



5th Annual Fairness Award set for November 24th, 2014

As we celebrate the 11th anniversary of the Global Fairness Initiative, we invite you to save the date for the **5th Annual Fairness Award—November 24, 2014**, at the Howard Theater in Washington, DC. This year's honorees will be **Mr. Robert Zoellick** (President of World Bank from 2007 to 2012), **Mr. Karl Johan Persson** (President and CEO of H&M) and **Mrs. Nani Zulminarni** (Founder of PEKKA, Indonesia). These honorees exemplify the kind of leadership that is central to GFI's belief that only by integrating the work of grassroots and grass-tops organizations and individuals can we catalyze true economic opportunity and extend rights and protections to the world's working poor. Please **Save the Date** for this year's celebration and award ceremony and we look forward to seeing you in November!

To learn more about the Fairness Award Ceremony and how to get involved please visit: www.fairnessaward.org or contact info@globalfairness.org with any inquiries.

GFI Welcomes Tatiana Bowe the 2014 Summer Sapin Fellow



Tatiana Bowe, from Jacksonville, FL, is Global Fairness Initiative's summer Sapin Fellow. Tatiana is a rising junior at American University in the School of International Service. Her concentration on international development and global security in the Middle East brought her to intern with the Global Fairness Initiative this summer in the hopes of gaining more exposure to global projects that boost the social and economic sectors of developing countries. She hopes her work with GFI will generate a greater hands-on application of her studies in a work environment, as well as help her prepare for an upcoming year abroad.

Shortly after interning with us, Tatiana intends to study abroad for the fall semester in Amman, Jordan at the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy. She then plans to continue her year abroad at the



University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

Tatiana endeavors to practice her Arabic as much as possible whilst abroad with the intention of firmly paving a career path with an organization that requires language speaking skills and global awareness. Tatiana would like to work for the Department of State or possibly pursue a career in the Foreign Service.

Created in honor of Shirley Sapin in recognition of her commitment to equality and opportunity for all people, the Sapin Fellowship was established to offer students in post-secondary institutions the opportunity to work with GFI on issues of economic development and workforce equity. Thanks to the Sapin Family and a donation from the Benjamin Banneker Development Corporation, GFI is able to offer three Sapin Fellowships a year that aim to create opportunities for developing leadership capacity on issues of international importance.

To learn about the Spain Fellowship Opportunity and other volunteer opportunities with Global Fairness Initiative please visit us at: www.globalfairness.com/get-involved

Peru Celebrates the "National Day of Recyclers"

Peru's capital experienced the epitome of unity and progress on June 1st, 2014. The execution of the Recycler's National Day celebration demonstrates the path of change upon which Peru has embarked since the establishment of Law 29419, on June 1, 1999. The new legal decree aimed to regulate recycling activities throughout Peru and prompted the emergence of ATIARRES, the first Association of Recyclers in Peru. This organization facilitated the gathering of 800 recyclers throughout Lima within its first official year. Now, after a decade of dedication and many steps forward, the recycling effort has accumulated invaluable support. On June 1st 2014, the efforts were clearly seen, as over 15 recycling associations represented by over 240 recyclers came out to celebrate "The birthday of all recyclers in Peru." The celebration included a parade around the Luis Gálvez Chipoco Stadium and a concluding speech by Ms. Albina Ruiz, President and Founder of Ciudad Saludable and a member of the GFI Board of Directors.

The Global Fairness Initiative is honored to be a partner of Ciudad Saludable on the Recyclers Leadership Initiative (RLI). The extent to which Peru is committed towards the regulation of recycling activities is also apparent in the mission of RLI. RLI strives to improve recycling practices throughout Peru that not only enables access to more competitive markets, but also improves the livelihood of the many recyclers working as waste collectors. By prompting the development of leadership skills and promoting the need for public engagement, RLI plans to create a recycling culture that will better serve the socio-economic sector of Peru. With the help of its partners – Global Fairness Initiative and Ciudad Saludable- RLI is well equipped to implement the infrastructure necessary for significant development.

To read the full Press Release from Ciudad Saludable please see [HERE](#).



Successful Elections in Guinea-Bissau



José Mário Vaz, a member of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC), is the President-elect of Guinea-Bissau. José Mário Vaz plans to take office on Monday, June 23, 2014, just over a month after he won the run-off elections against Nuno Gomes Nabiam with 62% of the votes.

The success of the recent election has raised hopes that Guinea-Bissau can move a step closer to the end of ongoing political crises marked by military coups, international isolation and a devastating economic decline. Already, Vaz has begun working towards central goals, which he outlined during the elections. These goals are to reduce the country's high poverty levels and to increase investment in Guinea-Bissau's agriculture. Vaz has met with the leaders of several neighboring countries—Senegal, Nigeria, the Gambia—who have expressed commitment to helping Guinea-Bissau succeed in these long-term goals. President John Mahamas of ECOWAS has even assured economic and financial assistance from the sub-region and Guinea-Bissau will be receiving 16.5 million euros (a loan of 12.6m and a donation of 3.9m) from the World Bank for an urgent project focused on water and electricity supply.

There is both excitement and anxiety building around Vaz's highly anticipated term as President. Vaz has given many people throughout Guinea-Bissau hope and a newly restored belief in Guinea-Bissau's future, but there still remains some anxiety. This anxiety is due to the looming threat of a military coup. Guinea-Bissau has a record of military coups and has yet to see a democratically elected leader serve a full term since Independence 40 years ago. However, some of the anxiety was relieved when the army chief, leader of the April 2012 coup that provoked a political breakdown, publicly saluted president-elect Vaz after he beat Nabiam who was known to be the military's preferred candidate.

Recovery and development in such extreme conditions is a huge project that will not be easy nor will it be immediate, but president-elect Vaz has been able to reign in the support of the country, the region, and the international community, and has given Guinea-Bissau another chance to get back on its feet.

Learn More: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-26891402>

"Formal vs Informal Economy: Bridging the Gap"

The informal sector constitutes roughly 40% of the global economy. Informal workers face many challenges as they work long hours on little pay, struggle to provide for their families and receive little rights and poor treatment by those they work for.

Jay Naidoo, the founding General Secretary of Cosatu, former Minister in Mandela Government and Chair of a GAIN, chaired a panel on the Informal Economy at the ITUC Congress in Berlin, last month. In his article, "Formal Vs. Informal Economy: Bridging the Gap," Naidoo uses the shared stories of Shabnam, a female garment worker from the Gujarat state of India and a member of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), and Jorge Ramada, from the Uruguay Waste Pickers Union, to highlight the social, environmental, and economic benefits of organizing informal labor. The panel was one of the first where grassroots voices and activists from the informal sector shared a global stage on the challenges of informality.

Read Jay Naidoo's Full Article [HERE](#) to learn more about the challenges faced by informal workers.



In 2003 GFI was founded with one core goal: to make our global economy work for the countless working poor that globalization has left behind. A decade later we are proud to be an organization that has steadily built a track record of success through innovative programs that reduce poverty, enfranchise informal communities, and advance human rights and livelihoods. In 2014 we are celebrating this decade of impact by looking back at what we have done and learned, and looking ahead at the challenges and commitments we will take on in the decade to come.

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