



Words of the President



I take this opportunity to wish all women of the world, a wonderful 2014 full of moments of joy and success in our fight for equality and parity.

13 years after the adoption of the Declaration of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Socialist International Women gave it a prominent place at its Council in Istanbul.

The outcome of the MDGs is shocking, "unfairly distributed across regions and gender: 70 % of those with less than \$ 1.25 a day income are women, 35% of girls do not attend secondary school, women continue to represent two-thirds of illiterate adults in the world, they occupy 40 % of salaried jobs outside the agricultural sector, having fewer benefits, and they represent only 20 % of the world's parliaments."

That is why SIW proposed in its Istanbul resolution that the MDGs agenda of Istanbul post 2015 is based on the following objectives: (1) make gender equality and women's empowerment a priority to accelerate the action at other MDGs, (2) ensure political commitment and financial strengthening to further reduce the unacceptable maternal and child mortality, (3) introduce a special objective in the objectives of sustainable development to reduce gender-based violence (4) enforce regulations prohibiting child labour and child marriage.

The year 2013, in line with previous years was marked by the continued impact of the global financial crisis, with more instability and social and economic inequalities, conflicts and regressions for women's rights in several countries and regions of the world. SIW hopes this coming year will be carrying more hope for women everywhere.

35 %

35% of women experience physical or sexual violence during their lives (Source WHO 2013).

Headlines

- As socialists, social Democrats and progressives we mourn the departure of Father of the Nation Africa, Nelson Mandela, great political leader, source of inspiration for all generations, and staunch defender of women's rights to freedom, democracy and equality.
- President of Chile for the second time, Michelle Bachelet proves to the world that the battles it has taken to fight against poverty and the promotion of equality and parity will always be our SIW emblem alongside Socialists around the world to build fairer, more democratic and inclusive societies.

Executive meetings:

The International Socialist Women held two meetings of the Executive Committee:

- November 7, 2013 in Istanbul chaired by Ouafa Hajji, in the presence of the Vice -Presidents: Miguelina Paiva Vecchio, Epifania Avomo Biko , Tuula Peltonen , Luzia Inglês , Enkhjargal Danzanbaljir.
- May 31, 2013 in Mexico City chaired by Ouafa Hajji, in the presence of the Vice - Presidents: Miguelina Paiva Vecchio, Ivonne Gonzalez Rodriguez, Purificación Causapié Lopesino , Epifania Avomo Biko , Diva Hadamira Gastélum Bajo.

Councils:

- Meeting of the Council of the Socialist International Women hosted by Women branch of the Republican People's Party, CHP, held on 8 and 9 November 2013 in Istanbul on the theme « The Millennium Development goals and post 2015 development agenda » adopted two resolutions: (1) Women and the Arab Spring (2) Millennium development goals and post-2015 development agenda.

<http://www.socintwomen.org.uk/En/resolutions/20131108-istanbul-ouafaspeech.html>

At the conference the CHP showed a video of the demonstrations at Gezi Park, which you can see here



Regional meetings:

- Regional Meeting of Central America and the Caribbean in collaboration with women's NGOs PRI and PRD was held in Mexico City on June 1, 2013, on the theme: «Equal wages, working conditions and informal work» in the presence of César Camacho, President of the National Executive Committee of the PRI and the Vice Presidents of the West and Central African region, Latin America South, North and the Caribbean, the Mediterranean - North and South and speakers, party representatives and national and international organisations. The regional meeting adopted three statements concerning (1) equal pay, working conditions and informal work, (2) Colombia (3) The case of Beatriz from El Salvador.

<http://www.socintwomen.org.uk/En/resolutions/20130601-Mexico-programme.html>

The 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW):

- Participation of the SIW Delegation at the 57th session of the CSW, 4 - 15 March 2013, and the organisation of two parallel events:
 - Conference on « Empowering women and girls to escape the violence » organised by the Permanent Mission of Niger to the United Nations and the Socialist International Women.
 - Conference on «Ending all forms of violence against women and girls» organised by the Socialist International Women.

On the sidelines of the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Ouafa Hajji President of Socialist International Women held:

- A bilateral meeting with Dr. Dan- Maikibi Kadidiatou dobi, the Niger Minister of the People, of the Promotion of Women and Child Protection,
- A bilateral meeting with Ms Bibiana Aido Almagro, Former Minister in the Spanish Government, Special Advisor to Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women.



Facebook de Ouafa Hajji et Internationale socialiste des femmes
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ouafa-Hajji/529542410419873>

Resolutions and statements

The Council resolution of Istanbul:

- Women and the Arab Spring:** Women have played a leading role in the 2010 pro-democracy movements in the Middle East and North Africa, referred to as the Arab Spring. Tens of thousands of women in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Bahrain and Syria from different backgrounds and generations were organisers, bloggers and female speakers. They also nursed the wounded. They demonstrated for the release of their family members and publicly celebrated International Women's Day on March 8. They are endangered and have not escaped the human cost of these uprisings. Read more...
- The Millennium Development and the post-2015 agenda for development:** Progress has been made in many Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations before 2015, but almost in all the objectives it is women and girls who have made the least progress. And although MDG 3 has managed to make gender equality a global priority, millions of women as well as young poor and marginalised girls were left behind. Read more...

Resolution of the Regional Meeting in Mexico:

- Equal wages, working conditions and informal work:** Over the past forty years, the massive influx of women into the labour market has led to a slow disintegration of the agreements that established the «specific» roles of men and women. Read more ...
- Colombia:** The Socialist International Women welcomes and supports the discussions in the city of Havana, Cuba, organised by the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the FARC, who seek to end the armed conflict which for more four decades have bloodied the Colombian people. Read more ...
- The case of Beatriz el Salvador:** Members of the Socialist International Women, aware, informed and concerned about the situation of a woman called « Beatriz » in the Republic of El Salvador, respectfully request that: The Government of the Republic of El Salvador, which, as a state included in the American Convention since 23 June 1978, complies with the six measures ordered by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the human person, May 29, 2013 . Read more ...

Statement on the International Women's Day 2013 March 8, 2013:

- These are the women founders of the Socialist International Women:** Clara Zetkin and Social Democratic colleague Luise Zeite who were the first to suggest that a annual day was celebrated as International Women's Day. This idea was adopted as a resolution at the second conference of the International Socialist Women in Copenhagen in 1910 in an act of international solidarity with the American delegates who had honoured the strike of textile workers in 1910 by announcing the day American women. Read more ...

Conferences:

- Participation in the meeting of the Presidium and the Council of the Socialist International, 10-11-12 November 2013 hosted by the Republican People's Party, CHP.
- Participation in the conference organized by the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) on the theme of «Winning the future through equality in Europe « June 8, 2013 in Seville (see action on Youtube) .
- Participation in the Meeting of the Presidium of the Party of European Socialists (PES) held in Lisbon, Portugal, April 25, 2013
- Participation at the 6th Annual Meeting of the Presidium of the IS, the Heads of State and Government of SI member parties, heads of UN agencies and International Organisations, which were held at UN headquarters in New York September 26, 2013.
- Participation in the XIXth Congress of the Socialist Party of Portugal, held in Santa Maria de Feira, Portugal, April 26 - 27, 2013.
- Meeting with George Papandreou, President of the Socialist International, June 26, 2013, during his working visit to the USFP in Rabat.
- Meeting with President Viviana Piñero IUSY and Beatrice Talegón , Secretary General of the IUSY , September 17, 2013 during the « Study Visit « with Ittihadia Youth.
- Participation in the conference organised by the Association of Agora two shores of the Mediterranean, the city of Reims and Reims University on the theme of « Arab Spring: Autumn of women?» on October 4 in Reims.

Next meetings:

- Participation in the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 - 21 March 2014.

