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## RESOURCES AND MEETINGS FOR WOMEN

In an effort to keep Pacific women informed of resources available to them, the *Pacific Women's Resource Bureau (PWRB)* has compiled a short list of meetings, publications and information helpful for women in the Pacific region. This list is by no means exhaustive but is merely a sample of what is available.

### The Global Fund for Women

The Global Fund for Women, based in the United States of America, is a new initiative which provides funds to seed, strengthen and link women's groups in Third World countries. It is committed to providing support to groups which address the following issues: female human rights; communications and communications technology; and economic development and autonomy.

Groups may apply for a grant from the Fund by requesting and filling out an application form or by sending the following information in a brief letter:

1. The group's name, address and phone number, and the name of a person authorised to represent it.
2. The primary purpose for which the group was formed, its activities and the location of its operation.
3. A brief outline of the annual budget and sources of income.
4. The purpose or project for which funds are being sought, the amount of money needed, and the expected outcome.
5. A brief answer to the question: 'How will a grant from the Global Fund for Women enable your group to do its work better, in the context of your long-term plans?'

*The Global Fund for Women has expressed a desire to expand into the Pacific Region and welcomes any applications from women's groups in the region.* For application and further information, contact: Anne Firth Murray, President, The Global Fund for Women, 300 2nd Street, Suite 200, Los Altos, California 94022, United States of America.

**Institute for Development Training**  
P.O. Box 2522  
Chapel Hill  
North Carolina 27515  
United States of America

This institute is currently focusing on women's health. For more information on how to apply please contact Dr. Ausherman, Director of the Institute, at the above address.

## CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

**1989 Women of the Pacific Conference**  
**The Western Pacific Women's Research Institute**  
**University of Guam Campus**  
**Mangilao**  
**Guam 96913**

**21-23 May 1989**

The conference will focus on the following themes: work and family life, economic development, education and professional development, political roles and responsibilities and peace and justice.

In conjunction with the Conference, the Institute will sponsor a **post-conference two-day workshop on conducting women-centred research in the Pacific, on 24-25 May**. The workshop is specifically designed to help women cope with the realities of doing research in their islands and to provide them with strategies and techniques to do research about themselves as island women.

**International Indigenous Women's Conference**  
**Adelaide**  
**South Australia**

**9-12 July**

The women's conference will follow on from the Forum for the Pacific and Asian Region of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples to be held from 3 to 6 July. A two-day festival/sharing of indigenous dance, music and the arts will take place on 7 and 8 July.

For further information, contact Michelle Childs, International Indigenous Women's Conference (Aboriginal Working Party), G.P.O. Box 584, Adelaide, SA 5001, Australia.

**4th International Congress**  
**The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom**  
**Sancta Sophia College**  
**University of Sydney**  
**Australia**

**15-22 July 1989**

The conference theme is: 'Women building a common and secure future.' **A pre-congress seminar is being held from 14-15 July** for indigenous women and women from developing countries on the theme of 'Women developing educational and action programmes for peace', with emphasis on the Pacific.

For more information please contact: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, G.P.O. Box 2598, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia.

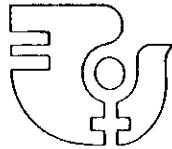
**The Fourth International Conference of Widows and Widowers  
Park Royal Hotel  
Brisbane  
Australia**

**17 -20 September 1989**

The conference theme 'Widowhood: the way forward' will focus on the role of governments, the private sector, voluntary bodies and religious organisations and the family.

Contact person: Edna Thiele, National President, Association of Civilian Widows of Australia, 1 Bertha Street, Woolloowin, Brisbane, Queensland 4030, Australia.

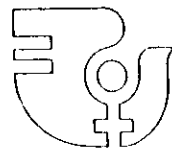
Previous meetings of the organisation have been held in Europe and Canada. This may be the only meeting held in the region. For this reason the co-ordinator for the South Pacific region, Mrs. Gwen Atherden, is actively seeking persons or groups who are interested in attending the conference. Mrs. Atherden can be contacted at 208 Stoney Creek Road, Bexley, NSW 2207, Australia.



**New Technologies Workshop  
Amersfoort, Netherlands  
Sponsored by YWCA**

**19-29 September 1989**

Contact your national YWCA or Rosie Ram at World YWCA headquarters, 37 Quai Wilson, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland for information and a questionnaire for intending participants.



**Regional Pacific Women's Seminar  
Sydney  
Australia**

**6-10 November 1989**

The seminar will focus on the role, status and needs of women in the Pacific, Australian and New Zealand region. It will explore ways in which future strategies can be developed to enhance the social and economic status of women while maximising the value of the contribution indigenous women make to their communities.

For further information contact: Eve B. Finey, 2/198 William Street, Kings Cross, Sydney, NSW 2011, Australia. Phone: 283 1974.

**The Fourth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women  
Hunter College  
New York  
United States of America**

**3-7 June 1990**

The theme: 'Women's realities, women's choices' will be developed in sessions on violence against women, the impact of war and peace on women, health and reproductive rights, the global economy and women's work and culture, tradition and change. Participation by women in developing countries is especially invited. Abstracts of presentations and papers should be submitted before 1 June 1989. For more information, contact: Professor Florence Denmark, Department of Psychology, Hunter College - CUNY, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, USA.



### **RESOURCE MATERIALS**

**United Nations Women's Information Kit  
United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service  
2 United Nations Plaza,  
DC2-1103  
New York, NY 10017  
United States of America**

The Women's Information Kit was compiled by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service for Non-Governmental Organisations in collaboration with a number of UN organisations.

The package includes:

- a poster fact sheet: *Selected indicators on the situation of women*
- UNDP: *Women in Development*
- Vienna International Center: *Women News* and *Women 2000*
- Agency listing.

For copies of this package providing information on activities by/for women of United Nations agencies, write to the above address.

**INSTRAW (International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women)  
P.O. Box 21747  
Santo Domingo  
Dominican Republic**

A recent issue of *Instraw News* contained *The untold story: how women contribute to the economy.*

An extract from the issue states, 'Credit is a means for individuals and groups to acquire and mobilize productive resources. An INSTRAW study shows that women are systematically restricted in their access to desperately needed credit sources...'

For information regarding *Instraw News* please write to the above address.

### **Appropriate Business Skills for Third World Women**

**A series edited by Suzanne Kindervatter  
OEF International  
1818 H St. 11th Floor  
Washington D.C.  
United States of America**

This series includes:

- *Doing a feasibility study: training activities for starting or reviewing a small business;*
- *Marketing strategy: training activities for entrepreneurs;*
- *Management made simple: tools for entrepreneurs;*
- *Monitoring and evaluating small business projects: A step by step guide for private development organisations.*

OEF International is a private, non-profit organisation, based in the United States, which focuses on creating economic opportunities for low-income women in the Third World, expanding their contribution to the development of their communities and countries.

For more information write to the above address.

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