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World YWCA will keep you informed on activities, news and important dates through this monthly bulletin.

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#### executive committee meeting

The World YWCA Executive Committee held its annual meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on September 11-15, 2006. Preparing for the World YWCA Council in Nairobi, Kenya was high on the governing body's agenda, with this bulletin featuring the latest updates on events planned for July 2007.

The Executive Committee reviewed major trends facing the global movement through the Four Year Reporting process by member associations, and explored strategic directions for the next quadrennium. Key issues included refocusing advocacy efforts to make a greater impact on the lives of women and girls, expanding membership, strengthening the movement's common identity and working more effectively on a regional basis.

With the Power to Change Fund for the leadership development of women and girls to be launched in Nairobi next year, the Executive Committee also explored the desired impact and future directions for YWCA leadership development programmes.

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#### did you know?

YWCA's in 40 countries are involved in the Week Without Violence held every year during the third week of October

source: four year report 2003-2006

#### world council:

##### World Council 2007 early bird registration has been extended!

November 15 is the new deadline for the early registration discount. If you have not yet registered, do so today to enjoy \$50 off World Council and International Women's Summit.

If you want to pay by bank transfer rather than credit or debit card, you can still register online, but click on 'bank transfer' at the end of the registration process. Registering online will help us process your registration a lot faster: It's easy. So try it!

##### Wondering where to stay?

Visit our website for a list of hotels in Nairobi with special reduced rates for conference delegates. The list includes 4 star hotels such as Hilton Hotel and bed-and-breakfast hostels like ACK Guest House. Links to their websites are provided, so take some time to browse through their websites before making a decision.

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**Peter Piot and Mary Robinson among confirmed speakers**

The first-ever international conference on women and HIV and AIDS will take place in Nairobi, Kenya on July 4-7, 2007. Hosted in partnership with other organisations, the International Women' Summit is expected to draw over 1500 women of all ages and HIV statuses to develop a new vision for women's leadership on HIV and AIDS. This event seeks to raise awareness, build evidence-based solutions, develop capacity, and form strategic partnerships in the response to HIV and AIDS.

The Summit commences with a one day Positive Women's Forum on July 4, 2007, and is followed by three days of intensive discussion and debate, training and networking, as well as fun and inspiration. Leaders who have already confirmed to speak or support the event include: **Peter Piot**, Executive Director of UNAIDS, **Mary Robinson**, President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, **Thoraya Obaid**, Executive Director of UNFPA, and **Prof. Yakin Erthurk**, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women.

**Submit a workshop**

IWS workshops will translate the goals of the Summit into learning and training activities aimed at strengthening the capacity of organisations and individuals to develop more effective responses to HIV and AIDS. Led by a range of experts, workshops will provide a special opportunity for sharing of expertise with fellow workers, activists and advocates from all over the world.

If you would like to hold a workshop at IWS please download and complete the form below:

[IWS submit workshop form.doc](#) (word doc 136.50 kb)

**Nominate a Leader**

An awards ceremony will honour exceptional leadership by community women, in the areas of prevention, treatment, care and support, advocacy and policy making, as well as addressing gender inequality and stigma and discrimination.

The Women Leading Change Awards will honour women of all ages, including young women, who are leading change in their communities. YWCA membership is not a requirement for nomination.

To nominate a woman, download and complete the form below:

[Women Leading Change Award-Nomination Forms.doc](#) (word 174.00 kb)

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**news**

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**[YWCA urges Human Rights Council to support girl child in post war conflict areas](#)**

The World YWCA, in a joint statement, urged governments at the UN Human Rights Council to do more to ensure adequate protection for girls who have survived sexual violence in conflict areas. The statement, presented by Yuriko Fukushima, World YWCA intern, revealed that sexual violence during armed conflict accelerates the spread of HIV and AIDS.

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**[UN Human Rights Council: World YWCA calls for action in joint statement on child exploitation](#)**

Governments need to coordinate their identification of children and perpetrators appearing in pornography and share information among each other in a systematic way, declared Carina Söderlund in a joint statement to the 2nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

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**[World YWCA receives mayoral award](#)**

The World YWCA received the 'Merit Saconnésiens 2006' award on September 14, 2006 for its contribution towards social justice and economic empowerment of young women and girls around the world.

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Visit the Women's News Network for articles, reports and features on women's issues from around the globe. Currently on the site:

**violence:** [Despite Progressive Laws, Violence Against Women Goes Unpunished](#)

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Yuriko Fukushima (top), Carina Söderlund (bottom), World YWCA interns at the UN Human Rights Council

**visits to world YWCA in september**

**Melat Tekelesadik**, General Secretary YWCA Ethiopia

**Fatmire Feka**, Kids for Peace, with **Rita Llulla** and **Thomas Getman**, World Vision

**Karin Hammar**, President YMCA-YWCA Sweden, **Andreas Sandin**, General Secretary YMCA-YWCA Sweden.

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Melat Tekelesadik

**week without violence**

October 15 - 21, 2006 is YWCA Week Without Violence. Read about what [YWCA's around the world](#) are doing to bring attention to violence against women. Share what your YWCA is doing and send photos to [Communications@worldywca.org](mailto:Communications@worldywca.org).

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