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## **International Women's Day Message March 8, 2007**

**O**n this day, International Women's Day, we hail all women from every walk of life and recognise their vital contribution to creating "another world" for the benefit of humanity.

"Another World is Possible," they say as they raise their voices in unison with all other activists in challenging a social, economic and political system that has held them in bondage for too long.

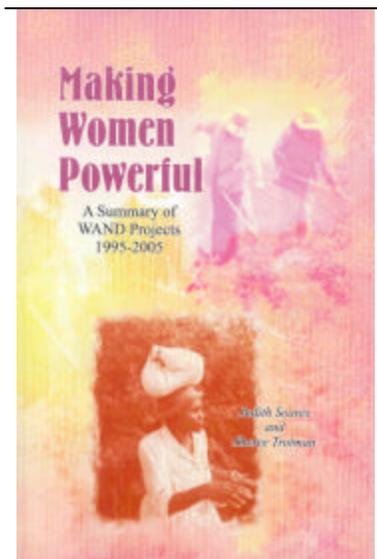
Today, as we salute these women, we pay tribute to Angela King, an outstanding Jamaican, whose contribution to the social advancement of women speaks volumes of one who represented her kind at the highest levels with commitment, respect for difference, singleness of purpose and dignity. King served the United Nations (UN) for 40 years in several senior positions. Before retiring in 2004, she had served as special advisor to former UN Secretary General, Kofi Anan on gender issues. She also chaired the institution's inter-agency network on women and gender equality and supervised the activities of the Department for the Advancement of Women, a department whose work she had earlier directed.

We at the Women and Development Unit of The University of the West Indies recognise her sterling contribution which, we are sure, will be etched in the memory of all those who have a social conscience, and will be recorded in the annals of history.

### **Introducing WAND's Latest Publication**

Judith Soares and Sheree Trotman authored a monograph, *Making Women Powerful: A Summary of WAND Projects, 1995-2005* which records the Unit's efforts to assist women in the Caribbean to develop their skills and their minds and to improve their quality of life through non-formal education, skills training and community intervention initiatives.

Copies of the publication were distributed to colleagues in the School of Continuing Studies and women's organizations regionally and internationally.



## Parenting Project: Good Shepherd Primary School

At the request of the Principal, Good Shepherd Primary School, Barbados, the Unit introduced a parenting Project, "**Positive Attitudes to Parenting**" which ran from February to June 2007. The areas of training and discussion focused on the following:

- Positive Values and Attitudes
- Gender Socialisation
- Parents, Discipline and Child Development
- The Role of the Family in the Child's Life
- Anger Management for Parents
- Play and Literacy
- Budgeting: Low Income, High Nutrition

Presenters included Joan Cuffie, Child Psychologist, Pastor Eliseus Joseph and WAND's Cecelia Batson and Judith Soares.

## FROM THE REFERENCE LIBRARY...

The Reference Library continued to offer services to students and other researchers. In an effort to improve in-house access, there was a physical reorganisation of materials in three distinct sections: WAND publications, Caribbean and General. Work continued on cataloguing the collection and expanding the electronic database.

### Upcoming publications

- ◆ *Bibliography of WAND's Publication, 2nd Ed.*
- ◆ *Catalogue of the Caribbean Collection*

## News from SCS...

### Congrats!

**Luz Longworth** on her appointment as Deputy Director

**Francis Severin**, Resident Tutor, Dominica, who was recently awarded his Ph. D.

### Farewell

**Matthew Roberts**, Resident Tutor, St. Lucia, Walk Good!

*It is good when a woman can  
think for herself  
-(Adapted, The Burning Spear)*

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*The ruin of a nation begins in the  
home, the rise of a nation begins in  
the mind  
-Ashanti Proverb*

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