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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress Report

Period of Activity: August 2007- August 2008

UNITWIN Network on Gender, Culture and People-Centered Development

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I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Education

During the 2007-2008 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered a course on:
Gender and International Development.

Target group: undergraduate and graduate students

Research

Muslim Women

Women in Conflict

Women in West Bengal and Punjab

Gender and Self-Reliant Development in West Bengal

Conservation Management Planning

2. Conferences/ Meeting

“Gender: The multidimensional aspect of working in India”

Date and Place: November 15-16, 2008, Shantinikaten West Bengal, India

Geographical Coverage: India, United States, France

3. Partnership

Division for Gender Equality, UNESCO

Division of Human Rights, Human Security and Philosophy, UNESCO

UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University, United Kingdom

Boston University, Massachusetts, United States of America

Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India
Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
Visva-Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal, India
The Bhab Initiative, Shantiniketan, West Bengal, India
Cultural Resource Conservation Initiative (CRCI)/The Lime Center, New Delhi, India
Women and Gender Institute of Miriam College in the Philippines, Philippines

4. Publications

Books

Title: *Another Side of India: Gender, Culture, and Development*

Author: Dr. Brenda Gael McSweeney, editor

Publisher: UNESCO-Paris

Number of Pages: 152

Language: English

II. Impact

The UNESCO Chair on Gender, Culture and People-Centered Development has brought together academics at universities in India and Boston interested in questions of gender and sustainable development. The study of gender and development issues is at the center of the Network's activities.

III. Forthcoming Activities

The UNESCO Network on Gender, Culture and People-Centered Development plans to hold an international conference in India during November 2008. The papers presented at this conference will offer material for a second volume on the questions of gender, culture and development. A project of collaboration with Burkina Faso is envisioned in the future.