

2013 United Nations International Day of the Girl Child

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The issue surrounding the Girl Child is regarded a global concern. With significant role of women to National Development, the issue of the girl child is of utmost important. Hence in 2011, the United Nations declared October 11 every year as the United Nations Observance day for the girl child to discuss issues and concerns of the girl child across the world.

October 11, 2012 was the first observance day and discussions were centered on the rights of the girl child.

This year, especially from the message of Malala at the UN on July 16, 2013, education of the girl child is considered an utmost important and efforts are geared towards improving education needs of the girl child. In recognition of the importance of fresh and creative perspectives to propel girls' education forward, the theme "Innovating for Girls' Education" is taken for 2013 International Day of the Girl Child. This is in recognition of innovation as an important strategy in addressing the nature and scale of barriers girls continue to face and in ensuring they receive an education commensurate with the challenges of the 21st century. As the world evaluates gaps in achieving the global goals for gender equality in education and defines an agenda post-2015, it is critical that innovation is harnessed to improvise solutions that are not only more creative, but also more effective, efficient, sustainable and just in achieving demonstrable results for improving girls' education.

The transformative potential for girls and societies promised through girls' education is yet to be realized. In pursuant of this goal, Women and Family Affairs Committee of World Igbo congress, an NGO in Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council at the United Nations, through the World Igbo Congress Club for boys and girls will hold a conference discussion for middle and high school girls on the Theme: "Innovating for Girls' Education in Diversity"

The theme will discuss various issues affecting the improvement of education and come up with innovative ways in:

- Improving public and private means of transportation for girls to get to school—from roads, buses, mopeds, bicycles to boats and canoes
- Engaging young people in monitoring and holding school systems accountable for ensuring the integrity of school facilities and functions and the safety and learning of girls
- Collaboration between school systems and the Civil Society to facilitate secure and convenient scholarship delivery to girls
- Provision of science and technology courses targeted at girls in schools, universities and vocational education program
- Corporate mentorship programs to help girls acquire critical work and leadership skills and facilitate their transition from school to work
- Revisions of school curricula to integrate positive messages on gender norms related to violence, child marriage, sexual and reproductive health, and male and female family roles
- Deploying mobile technology for teaching and learning to reach girls, especially in remote areas
- Using traditional and social media, advertising and commercial packaging to publicize data on gender disparities in education, the underlying causes, and actions that can be taken for change

Through this program Women and Family Affairs Committee will raise awareness of the importance of helping girls to education, identify innovative ways in advancing girls education and advocate for Girls Education before Marriage.

The program will include the following:

- Message of United Nations Secretary General on 2013 UN Observance day for the Girl
 - Special Guest Presentation
 - 11Days Campaign on Innovating for Girls Education in Diversity
 - Innovating for girls education in diversity exhibition
 - Girls Speak out/ Discussion
 - Explore your Potentials
 - Flag the Campaign on Girls Education before Marriage
 - Action Call: Best Innovation practices for education of girl in diversity
- The overall outcome will be utilized in
- reaching out, counseling and mentoring girls in the community who are not in school
 - Establish WIC Club for Boys and Girls programs through collaboration with Goddess Club
 - Provide education support of less privilege girls and send them to school
 - Establish Role Model Education Contest
 - Make contribution to Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda of United Nations on girl child education

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11 Days Campaign

**Exhibition of Girls Education in
Diversity**

Television Talk Show

Girls Speak Out

Essay Competition

Role Model Education Contest

Boys and Girls Dialogue

Join hands to innovate for Girls Education in Diversity and End Child Marriage