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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are happy to present the fourth quarterly newsletter to our readers, who are interested in gender equality and women's economic empowerment in particular, in the MEDA region. [Read more >>](#)

## **RWEL Regional seminar on National Women's Machineries concludes in Cairo**

As the first regional seminar of its kind, this event provided an opportunity to present the outcomes of research conducted in eight Mediterranean Arab countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia) and Turkey. [Read more >>](#)



## **Interview with Nüket Kardam, Researcher and Author of Assessment of National Women's Machineries in Turkey**

Nüket Kardam is a specialist in gender, human rights, institutional change, and democratization.

Conducted during the Seminar on National Women's Machineries, Cairo, 13-14 June. [Read more >>](#)

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## **Jordan: Women Activists Prepare CEDAW Shadow Report**

Source: *Women Living Under Muslim Laws* [www.wlumf.org](http://www.wlumf.org)

Jordan's first-ever "shadow report" was presented at the 39th session of the United Nations' CEDAW Committee that took place on the 23 July – 10 August 2007. The report was presented by a delegation of Jordanian NGOs led by V-Day Karama Program. At this session, the government of Jordan presented its report on compliance with CEDAW Convention. Meanwhile, the "shadow report," prepared by Jordanian advocates for women's rights, details the government's areas of non-compliance and recommends policies to improve Jordan's protection of women's legal rights and safety from violence. The prevalence of violence against women represents one of the greatest challenges to Jordan's government today. [Read more >>](#)

## **Cyprus: Advocating Women's Rights: Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS)**

In the conclusions of the first Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on "Strengthening the Role of Women in Society" in Istanbul, 2006, the Euro-Mediterranean partners agreed to take measures towards enabling the full and effective implementation of UN conventions on the human rights of women and in particular the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (the CEDAW Convention). [Read more >>](#)

## **Latest CEDAW Resources on MEDA Region**



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## **Euromed "Role of Women in Economic Life"**

**CEDAW Country Status Assessment - 2006**

This booklet produced by RWEL Program contains data that helps in monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination

against Women (CEDAW) in nine countries of the south  
Mediterranean region

Booklet available in English & Arabic at:  
[www.euromedwomensrights.net](http://www.euromedwomensrights.net).

## **UNIFEM**

Advancing Gender Equality Using CEDAW & UN SC Resolution  
1325 - Training Module. [Read more >>](#)

CEDAW and the Human Rights Based Approach to Programming:  
A UNIFEM Guide. [Read more >>](#)

Budgeting for Women's Rights: Monitoring Government Budgets  
for Compliance with CEDAW - 2006. [Read more >>](#)

## **World Bank**

Status and Progress of Women in the Middle East and North Africa  
(2007). [Read more >>](#)

## **Useful Websites**

International Women's Rights Action Watch - Asia Pacific [Read  
more >>](#)  
[www.iwraw-ap.org](http://www.iwraw-ap.org)

United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women [Read  
more >>](#)  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/index.html>

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library  
<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/cedaw/cedaw-page.htm>

## **Upcoming Events**

Euro-Mediterranean Youth Forum for Gender Citizenship Education  
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November 4-22 Cairo –Egypt  
From Science to Action: Reproductive Health in the Arab Countries  
[Read more >>](#)

December 17-18 Tunis – Tunisia  
Follow-up seminar on National Women's Machinery in the MEDA  
region [Read more >>](#)

Women's world congress 2008, July, Spain [Read more >>](#)

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