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Far from Optimal Progress in Women's Meaningful Participation in Peace Processes



By Jeanette Richter

NEW YORK (IDN) – The UN Security Council Resolution 1325 ([UNSCR 1325](#)), initiated by *Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury*, former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations as the President of the Security Council in March 2000, drew the focus of a side event on the margins of the

73rd UN General Assembly on September 26 at 'German House' in New York.

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Kazakh Initiated Global Coalition Aims at Terrorism-Free World



By J Nastranis

NEW YORK (IDN) – In the first voluntary political declaration of its kind adopted at the global level, UN Member States have reiterated in *the Code of Conduct for the Achievement of a World Free of Terrorism*

their commitments to strengthen international cooperation to reach the common goal of eradicating a crucial threat to national, regional and international security.

The Code of Conduct, proposed by President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan at the jubilee 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, proclaims the advent at the global level of a broad coalition of countries united in the shared goal of achieving a world free of terrorism.

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Sustainable Development Award Winners Celebrated at UN

By Santo D. Banerjee



By [Carole D. Banerjee](#)

NEW YORK (IDN) – Tanzania-based WomenChoice Industries and Mukuru Clean Stoves of Kenya are the global winners of the [SDGs and Her Competition](#) that seeks to increase knowledge about the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) and their potential impact on women, as well as to encourage private sector partners

and share best practices and innovative ideas.

They were celebrated at a side-event on September 24, 2018 during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly. The contest – co-sponsored by the [World Bank Group](#), [UNDP](#), [UN Women](#), and the [Wharton School Zicklin Center](#) – showcases women micro-entrepreneurs who are helping to achieve the SDGs through their businesses.

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Brazil Sets Up an Innovative Model to Reverse Land Degradation



Viewpoint by Prof. Dr. Valdemar Rodrigues

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When Climate Change Dishes Up a 'Toxic Stew'



By William S. Becker*

MILWAUKEE, USA (IDN) – It happened in July 2016. A flash flood roared through Ellicott City, Maryland, killed two people and caused tens of millions of dollars in damages to the historic buildings along Main Street. The experts said it was one of

those rare 1,000-year flood events. The city set about the job of rebuilding. It takes a long time – often years – for a community to recover from a devastating flood.

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Gender-Responsive Investments, ODA are of Vital Importance



Viewpoint by Åsa Regnér

Following are extensive excerpts from remarks delivered by Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of [UN Women](#) at the session on “the role of inclusive ODA by realizing human rights and gender equality” at the

12th Seoul ODA International Conference in the Republic of Korea, on September 14, 2018. – The Editor

NEW YORK (IDN-INPS) – Gender equality is always a result of political will. Gender equality does not come automatically. It does not arrive with a new generation; we have to actively work towards it. In every country of the world, gender inequality is about an imbalance in power, which normally favours men over women. Achieving gender equality requires negotiations around how society should be and political priorities and positions to change.

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Climate Change: The Devil Is in the Details



Neither Climate Change Deniers Nor Technology Enthusiasts Hold the Key to Addressing Global Warming

Viewpoint by Franz Baumann

The author is a visiting professor at New York University and a former UN assistant

secretary-general, special adviser on environment and peace operations. Dr. Baumann joined the UN Development Program in 1980, began working in the UN Secretariat in 1985, and retired in 2015 after about a dozen assignments under five secretaries-general, in four duty stations and on three continents. – The Editor

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Building Climate Resilience through Women's Entrepreneurship in Ethiopia



By Kizito Makoye

BOYNA, Ethiopia (ACP-IDN) – A long spell of drought three years ago made life extremely challenging for 48-year-old Medina Igahle, a mother of five living in Boyna village in the Bubta Wodera region, when some of her goats, cattle and camels starved.

“When disaster hit, I had to bundle up what little I owned and together with my family head out to meet an uncertain future,” she says.

In many parts of Africa, changing weather patterns and environmental degradation are putting small-scale farmers at risk of extreme poverty, hunger and displacement.

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Seychelles and 79-Nation ACP Secretariat to Focus on 'Blue Economy' at the UN



By Robert Johnson

BRUSSELS (ACP-IDN) – The Secretariat of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the government of 115-island Seychelles east of mainland East Africa are organizing a joint event at the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York on September 25, 2018 – enabling Small Island Developing States (SIDS) share

Least Developed Countries (LDC) share experiences in harnessing the blue economy and to identify areas of further development.

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Former UN Chief and Bill Gates on Board as the Netherlands Accelerates Climate Adaptation



By Reinhard Jacobsen

AMSTERDAM (IDN) – Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will oversee the *Global Commission on Adaptation* to climate change, which the Government of the Netherlands and the Global Center on Adaptation have decided to set up. It will be formally launched on October 16 in The Hague. Bill Gate, Co-

chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva will support Ban.

The [Global Center on Adaptation](#), an international organization hosted by the Netherlands, in partnership with [World Resources Institute](#) will co-host the Commission.

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Engaging with Faith and Faith Actors on Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development



Viewpoint by Sudarshan Reddy Kodooru

The author is Convener of the Asia Pacific Faith-based Coalition (APFC) for Sustainable Development and Regional Director, Faith & Development, East Asia at World Vision International. The following is based on his speech during APFC's first*

annual meeting on August 29-31, 2018 in Tokyo, Japan. – The Editor

BANGKOK (IDN) – We live in an age unparalleled by any other and hovering at the intersection of various and often-competing forces. Any traces of the thin veneer of isolation have been wiped away by globalization. Today, we face challenges incomparable in magnitude to any previous age, many look to faith for developmental solutions.

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A Mountain to Climb Before December UN Climate Summit



By Ramesh Jaura

BERLIN (IDN) – Despite growing calls for urgent and strong climate change action, a crucial round of talks concluded in Bangkok on September 9 with what [UN Climate](#)

[Change](#) Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa has termed "uneven progress".

The Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group, Gebru Jember Endalew of Ethiopia finds that "progress has been slow" in Bangkok, Thailand's capital city. Mohamed Adow, Christian Aid's International Climate Lead feels

relieved that "scuppering the ship" has been averted.

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UN, Member States, Funding Institutions Unite to Ensure Security and Development in the Lake Chad Region



By Ramesh Jaura

BERLIN (IDN) – More than 17 million people across north-eastern Nigeria and parts of Cameroon, Chad and Niger, comprising the Lake Chad region, are facing a complex crisis driven by extreme poverty, climate change and violent conflict compounded by the terrorist activities of Boko Haram, a jihadist militant organization. As a result, more than 2.4 million people are displaced and over 10 million people need assistance to meet their basic protection and humanitarian needs.

Against this backdrop, 70 delegations from governments, regional and international organizations and civil society representatives participating in the [High Level Conference on the Lake Chad Region](#) have agreed on an aid package of US\$ 2.17 billion to support humanitarian and peacebuilding as well as development activities to ensure security in the area.

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BIMSTEC Viable, Though SAARC Deadlocked



By Sugeeswara Senadhira

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COLOMBO (IDN-INPS) – Sri Lanka, as the new Chair of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation ([BIMSTEC](#)) has a special responsibility of ensuring speedy cooperation of the member states of the Bay region. Though this is not an easy task, Sri Lanka is fortunate because it can get maximum support from the regional super economic power, India, for this endeavour.

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UN Chief Urges Greater Investment in Diplomacy for Peace



By António Guterres

Inclusive mediation requires paying greater attention to the gender dimensions of conflict, including conflict-related sexual violence and the gendered impact of decisions around post-war reconstruction, says UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Following are his remarks, as

delivered to the Security Council, to the open debate on the maintenance of international peace and security: mediation and the peaceful resolution of conflicts, in New York on August 29. – The Editor

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NEW YORK (IDN-INPS) – War is becoming increasingly complex — and so is mediating peace.

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