

# Research

## Recent Publications

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## Announcement

Sign-on letter Calling on Governments to Universally Reaffirm and Implement the Beijing Platform for Action

We, the undersigned international and national non-governmental organizations, networks, and parliamentarians from every region of the world, representing great political, social and religious diversity, underline the importance to us and to women worldwide of the ten-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action and the 30-year Anniversary of the First UN World Conference on Women, held in Mexico in 1975.

Noting that the objectives of the ten-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome Document of the 23rd Special Session of the General Assembly are to identify achievements, gaps and challenges in their implementation and emphasizing the need for high-level governmental participation at the 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), we urge governments gathered at the 49th Session of the CSW to:

1. Universally reaffirm the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Outcome of the 23rd UN General Assembly Special Session (Beijing +5);
2. Re-commit to immediate national level implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome of Beijing + 5;
3. Recognize that the realization of the Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goals depends on achieving the human rights and empowerment of all women, the attainment of gender equality and full implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;
4. Commit to incorporating these into the discussions and outcomes of the Millennium Summit at all levels.

<http://www.peacewomen.org/campaigns/countriesindex.html>

## Seminar

Arab Regional Training Seminar on National Youth Policy in cooperation with the International Council on National Youth Policy (ICNYP) and UNICEF, Beirut - Lebanon. 27-29 September 2005

Venue: UN House, Beirut – Lebanon.

The overarching objective of the Seminar is to strengthen the capabilities of both governments and leaders of youth organizations of the 23 countries in the Middle East to design, implement, evaluate and re-direct a national youth policy and programme of action.

More specifically, the Seminar will promote alliance building among stakeholders and enable them to:

1. Identify the priority problems facing youth and society in their country;
2. Discuss proposals for solving those problems with the full participation of young people and their formal and informal structures;
3. Agree on a coherent set of proposals and promote their implementation;
4. Network and share good practices among governments and NGOs;
5. Undertake assessments (short and medium-term monitoring and consequent adjustment of programmes en route) and periodic longer-term evaluation and modifications.

## Films

### **Satin Rouge**

Modern day Tunis. Lilia is a settled woman and an attentive mother. She believes her daughter, Salma, is having an affair with Chokri, a musician in the 'Red Satin' cabaret. A new world opens up to her that is repugnant yet tempting.

### **Doing it**

Four young women who grew up in four radically different environments explore one topic: their sexuality. Taboo subjects such as sexual harassment, masturbation, and HIV/AIDS disclosure are addressed with refreshing candor.

### **Lebanese Short Films**

#### **Ca Veut Dire Quoi Quand C'est Bleu?**

Michele is receiving some friends for a farewell dinner because she is leaving the following day to the United States of America to pursue her studies. Or maybe not...

#### **Une Visite**

A woman draws a comparison between her husband and her lover: the husband who, with time, is becoming less interested in her, while the lover is caring and passionate.

#### **Xxtra L**

The subject of women's sexuality is still a forbidden topic in our society.