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Message from the President

Dear BPW,

We have witnessed troubled times and heavy rain throughout the north and central provinces of Thailand that have led to the country's worst flooding in almost 60 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with our members in BPW Thailand during this most troubling time.

[Registration opened for the NGO CSW, NY, Consultation Day & NGO Reception. Please note that the deadline for registration is very tight: Friday, 25 November 2011.](#)

Pre-registrations for the official UN CSW 56 have also opened. Due to ongoing renovations at the UN Headquarters and space limitations, BPW International will be limited to 20 CSW officially accredited attendees. [more](#)

I have recently returned from a most successful mission to Europe where I attended the Opening Session of the FAO's 60th Anniversary in Rome and was accompanied by BPW Turkey President, Arzu Ozyol. Meetings with members in Palermo, Rome and Athens were extremely successful before returning to Australia where I joined BPW Australia members at the Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) held in conjunction with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, Western Australia.

More details on President Freda's mission to [Palermo, Italy: 11th -15th October](#) | [Rome, Italy: 15th - 18th October](#) | [Athens, Greece: 18th - 20th October](#) | [Western Australia, Perth: 24-28th October](#).

The women of Africa have continued to inspire us. BPW Zambia has signed a memorandum of understanding with The African Women's Development and Communication Network FEMNET to undertake a 35 day project on Economic

Governance on a research carried out in 5 African countries. [more](#)

In a few days time I leave for Korea where I will be presenting at the Global CSR Conference and will be accompanied by Susan Jones, Regional Coordinator, Asia Pacific. We will travel together to meet with members in Seoul and then to Jeju for our first site inspection. At the request of Madam Annette Li, we will then travel to Taiwan to attend the BPW Taiwan Annual General Meeting and meet with members.

Everyone plays a role. Everyone contributes. Everyone is part of achieving the gender balance we want to see in the marketplace, workplace and community. Go BPW - the time is ours. The time is now!!!!

Freda Miriklis
BPW International President 2011-2014

News from the Executive

Women and the Economy is a hot topic evidenced at the recent Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference in San Francisco. Clearly BPW International is on track. [See relevant videos and read the final declaration.](#)

Liz Benham Immediate Past President

Membership Services: As Director of Member Services, I am here for you, our International members.

BPW is working diligently to update the website with new information.

- Please consider [becoming a Friend of BPW International](#) : the Friends Program is a way to support the organization. Money raised from Friends helps to support not only administrative costs it is also used to support such programs as Young BPW and aid to attend Congress.
- BPW has [updated Forms for Clubs in the official languages, English, French and Spanish](#). These documents reflect changes voted in at Congress.
- BPW is also working to improve the Business Pages for the members to enable an excellent connection to other members businesses.

Any good ideas for the business pages? Contact me !

[Michelle Miller, Director of Member Services](#)

The **Young BPW** Committee is growing and it is my pleasure to announce newly appointed Young Representatives Courtney Bynoe and Sofia Torroba for North America and Latin America respectively. The good news does not stop here and I am equally thrilled to invite all Young BPWs to attend the next Young BPW International Congress. The Young BPW International Congress will be held together with BPW European Congress in Sorrento, Italy from September 28th to September 30th, 2012. I kindly ask all Presidents to spread the good news and encourage Young BPWs to attend. This weekend will focus on Leadership training under the theme: "Empowering Young to be Future Leaders". Start planning your trip to Italy and be prepared to learn, network and make new friends. If you have any questions, would like to sponsor a Young BPW to attend the Congress or simply interested to learn more about the upcoming event, do not hesitate to contact me.

Anastasia Victoria Safarian, Young BPW International Representative

We are pleased to inform we are running a survey to gather member's views about **Communication** with the affiliates. Please take a moment [to participate and share your feedback](#). Your valuable opinion will help us to conduct communication in a more effective and productive way. Thank you in advance. Any questions, please contact anneli.majuri@bpw-international.org.

Anneli Majuri, Director of Public Relations

BPW News

BPW Cameroon engages with Parliament. [more](#)

Adenike Adeyanju-Osador Regional Coordinator Africa

Announcement opened for **Young BPW Europe Cup** La Spezia 2011. [more](#)

Miette Dechelle, Young BPW Europe Representative 2011-2014

BPW Germany is extremely proud that one of our members was elected one of the "25 most influential female engineers" in Germany. Mai Dang Goy is member of BPW Munich. [more](#)

Sabine Osmanovic Vice President 2010-2013 BPW Germany e. V.

BPW Japan launches a Recovery Support Grant program for working women. [more](#)

Machiko Yanagishita, Chair of Public Relations, BPW Japan

BPW Lagos, Nigeria, Sex Education projects takes awareness to Secondary school. [more](#)

Adenike Adeyanju-Osador Regional Coordinator, Africa

BPW Nigeria Steps up Advocacy on Cervical and Breast Cancer. [more](#)

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Young BPW Zambia : a mentee graduated in microbiology. [more](#)

[New in the Library](#) : BPW Canada, BPW New Zealand and BPW Switzerland newsletters.

BPW in the Media

Australia: Jami Elmore named Centralia BPW Woman of the Year in [WJBD radio](#)

Australia: Women to mull Warrnambool's future in [the Standard](#)

Brazil: BPW Rio de Janeiro launches Women's Award in [Jornal do Brasil](#)

Canada: Letter of the day: Government needs tougher stand on carcinogens in [Times and Transcript](#)

Germany: German government divided over gender quota in [Deutsche Welle](#)

Germany: BPW Germany begins Equal Pay Day campaign in [Brikada](#)

United Nations News

General Statement of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on Rural Women. [more](#)

UN and L'Oreal announce winners of women in science award. [more](#)

Worldwide News

The [global gender gap report 2011](#) published by the World Economic Forum

Canada missing bus on women's entrepreneurship. [more](#)

France: Female/Male? Leader for tomorrow. Why the company tends to feminize her management? [more](#)

Germany: Right balance between career and family planning. [more](#)

Israel: Where have all the women gone? Gender segregation gaining ground in Israel. [more](#)

Tunisia: Tunisian women protest, fear loss of liberty under radicals. [more](#)

UK: Women facing 'retirement poverty'. [more](#)

USA: Powerful women in Washington. [more](#)

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