

The Programme for Action 2007 – 2010

Continuing the 2004 – 07 theme of Women as Agents for Change, the Programme for Action for the 2007 –2010 IFUW Triennium focuses on some key issues that need to be examined in order to secure a sustainable future. While it is recognized that 'Building Sustainable Futures' is a wide-ranging theme, National Federations and Associations (NFAs) are being encouraged to seek a balanced interaction between:

- Education for sustainable development
- Economic development
- Protection of the environment and
- Social justice and human rights.

A World Bank Group, in discussing the meaning of sustainable development, states that sustainability depends on meeting the needs of the future by balancing social, economic and environmental objectives or needs when making decisions.

As women committed to the advancement of education, we need to promote and support the role of education in meeting future needs. It is important for IFUW members to:

- ground educational programmes in reality by:
 - focusing knowledge on real world issues
 - examining social and economic assumptions within the country
 - developing knowledge about the diversity of life on earth and the complex inter-relationships on which it depends;
- network with government, civil society and other stake-holders in building sustainable futures;
- use the Programme for Action leaflet and explore the Programme for Action website at

www.ifuw.org/programme