.asp</a>

International: The United Nations envoy for children and armed conflict today praised the United States for the introduction of new legislation that aims to tackle the recruitment and use of the estimated 250,000 child soldiers worldwide. *UN News centre* (17 September): http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28094&Cr=children&Cr1=armed+conflict

**UK:** The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) applauded the decision by the British Government to grant children seeking asylum, migrant children and those trafficked into the country the same rights as British children. *UN News Centre* (23 September): <a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28175&Cr=Unicef&Cr1=Refugee">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28175&Cr=Unicef&Cr1=Refugee</a>

# **Death Penalty:**

**Argentina:** Argentina ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aimed at the abolition of the death penalty. *Religious Intelligence* (16 September): http://www.religiousintelligence.co.uk/news/?NewsID=2786

India: A court in the western Indian state of Maharashtra has sentenced six people to death for killing four members of a lower-caste Dalit family in 2006. *BBC News* (24 September): <a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south-asia/7633128.stm">http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south-asia/7633128.stm</a>

**Iran:** Iranian rights groups and lawyers have stepped up a campaign against execution of juvenile offenders hoping to save about 120 people convicted as minors who are now on death row. *Associated Press* (18 September):

http://ap.google.com/article/ALegM5hEpCQELUurPSUIMGb53VspZr39FQD938IT7G5

**Latvia:** The head of the Latvian parliament's human rights committee has called for an EU-wide debate on reinstating the death penalty, as a new capital punishment debate has emerged in the country following the murder of a young girl. *EU Observer* (25 September): http://euobserver.com/22/26807

**USA:** Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights and the National Alliance on Mental Illness will launch a national project opposing the death penalty for persons with severe mental illnesses. *Reuters* (23 September): <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/idUS136392+23-Sep-2008+PRN20080923">http://www.reuters.com/article/idUS136392+23-Sep-2008+PRN20080923</a>

**USA:** The U.S. Supreme Court issued a temporary stay of execution for Georgia death row inmate Troy Anthony Davis, less than two hours before he was scheduled to die by lethal injection Tuesday night. *IPS* (24 September): http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43984

#### **Health Services:**

India: Ranbaxy Laboratories in India says all of its drugs are safe, including those supplied to African countries to fight AIDS. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has blocked more than 30 medications made by the giant pharmaceutical company. Other countries have started their own investigations. Voa News (23 September): <a href="http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-09-23-voa26.cfm">http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-09-23-voa26.cfm</a>

**Iraq:** Not even the elevators work now at Baghdad Medical City, built once as the centre for some of the best medical care. *IPS* (25 September): <a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43997">http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43997</a>

**South Africa:** The National Assembly on Tuesday approved the Medicines Bill regulating the registration of health products in the country. *Health 24* (23 September): http://www.health24.com/news/Health\_care/1-918.48058.asp

## **Health Workers:**

**International:** The British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is launching a global plan to recruit a million doctors, nurses and midwives in poor countries as an emergency session of the UN in New York seeks to make up lost ground in the effort to reach its millennium development goals. *The Guardian* (25 September):

http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/sep/25/internationalaidanddevelopment.gordonbrown

**South Africa:** A nurse shortage cripples the health system in South Africa. In the impoverished informal settlement of Du Noon, 20 kilometres north of Cape Town, sick residents rely on a single clinic staffed by six nurses to meet their health needs. *IPS* (23 September): <a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43975">http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43975</a>

#### HIV/AIDS:

**Europe:** Stigma is contributing to the sexual transmission of hepatitis C virus amongst HIV-positive gay men, a small qualitative study published in the journal *Culture, Health and Sexuality* suggests. *Aidsmap news* (25 September): <a href="http://www.aidsmap.com/en/news/D985C5AF-9BAB-49DD-8F7F-4B6DD23A2B5E.asp">http://www.aidsmap.com/en/news/D985C5AF-9BAB-49DD-8F7F-4B6DD23A2B5E.asp</a>

**Indonesia:** Indonesia's Bali Province is phasing out the role of local HIV/AIDS non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in distributing needles and syringes to injecting drug users (IDUs). *IRIN Plus News* (17 September): <a href="http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80440">http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80440</a>

**International:** Significant strides have been made in tackling three of the world's deadliest diseases - HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. But co-infection could pose a threat to further progress. *The Guardian* (23 September): <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/alloutonpoverty/disease">http://www.guardian.co.uk/alloutonpoverty/disease</a>

**International:** An estimated three million injecting drug users in 120 countries around the world are HIV positive, according to new research. *IRIN Plus News* (24 September): <a href="http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80558">http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80558</a>

**UK:** The rate of HIV infection among people who inject themselves with drugs appears to be rising, according to a study published on Wednesday. *Reuters* (23 september): http://www.reuters.com/article/homepageCrisis/idUSLN468918. CH .2400

**USA:** More than 4,000 government officials, health care workers and those living with HIV/AIDS are expected to attend the U.S. conference on AIDS to focus on HIV/AIDS prevention among minorities, which has the theme, "Looking Back, Moving Forward." *News-Medical.Net* (22 September): http://www.news-medical.net/?id=41575

# Malaria, TB and Other Diseases:

**Africa:** At least seven African countries or regions have cut the number of malaria deaths by half following an intensive drive to protect people from the disease. *The Guardian* (18 September) <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/sep/18/internationalaidanddevelopment.medicalresearch">http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/sep/18/internationalaidanddevelopment.medicalresearch</a>

**Guinea-Bissau:** With 6,461 cholera cases and 122 deaths, experts say the cholera epidemic in Guinea-Bissau is out of control. *IRIN* (17 September): http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80450

**International:** A local treatment study has shown that mortality among TB and HIV co-infected patients can be reduced by 55%, if antiretroviral therapy (ART) is provided with TB treatment. *Health 24* (17 September): <a href="http://www.health24.com/news/1.asp">http://www.health24.com/news/1.asp</a>

**International:** A new report finds more funding leading to increased coverage of malaria control interventions. *WHO Media Centre* (18 September): http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2008/pr32/en/index.html

**International:** Malaria killed nearly one million people worldwide in 2006 according to most recent figures, with children under five and African countries bearing the brunt. *Health 24* (18 September): http://www.health24.com/news/Malaria/1-925,48004.asp

## Mental Health:

**International:** Adult cancer survivors are likely to suffer psychological distress severe enough to affect their social functioning, according to a study. *Health 24* (25 September): <a href="http://www.health24.com/news/Cancer/1-898,48069.asp">http://www.health24.com/news/Cancer/1-898,48069.asp</a>

**UK:** The vulnerability of female patients on England's NHS psychiatric wards was revealed yesterday by figures showing that 435 patients reported being sexually assaulted last year, including 15 who said they had been raped. *The Independent* (25 September): <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-wellbeing/health-news/psychiatric-wards-hit-by-surge-of-rape-claims-941465.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-wellbeing/health-news/psychiatric-wards-hit-by-surge-of-rape-claims-941465.html</a>

**UK:** It is unjust to add the DNA of innocent mental health patients to the National Criminal DNA database say the public, in support of black church leaders who condemn the move as racist. *Religious Intelligence* (15 September): <a href="http://www.religiousintelligence.co.uk/news/?NewsID=2776">http://www.religiousintelligence.co.uk/news/?NewsID=2776</a>

## Poverty:

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** Democratic Republic of Congo has the potential to become a bread basket for the developing world, but poor land use and a lack of investment are keeping many of its own people hungry. *Reuters* (18 September):

http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/LI588886.htm

International: With the spotlight once more on the UN Millennium Development Goals, Michael Jay - the UK's chief negotiator at the 2005 Gleneagles Summit and chair of medical aid agency Merlin - argues that we must address the conflicts that prevent targets on poverty, health and human rights being met. *BBC News* (24 September): http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in\_depth/7632361.stm

**International:** Agricultural production must be raised to end the global food crisis, which has driven more than 75 million additional people into hunger and poverty. *UN News Centre* (17 September): <a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28093&Cr=food&Cr1=crisis">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28093&Cr=food&Cr1=crisis</a>

**International:** Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary-General, warns in a new report that the gains made in reducing extreme poverty are under threat from the rise in global food and fuel prices and global economic slowdown. *IRIN Plus News* (12 September): http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80310

**UK:** The British Government will provide up to £7 million to help people devastated by the recent hurricanes in the Caribbean, International Development Secretary Douglas Alexander announced. *Relief Web* (16 September): <a href="http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/AMMF-7JLGDN?0penDocument&rc=2">http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/AMMF-7JLGDN?0penDocument&rc=2</a>

#### **Prisons:**

**Argentina:** Six rural activists from Paraguay who are in prison in Argentina have been on a hunger strike since Aug. 15 to protest what they claim is their "unjust detention" carried out with the "complicity" of the Argentine government. *IPS* (24 September): http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43986

**Egypt:** During a conference held at the Journalists' Syndicate, journalists and civil rights activists lashed out against the impotence of the Egyptian embassy in Kuwait regarding the mistreatment of Egyptians in Kuwaiti prisons. *The Daily News* (16 September): <a href="http://dailystaregypt.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=16523">http://dailystaregypt.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=16523</a>

**International:** Physical and psychological abuse are rampant in women's prisons from the U.S. to Canada to Pakistan. *AlterNet* (23 September):

http://www.alternet.org/reproductivejustice/99987/rape, torture and humiliation in women's prisons: a global state of crisis/

**Iran:** Dr. Kamiar Alaei and Dr. Arash Alaei, two brothers internationally known for their work on HIV/AIDS have been detained without charge by Iranian officials. *Market watch* (23 September): <a href="http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/ahf-calls-iran-release-two/story.aspx?guid=%7BE57F1492-D529-4A3E-AF3A-020ADE4B926A%7D&dist=hppr">http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/ahf-calls-iran-release-two/story.aspx?guid=%7BE57F1492-D529-4A3E-AF3A-020ADE4B926A%7D&dist=hppr</a>

**Namibia:** Namibia's efforts to control the spread of HIV-AIDS will be of little effect unless human rights violations against prisoners receive equal attention, a new study by the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC) suggests. *IPPF* (19 September):

http://www.ippf.org/en/News/Intl+news/Namibia+Country+in+Denial+About+Jail+Sex.htm

**USA:** Thirty-eight retired generals and admirals today appealed to the United States Senate to enact legislation ending the practice of holding "ghost detainees" by requiring that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) be notified of and given access to all prisoners in the custody of the U.S. intelligence community, including those held in secret prisons. *Human Rights First* (15 September): http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/media/usls/2008/alert/339/

# Right to Water:

**Myanmar:** One of the chief concerns among aid workers in the wake of Cyclone Nargis was polluted ponds, the only source of drinking water for many villagers. *IRIN News* (23 September): http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80556

**Zimbabwe:** A group of Zimbabwean doctors are urging the country's forthcoming power-sharing government to initiate an "urgent, coordinated and comprehensive response" to provide safe water and address deterioration of sanitation systems to prevent disease. *Voa News* (24 September): <a href="http://www.voanews.com/english/Africa/Zimbabwe/2008-09-24-voa45.cfm">http://www.voanews.com/english/Africa/Zimbabwe/2008-09-24-voa45.cfm</a>

# **Refugees and Migrants:**

**Egypt:** Egyptian security forces are killing an increasing number of Darfurian refugees and other African migrants attempting to cross from Egypt's Sinai desert into Israel. *The Washington Post* (12 September): <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/09/11/ST2008091103227.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/09/11/ST2008091103227.html</a>

**Nepal:** Aid agencies are struggling to provide assistance to thousands of families displaced by flooding in western Nepal. *IRIN News* (24September): http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80568

**South Africa:** Hundreds of refugees who fled violent xenophobic attacks have been left to fend for themselves after a safety camp in Pretoria was demolished. *The Independent Online (South Africa)* (25 September):

http://www.int.iol.co.za/index.php?set\_id=1&click\_id=13&art\_id=vn20080924063949778C1121\_61\_

**UK:** New research has claimed that abortion rates are highest among 'immigrant' women and suggests that socioeconomic differences are to blame. *In the News* (17 September): <a href="http://www.inthenews.co.uk/news/autocodes/countries/norway/abortion-rates-highest-amongst-immigrant-women-\$1241002.htm">http://www.inthenews.co.uk/news/autocodes/countries/norway/abortion-rates-highest-amongst-immigrant-women-\$1241002.htm</a>

## **Sexual and Reproductive Rights:**

**Bangladesh:** Bangladesh has made remarkable progress on health and family planning programmes in last two decades although the maternal mortality ratio is still higher with 320 per one lakh women die each year due to pregnancy related complications. *The New Nation* (13 September): http://nation.ittefag.com/issues/2008/09/14/news0465.htm

**International:** A report released by UNICEF today reveals a shocking discrepancy between the toll that pregnancy and childbirth takes on women in the developing world compared with those in industrialized nations. *UNICEF Press Centre* (19 September): <a href="http://www.unicef.org/childsurvival/index\_45681.html">http://www.unicef.org/childsurvival/index\_45681.html</a>

**International:** Common antidepressant drugs may reduce some men's fertility by damaging the DNA in their sperm, according to scientists. *Health 24* (25 September): <a href="http://www.health24.com/news/Depression/1-903.asp">http://www.health24.com/news/Depression/1-903.asp</a>

**Kenya:** In May 2008, a group of civil society activists launched a campaign to reform Kenya's archaic abortion laws, sparking a countrywide debate. Now, as a new draft bill on women's reproductive health and rights seeking to decriminalise abortions is set to be tabled in parliament, the battle lines between opponents and advocates of abortion are clearly drawn. *IPS* (16 September): <a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43896">http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43896</a>

**Peru:** The Peruvian government is trying to convince indigenous women to give birth in medical facilities, in order to cut maternal and infant mortality rates. *IPS* (15 September): http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43877

**Philippines:** For proving that her body is manifesting natural occurring male characteristics, a 27-year-old woman was allowed by the Supreme Court to change her name and gender entries in her birth certificate. *GMA News* (19 September): <a href="http://www.gmanews.tv/story/120751/27-year-old-"http://www.gmanews.tv/story/120751/27-year-old-"http://www.gmanews.tv/story/120751/27-year-old-"woman'-convinces-SC-that-she-is-"male"

**Poland:** Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk wants to pass a law that would impose "chemical castration" on pedophiles. Politicians at the European Parliament in Brussels have raised their objections to the proposal, but there is little the EU can do to stop it. *Spiegel Online* (25 September): <a href="http://www.spiegel.de/international/europe/0,1518,580284,00.html">http://www.spiegel.de/international/europe/0,1518,580284,00.html</a>

**South Africa:** UNICEF has been working with the World Health Organization and the University of Kwa Zulu Natal on a research project to reduce maternal mortality and mother-to-child transmission of HIV. *UNICEF Press Centre* (19 September): http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/southafrica\_45698.html

**USA**: Increased federal assistance for low-income women can significantly reduce abortion rates, according to a new study from Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good. *Medical News Today* (18 September): <a href="http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/121920.php">http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/121920.php</a>

## Torture:

**Russia/Georgia:** Russia should immediately investigate allegations of extrajudicial execution, torture, and other abuse of Georgian military and civilian detainees by Ossetian forces during the recent conflict in Georgia, Human Rights Watch said today. *Human Rights Watch* (21 September): <a href="http://hrw.org/english/docs/2008/09/19/georgi19858.htm">http://hrw.org/english/docs/2008/09/19/georgi19858.htm</a>

**USA:** The son of former Liberian President Charles Taylor went on trial in Miami on Wednesday in the first test of a 14-year-old U.S. law allowing the prosecution of citizens for acts of torture committed abroad. *Reuters* (25 September): <a href="http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usn0FCD4084-8AD6-11DD-8645-698FA0527F83.html">http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usn0FCD4084-8AD6-11DD-8645-698FA0527F83.html</a>

**Zimbabwe:** During the bitterly contested Zimbabwe elections, the country's rural areas became effective no-go areas. There were numerous reports of politically motivated killings, torture and

widespread rapes, allegedly by members of Zimbabwe's national army. *IRIN News* (23 September): <a href="http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80544">http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80544</a>

# **Violence against Women:**

**Chile:** Ms. Laura Albornoz, Minister of Women's Affairs of Chile, signed on to UNIFEM's say no to violence against women campaign on behalf of the Chilean Government today at a meeting with UNIFEM Executive Director Inés Alberdi in New York. *UNIFEM News* (24 September): http://www.unifem.org/news\_events/story\_detail.php?StoryID=737

**Finland:** Human rights group Amnesty International has slammed Nordic countries, in particular Finland, for failing to combat rape and sexual violence and called for legal reforms. *Gulf Times* (16 September): http://www.gulf-

times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu\_no=2&item\_no=241947&version=1&template\_id=39&parent\_id=21

**International:** Combating violence against women is what Inés Alberdi, executive director of the U.N Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), calls the missing goal, because it is not an issue addressed by the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals. *Human Rights Tribune* (18 September): http://www.humanrights-geneva.info/Women-fight-to-put-violence-on,3496

**Liberia:** Female genital mutilation continues in rural secrecy with thousands of young girls annually preparing for their initiation into a women's secret association, Sande Society, which operates mostly in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. *IRIN* (24 September): <a href="http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80571">http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80571</a>

**Pakistan:** Nine newly elected women Members of the Parliament of Pakistan signed on to UNIFEM's say no to violence against women campaign. *UNIFEM News* (22 September): http://www.unifem.org/news\_events/story\_detail.php?StoryID=738

**Zimbabwe:** Raped, tortured and intimidated, women in Zimbabwe have been recognised by the world as tragic victims of political violence. *The Zimbabwean* (25 September): <a href="http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=15406:women-bear-witness-in-search-for-justice&catid=35:zimbabwe%20opinion%20and%20and%20analysis&Itemid=64">http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=15406:women-bear-witness-in-search-for-justice&catid=35:zimbabwe%20opinion%20and%20analysis&Itemid=64</a>

# Women's Rights

**International:** Stronger accountability measures are needed to track progress governments and multilateral organizations have made in implementing their commitments to enhancing women's rights, according to a new report by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). *UN News Centre* (18 September):

http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28100&Cr=Unifem&Cr1=

**Iran:** Women's rights activists recently succeeded in stalling a bill to ease polygamy, temporary marriage and male-bias in divorce. But Nayereh Tohidi says a nasty smear campaign and continuous arrest show the adversity they are up against. *Women's eNews* (17 September): <a href="http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm?aid=3743">http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm?aid=3743</a>

**Rwanda:** Women contesting in Rwanda's second parliamentary elections since the 1994 Genocide, held on 15–18 September 2008, have secured 45 out of 80 seats, or 56.25 percent, making the

incoming Parliament the first in the world to have women in the majority. *UNIFEM News* (22 September): <a href="http://www.unifem.org/news\_events/story\_detail.php?StoryID=736">http://www.unifem.org/news\_events/story\_detail.php?StoryID=736</a>

## Conferences/Seminars/Courses:

## 2nd Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation

Building Research Capacity to Bridge the Gap From Science to Service, January 28-29 2009, Natcher Conference Center - National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. More information is available at: http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/obssr/di2008/index.html

## Public Health and Human Rights: The Work Ahead of Us

5 December 2008, The New York Academy of Sciences, USA. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is partnering with The New York Academy of Sciences for the 2nd year to host a half-day symposium to evaluate progress in public health and human rights on the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For further information please visit: http://www.nyas.org/events/eventDetail.asp?eventID=12063&date=12/5/2008+1:00:00+PM

## International Symposium on Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

10 to 13 November 2008, Karachi, Pakistan. The International Symposium will highlight important issues of relevance to Tropical Medicine, clinical and public health practice in Pakistan and the developing world. More information is available at: <a href="http://www.aku.edu/news/seminars/rstmh/">http://www.aku.edu/news/seminars/rstmh/</a>

## The First International Conference on Survivors of Rape

Aarhus, Denmark on 14 and 15 November 2008. The main aim of the conference is to explore some of the challenges in the treatment of survivors of sexual assaults. For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.voldtaegt.dk/conference2008.php">http://www.voldtaegt.dk/conference2008.php</a>

#### **Publications:**

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