

## International Women's Day 2010

IWD has been celebrated in Trinidad and Tobago since 1958, when Christina Lewis and the Caribbean's Women's National Assembly organized rallies and placard protests for maternity benefits, equal pay for and other democratic rights for women in Trinidad and Tobago. .

Increasingly, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women's rights.

The Network 25th Anniversary year is a good time for us to renew the Spirit of Nairobi which inspired our birth and twenty five years ago, and fifteen years after Beijing to reaffirm our purpose to combat discrimination and promote gender equality as a fundamental human right and a basic principle of social justice.

## The National Gender Policy.. Still an unfinished Agenda

**As we mark another International Women's Day we demand the restart of national consultations on the new draft as a matter of urgency. The changes, made to the previous draft, both new things added and things removed, are substantial and require the approval of the stakeholders.**

**We propose consultations structured by issue and geographic grouping. The outcome must include a plan of action and the institutional mechanisms for implementation.**

**There can be no 'progress for all' when the real gender gaps are growing and women and girls are being denied their rights.**



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*2010 theme "Equal Rights  
Equal Opportunity: Progress for  
All"*

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN US AT OUR

SILVER KEY  
EVENT

Celebrating  
Our

25th Anniversary

SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2010

3.00pm—6.00pm

Cascade Hotel, Cascade

CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE

APPRECIATED



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*Theme: 'Equal rights, equal opportunity; Progress for all'*

As we celebrate International Women's Day for another year we join our sisters all over the world in solidarity with our achievements and in continuing struggle for our rights, for equal opportunity and for our voices to be heard at all levels of decision-making.

Our theme this year speaks to the need to build awareness of women and girls rights, for equal opportunities, and shared family responsibilities. Substantial gender gaps continue in spite of the efforts of women. Progress in areas such as wage equity , maternal and child mortality and gender based violence is needed..

We continue to advocate for a **national gender policy** which will address our gender needs including adequate maternal, child care and reproductive health services, and which will pay attention to the unacceptable levels of poverty and HIV/Aids infection among women and girls, of infant and child mortality, and the wide and growing income gap between men and women.

As we celebrate the **25th Anniversary Year of the Network** we hope to start the rebuilding the women's movement during the coming months, and strengthen the Network . We also look forward to vibrant community based interactive sessions of democratic dialogue. Let us all reach out to the new generation of women amongst us.

**Happy International Women's Day to all!**

## **International Women's Day**

### **SILVER KEY EVENT**

SATURDAY 6TH March 2010

3:00pm - 6.00pm

### **Programme**

**Welcome and Greetings**

**Cultural Presentation**

### **Presentations and Interactive Session**

- **Network 25th Anniversary Year Programme**
  - **GENDER POLICY COMMENTS**

### **Feature Address**

Mrs Kamla Persad-Bissessar

### **Launch of Network Website**

### **Vote of Thanks**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**