

## International Women's Day 2008 United Nations Activities in Afghanistan

| Date and time   | Event   | Organizers              | Location  | Contact details  |
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| 3 March 2008, 11:00   | Press briefing  | UNAMA, UNFPA,<br>UNIFEM | Kabul, UNAMA Compound B,<br>Building 6                                      | Sonja Wintersberger<br>UNAMA Spokesperson's Office<br>+93 (0) 796 534 922<br>wintersberger@un.org                |
| 28 February 10am  | Roundtable on "Giving Women Voices" with provincial governor, chief judge, chief of police, HRO and FRU of police, Departments of Economy and Hajj and Awqaf and women NGOs at DoWA Baghlan   | UNAMA                   | Baghlan   | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313   |
| 25 February – 19:00 to 20:30<br>3 March – 19:00 to 20:30<br>10 March – 19:00 to 20:30 | 3 Live Radio programmes on Women's Rights:<br>1) Women's Rights in Islam and Afghan Culture<br>2) Women's Rights, Dangerous Traditional Practices and Islam (Roundtable discussion)<br>3) Women's Rights and International Day of Women (Programme and Essay Competition) | UNAMA CRO/AIHRC         | Parwan, Kapisa (whole provinces) and parts of Kabul and Panjsher provinces. | UNAMA Central Region:<br>Frozan Ali 0700261213<br>Nazifa Haqpal 0775414600<br>Abul Ahrar Ramizpoor<br>0700278660 |
| 2 March   | Ceremony of IWD in Pul-i-Khumri and Exhibition of Women's handcraft   | DoWA Baghlan            | Baghlan   | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313   |
| 2 March   | Roundtable on "Giving Women Voices" with representatives of district women shuras at DoWA Baghlan   | UNAMA                   | Baghlan   | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313   |
|   | Free Medical Outreach   | UNFPA                   | Faryab, Bamiyan, Logar,   | Dr. Ibrahim Shinwari   |

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| 2-8 March, 2008  | Check-ups in Provinces   |   | Badakshan  | NPO RH<br>shinwari@unfpa.org<br>+93 (0) 700-629-550   |
| March 02 <sup>nd</sup><br>March 08 <sup>th</sup><br>March 10 <sup>th</sup><br>March 11 <sup>th</sup> | UNICEF Eastern Region -<br>With UNAMA to continue the<br>district level<br>orientation/consultation on<br>human rights and issues<br>relating to legal provisions for<br>women in Surkhroad, &<br>Jalalabad in Nangarhar<br>Province; Quarghai in<br>Laghman Province; and<br>Narang District in Kunar<br>Province.<br>UNICEF will support Afghan<br>Independent Human Rights<br>Commission to undertake the<br>activity in partnership with<br>UNAMA. | UNICEF in coordination<br>with UNAMA and Afghan<br>Independent Human<br>Rights Commission | March 02: Daronta,<br>Surkhroad, Nangarhar<br>Province<br>March 08 <sup>th</sup> Jalalabad,<br>Nangarhar province<br>March 10 <sup>th</sup> Quarghai,<br>Laghman Province<br>March 11 <sup>th</sup> , Naranag, Kunar<br>Province | Prakash Tuladhar<br>UNICEF Eastern region RPO<br>0798507460<br>Aziz Noor<br>UNICEF CP Officer<br>0798507464 |
| 3-8 March  | Information Communication<br>(Advocacy and publicity<br>materials: special issue of<br>MoWA publications, Posters,<br>Banners, brochures, billboard,<br>messages for religious<br>leaders)   | UNDP/ MoWA  | Kabul and provinces  | Shipra Bose<br>UNDP Gender Equality Project<br>Manager<br>+93 (0) 700 296 293<br>Shipra.bose@undp.org       |
| 4 March  | Roundtable on "Giving<br>Women Voices" with<br>provincial governor, chief<br>judge, chief of police, HRO<br>and FRU of police,<br>Departments of Economy and<br>Hajj and Awqaf and women<br>NGOs at DoWA Kunduz (or<br>AIHRC)  | UNAMA   | Kunduz   | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313  |
| 5 March 10am (tentative)   | Roundtable on "Giving<br>Women Voices" with<br>provincial governor, chief<br>judge, chief of police, HRO<br>and FRU of police,   | UNAMA   | Takhar   | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313  |

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|                                      | Departments of Economy and Hajj and Awqaf and women NGOs at DoWA Takhar   |   |  |   |
| 6 March, 09:00-12:00                 | Observation of International Women's Day  | AIHRC   | Kandahar                                     | Mujeeb Rahman<br>National Public Information Officer<br>UNAMA, Kandahar<br>Email: rahman36@un.org<br>Personal Email:<br>mujeeb_kdr@yahoo.com<br>Mobile: 0093 - (0) 70 - 494003<br>Ext: 6773 |
| 6 March, 09:00 – 11:30               | Women's Day Celebration   | AIHRC   | Mazar i Sharif, Aros-i-Shahr<br>Wedding Hall | Qazi Sameh, Chairperson, AIHRC<br>Mazar, tel no. 0799 154 462-070<br>511 246  |
| 7 March 2008, 13:00-15:00            | Women's Day Celebration in Kabul Women's Park with music, drama and sports performance, exhibition, free health checkups        | UNAMA, UNDP, UNFPA<br>UNICEF, UNIFEM, IOM,<br>MoWA, AIHRC | Kabul, Women's Park                          | Sonja Wintersberger<br>UNAMA Spokesperson's Office<br>+93 (0) 796 534 922<br>wintersberger@un.org   |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup> 09: 00 – 12:00 | Women's gatherings to mark IWD with handicrafts exhibition and Friday prayers, in Mazar i Sharif, Balkh, and at district levels | DoWA, UNICEF,<br>UNAMA, ActionAid,<br>CHA, PRB, WWI       | Aryana Hotel, Mazar<br>Blue mosque           | Freeba Majeed, Director DoWA of<br>Balkh<br>0700523487<br><br>Farid Dastgeer, UNICEF Mazar<br>0798 507365   |
| 7 March, 09:00-12:00                 | Women's Day celebration with theatre performance, exhibition and Friday prayers for women                                       | Balkh DOWA with<br>UNAMA                                  | Balkh, Aryana Wedding Hall                   | Friba Majid, Head of DOWA, tel<br>no. 070523487   |
| 7,8 March                            | Roundtable on IWD broadcast to discuss women and girls issues and access to health  | UNAMA jointly with<br>partners                            | Gardez                                       | UNAMA SER<br>Shams Rahman 0799-242-499  |
| 8 March 09:30                        | Official International Women's Day observation  | Ministry of Women's<br>Affairs                            | Kabul, Ministry of Women's<br>Affairs        | Ministry of Women's Affairs,<br>Communications Department   |
| 8 March                              | Celebration of IWD with presentation on women's activities in Kandahar  | Kandahar DoWA   | Kandahar                                     | Mujeeb Rahman<br>National Public Information Officer<br>UNAMA, Kandahar<br>Email: rahman36@un.org<br>Personal Email:  |

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| 8 March | Celebration of INT women's day   | UNAMA, DoWA Nangarhar  | Nangarhar      | <p>UNAMA ER<br/>         Ms. Munira Akhundzada -- 0700-612-893</p>  |
| 8 March | Celebration of INT women's day   | UNAMA, DoWA Laghman  | Laghman        | <p>UNAMA ER<br/>         Ms. Munira Akhundzada -- 0700-612-893</p>  |
| 8 March | Celebration of INT women's day   | UNAMA, DoWA Kunur  | Kunur          | <p>UNAMA ER<br/>         Ms. Munira Akhundzada -- 0700-612-893</p>  |
| 8 March | Celebration of INT women's day   | UNAMA, Afghan Women Business Federation "AWBF" Civil Society                     |                | <p>UNAMA ER<br/>         Ms. Munira Akhundzada -- 0700-612-893</p>  |
| 8 March | Celebration of INT women's day   | UNAMA, P.E.V.S.O Paiwand Education vocational service organization Civil Society |                | <p>UNAMA ER<br/>         Ms. Munira Akhundzada -- 0700-612-893</p>  |
| 8 March | Women's Day celebration with launch of competition on women's rights at local girls' high school and presentation on unique women from Bamyan's past and present | Bamyan DoWA, with UNAMA, UNICEF and other partners                               | Bamyan         | <p>DOWA – Bamyan:<br/>         Mrs. Amina Hassan Por<br/>         Tel: 0799292421 Bamyan</p>  |
| 8 March | Celebration at Dai Kundi DoWA  | Bamyan DoWA with UNAMA FO Bamyan   | Dai Kundi DoWA | <p>DOWA Dai Kundi:<br/>         Ms Hawa Rezayee<br/>         Nili, Dai Kundi Center<br/>         Tel: 075 27 100 58<br/>         Email:<br/>         hava_rezaie123@yahoo.com</p> |
| 8 March | Radio panel discussion   | UNAMA Herat FO   | Herat          | <p>UNAMA WR<br/>         Ms. Faezeh Mohammadpoor -- 0700-433-471, 0700-222-764</p>  |
| 8 March | Women's Day Forum  | UNAMA and DoWA Badghis   | Badghis        | <p>UNAMA WR<br/>         Ms. Faezeh Mohammadpoor -- 0700-433-471, 0700-222-764</p>  |
| 8 March | TV round table on violence against women   | UNAMA and DoWA Badghis   | Badghis        | <p>UNAMA WR<br/>         Ms. Faezeh Mohammadpoor --</p>   |

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|                    |   |                  |                                       | 0700-433-471, 0700-222-764  |
| 8 March            | Ceremony of IWD in Imam Saheb, Khan Abad, Aliabad, Qala-e-Zal and Kunduz city                               | DoWA Kunduz      | Kunduz                                | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Roundtable on "Giving Women Voices" with representatives of district women shuras at DoWA Kunduz (or AIHRC) | UNAMA            | Kunduz                                | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Ceremony of IWD in Taloqan city and exhibition on women's handcrafts  | DoWA Takhar      | Takhar                                | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Visit women in the prison and hospitals   | DoWA Takhar      | Takhar                                | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Send mullahs to talk about women's rights in all the 16 districts   | DoWA Takhar      | Takhar                                | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Roundtable on "Giving Women Voices" with representatives of district women shuras at DoWA Takhar            | UNAMA            | Takhar                                | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Ceremony of IWD in districts  | DoWA Baghlan     | Baghlan                               | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Roundtable on "Giving Women Voices" with representatives of district women shuras at DoWA Badakhshan        | UNAMA            | Badakhshan                            | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313                      |
| 8 March            | Roundtable on IWD broadcast to discuss women and girls issues and access to health                          | UNAMA            | Khost                                 | UNAMA SER<br>Shams Rahman 0799-242-499                            |
| 8 March            | Joint meeting highlighting IWD and Women's issues   | UNAMA            | Gardez                                | UNAMA SER<br>Shams Rahman 0799-242-499                            |
| 8 March            | Distributing pencils and school kits  | UNAMA            | Halima Khazan girl's school in Gardez | UNAMA SER<br>Shams Rahman 0799-242-499                            |
| 8 March, 2008      | 30 second TV spot on maternal health "When mother died"   | UNFPA            | National Wide Major TV stations       | Mr. Alain Sibenaler<br>sibenaler@unfpa.org<br>+93 (0) 700-070-967 |
| 8 March, 2-3:30 pm | Solidarity Concert for Women  | UNDP/ MoIC, NGOs | Loya Jirga Tent, Kabul                | Shipra Bose   |

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|                           |  |  |  | UNDP Gender Equality Project<br>Manager<br>+93 (0) 700 296 293<br>Shipra.bose@undp.org   |
| 8 March 2008, Full day    | Women will get a free ride in six buses decorated with key points from the Policy on Equitable Access to Transportation for Women  | UNIFEM, Afghan Women's Network, Ministry of Transportation, and Traffic Bureau on Equitable Access to Transportation | Various areas in Kabul                       | Ayesha Durrani<br>UNIFEM Communication Officer<br>+93 (0) 700 395038<br><a href="mailto:ayesha.durrani@unifem.org">ayesha.durrani@unifem.org</a> |
| 8 March 2008, 11:00-11:45 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exhibit of ten historical Afghan women in leadership with short biographies and a quote.</li> <li>2. Photos of current women Parliamentarians displayed; and each will be invited to provide a quote to be placed by her photo as a way of acknowledging her place in Afghan history.</li> <li>3. Documentary film on the National Action Plan for Women in Afghanistan will be continuously running in the background.</li> <li>4. The women parliamentarians will be given a small flower and lapel card with the message; "Investing in Afghan women and girls is investing in Afghanistan's development".</li> </ol> | UNIFEM and Women Parliamentarians  | Kabul, Resource Centre for Women in Politics | Ayesha Durrani<br>UNIFEM Communication Officer<br>+93 (0) 700 395038<br><a href="mailto:ayesha.durrani@unifem.org">ayesha.durrani@unifem.org</a> |
| 8 March 2008, 11:45-12:15 | Press Conference to launch the Special Fund on Elimination of Violence Against Women in Afghanistan.   | UNIFEM, MoWA, Donors, UNFPA and UNHCR  | Kabul, Resource Centre for Women in Politics | Ayesha Durrani<br>UNIFEM Communication Officer<br>+93 (0) 700 395038<br><a href="mailto:ayesha.durrani@unifem.org">ayesha.durrani@unifem.org</a> |
| 8 March 2008, 09:00-12:00 | Launch the Report on Primary   | MoWA and UNIFEM  | Kabul,                                       | Ayesha Durrani   |

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|   | Database on Violence Against Women   |  |                                      | UNIFEM Communication Officer<br>+93 (0) 700 395038<br><a href="mailto:ayesha.durrani@unifem.org">ayesha.durrani@unifem.org</a>   |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM                                 | UNICEF Western Region will provide support Herat DoWA to mark the day  | UNICEF in coordination with UNAMA, DoWA and other agencies | Qalo-e- Ekhteyaradine                | Nuzhat Shahzadi<br>UNICEF Western Region RPO<br>079 850 7660   |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup> Time 9 -11 AM                           | UNICEF Southern Region Organizing an event/ remembrance of women, who lost their lives as a result of the continued armed conflict.  | Women Provincial Council, UNICEF and the donor community   | Kandahar Provincial Council Compound | Sam<br>UNICEF Southern Region RPO<br>079 850 7560<br>Zarghona Kochai<br>079850 7571  |
| 8 March 2008,<br>Morning<br>Evening<br>(time to be confirmed) | Radio Broadcast on Women's issues  | IOM  | Badghis                              | Marija Dumancic<br>IOM - ACRP Program Officer<br>Badghis Women's Radio Project<br>+93(0)797 535 667<br>+93(0)700 278 822<br><a href="mailto:marija.dumancic@gmail.com">marija.dumancic@gmail.com</a> |
| 8 March   | Visit to women in Balkh prison to provide legal advice and raise awareness of women's rights   | UNAMA and CCA  | Balkh                                | Hamed Khawary, UNAMA human rights assistant, tel no. 0798214731  |
| 13 March (tentative)  | Roundtable on "Giving Women Voices" with provincial governor, chief judge, chief of police, HRO and FRU of police, Departments of Economy and Hajj and Awqaf and women NGOs at DoWA Badakhshan | UNAMA  | Badakhshan                           | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313   |
|   | Roundtable on IWD broadcasted by local media   | DoWA Kunduz  | Kunduz                               | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313   |
|   | Distribution of gifts to widows and poor women   | DoWA Kunduz  | Kunduz                               | UNAMA NER<br>Ms. Ghazil Adalat, 0796-367-313   |