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DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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ABOUT THE MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA (MSU)

The University named after the enlightened modern and progressive ruler of Baroda, His Highness Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad-III, was formerly established in the year 1949, just before Baroda princely state merged in Bombay province with many of its constituent institutions started from 1881 onwards. The first Vice Chancellor of the university Dr. (Smt.) Hansa Mehta was a woman of vision and led university to initiate many unconventional courses and start novel faculty like Faculty of Social Work, Faculty of Home Science and Faculty of Fine Arts. Dr. Mrunalini Devi Puar, Lady Member of Baroda Royal Family is the Chancellor of the University currently.

The M.S. University of Baroda is one of the very few renowned residential universities in the country. It is unitary in character and the only English medium public university in the state. Today the university has 87 Departments, 13 Faculties, 3 colleges and 12 Centres of specialized studies. More than 37000 students are taught by 1200 teachers and served by 1817 non teaching staff. The university's physical infrastructure is excellent having 143 academic buildings, 16 hostels (Boys & Girls students), 475 staff quarters and landholding of 275 acres of prime land in the midst of the city.



ABOUT THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

The Foundation stone of the Faculty of Social Work was laid as early as in 1950 and it is one of the pioneering post-graduate institutes in social work education with Master's Degree in Social Work (M.S.W.) as its focal programme. It is the third institution in chronological order, in India which offers social work education for a professional career. Faculty also has a Ph.D. Program, five Post Graduate Diploma Courses and 2 years Master of Human Resource Management Program.

The journey of the faculty of social work had begun, emphasizing on the needs of the Indian population (mainly rural) in tandem with traditional values, culture and use of modern scientific knowledge of professional social work to provide necessary services. The Faculty has always taken up the societal challenges, issues and concerns as an opportunity to Learn, Teach and Take actions for change if required. Today, after almost sixty three years of its existence, the faculty takes pride in sharing its status of being ranked twice as the third best institution of social work education in the nation.

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SUBTHEMES:

The conference will examine social work response in relation to each of the MDGs with focus on women and invites conceptual, theoretical, research based papers critically examining situations, highlighting innovative experiments, interventions, policies, programs interventions, identifying gaps, challenges for future.

The papers can be in any of the following subtheme areas.

MDG 1: Eradication of Poverty and Hunger : Women and/in Poverty, Hunger Situations.

MDG 2: Achieving Universal Primary Education – Women and Literacy
MDG 3: Promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women – Where do we stand ? Violence Against Women, Women in War/Conflict situations,

MDG 4: Reduction in Child Mortality – Especially situations of Girl Child across Globe

MDG 5: Improvement in Maternal Health – Have we done enough?

MDG 6: Combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases in relation to Women – Women as Affected Group, Women as Carer.

MDG 7: Ensuring Environment Sustainability - Women, Environment and Sustainable Development.

MDG 8: Global Partnership for Development – Women as partners for Development. Women's Participation in Governance.

The conference will also have a special session devoted to Millennium Development Goals with Tribal / Indigenous Women at center stage. Papers are invited for this special session as well.

INSTRUCTION TO AUTHORS:

The paper should have a 750-1,000 word extended abstract that provides a summary of the paper, including conceptualization, method, and major findings.

Following the extended abstract, the next page should restate the title (without authors' names or affiliations) and begin the body of the paper. The body of the paper must not exceed 20 double-spaced pages in total length, including all tables, figures, notes and full references. The 20 pages do not include the abstract and extended abstract pages. This length restriction assumes the use of a font no smaller than 12 point, no more than 75 characters per line and no more than 26 lines per page including headers and footnotes.

Each of the submissions shall go through the process of review.

Submissions should not already be published or accepted for publication in any journal.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

As we are nearing 2015; the countdown for the achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 has begun. While accomplishments are celebrated and acknowledged, concerns are raised about the unevenness, gaps in achievements and unmet special challenges are identified. In parallel with intensification of efforts to accelerate achievement of MDGs, strong post 2015 agenda based on redefined development paradigm are prepared. Women as a core group are not only identified as an important area of the existing MDG achievements with two goals specifically (goal number 3 and 5) addressing them and as important players in realising other stated six goals but also as an intrinsic concern in Post 2015 agenda thereby making women active partners and participants in the process of accomplishment of MDGs.

Embedded in the main philosophy of the social work profession is to strive for social justice and equality in society. Women being one of the most marginalized sections across globe form an important group in social work mandate. The profession is concerned about women's issues, their participation, development and empowerment. Thus, any effort to achieve MDGs based on any framework must be perceived as meeting social work agenda as well. It is against this background that the theme of the proposed conference revolves around Women and Millennium Development Goals: A Social work Response.

India's country report 2011 on Millennium Development Goals states that India is on track for some of the MDGs like combating extreme poverty, improving school enrolment and child health and controlling spread of killer diseases like AIDS, Malaria and TB but for other MDGs India's progress is not very encouraging. However on other side there have been nations who have done exceedingly well and have met the goals set. We need to learn from these success stories as well. Thus, there is an urgent need to reflect, retrospect on worldly efforts in general and social work interventions in particular in the larger global debate revolving around MDGs and plan future strategies in light of emerging framework for Post 2015 agenda.

The main objective of the conference will be to maintain the momentum for accelerating progress to 2015, while taking stock of lessons learnt from efforts to achieve the MDGs so as to help understand the Global Social work response to the development agenda beyond 2015.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE:

1. To understand, celebrate breakthroughs of social work interventions and identify challenges in relation to women and MDGs.
2. To speed efforts, work in progress towards achievement of MDGs with focus on women.
3. To work out strategies addressing gaps and preparing road map for mainstreaming women and MDGs in social work education and practice.
4. To design social work action plans for the unfinished tasks of women and MDGs in the larger context of emerging agenda beyond 2015.

The conference shall feature plenary sessions, technical round tables as well as poster and paper presentations.

All papers should be submitted via email only to:

internationalconf@fswmsu.in

It is mandatory that all accepted papers are presented at the conference by an author.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Conference	: 13th-14th February, 2014
Abstract Submission Deadline	: 31st December, 2013
Intimation of acceptance	: 5th January, 2014
Full Paper Submission Deadline	: 15th January, 2014
Receipt of Registration Fee	: 15th January, 2014

REGISTRATION:

It is mandatory for all paper presenters and participants to register themselves for the conference by filling in the registration form available at the Conference website and paying the required registration fees.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Participants from India: Rs. 1500/-
Local Participants: Rs. 500/-
Participants from other country: US\$ 150

MODE OF PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:

Cash Deposit or Bank Transfers will be accepted.

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Registration can also be done by depositing cash in any Branch of Bank of Baroda. Please write your name clearly as depositor and send the scanned copy of deposit slip to Organizers.

The registration fee includes the Conference Kit, Conference Program Brochure, Certificate, Coffee breaks and working lunches. The food during the conference shall have both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. If you have any specific dietary requirements, kindly inform the conference Secretary while completing the registration process.



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