



Quiz

Since 1990, how many per cent of **signatories in peace processes** were women?

- 4%
- 12%
- 23%

How many countries have specific laws that **penalize domestic violence**?

- 83
- 125
- 168

What was the percentage of **women parliamentarians** worldwide in 2013?

- 9%
- 22%
- 39%

In developing countries, how many **girls younger than 18 give birth** every day?

- 5 000
- 10 000
- 20 000



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2014

Celebrated annually on 8 March, **International Women's Day** is an occasion to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. The 2014 theme for International Women's Day is "Equality for women is progress for all".

Light Fly, Fly High Thulasi is a young, Indian girl who is literally willing to fight for the right to be herself. Born outside caste, she's expected to accept her position at the very bottom of the social ladder. But Thulasi is different. She wants to be a boxer. Three years back she ranked 3rd in India in the Light Fly category, but Thulasi's talent has gotten her nowhere so far. She's been held back by her superiors, who are in control of the girls' careers and send them for competitions. But Thulasi's superior demands money and sex in exchange for his "favours". Thulasi has no money, and she refuses to sleep with him. So her future seems kind of dark. But then Thulasi takes her destiny into her own hands. The film follows Thulasi through three eventful years with many unexpected turns.



PROGRAMME

19h00: Welcoming Remarks

19h10: Screening of **Light Fly, Fly High**

20h20: Panel Discussion and Quiz

Susann Østigaard

Light Fly, Fly High Film Director and Producer

Luis Riera Figueras

Director, Human Society Development, DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid,

European Commission

Céline Mias

EU Representative, Care International

Sietske Steneker

Director UNFPA Brussels Office - Moderator

“I have a message for every girl born today, and to every woman and girl on the planet: Realizing human rights and equality is not a dream, it is a duty of governments, the United Nations and every human being. I also have a message for my fellow men and boys: play your part. All of us benefit when women and girls - your mothers, sisters, friends and colleagues - can reach their full potential.”

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General

“We can no longer afford to hold back half the world's population. The 21st century has to be different for every woman and girl in the world. She must know that to be born a girl is not the start of a life of hardship and disadvantage.”

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women Executive Director

“Investing in girls and enabling them to exercise their right to make informed choices about their health, their bodies and their future is one of the surest ways to transform individual lives, strengthen families and communities, and ensure equitable, sustainable development for all.”

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, UNFPA Executive Director

“Men and women are equal. It's as simple as that. And yet, sadly, we still have a very long way to go before we will truly be able to say that gender equality exists. We men and women need to work together and redouble our efforts to support the vital role women and girls play in development.”

Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Development

