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## GFI Newsletter: Celebrating Partnerships

### Buy your tickets today for the 3rd Annual Fairness Award!

Please join us on Tuesday, November 13th, at the historic Howard Theatre in Washington, DC, as we celebrate partnership and honor leadership at the presentation of the 2012 Fairness Award to **Ambassador Melanne Verveer** and **Ms. Lucy Kanu**. The Fairness Award honors exceptional leaders from the "grassroots" and the "grasstops" and the essential link between the top and bottom that makes progress possible. This year's honorees are leaders who strive to create social and economic parity and opportunity for poor and marginalized communities around the globe. Join us in honoring Melanne and Lucy at the newly renovated Howard Theatre on November 13th and be a part of this special celebration:

What: The 2012 Fairness Award

Who: **Ms. Melanne Verveer**: Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues

**Ms. Lucy Kanu**: Founder, Idea Builders Initiative, Nigeria

**Mr. Jim Vance**: CNBC4 Anchor & Fairness Award MC

Where: The Howard Theatre - Washington, DC

When: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 - 7:00p to 8:30p

Special Performance by: **Sweet Honey in the Rock**

Purchase your tickets today:

[BUY NOW](#) or go to [www.fairnessaward.org/tickets](http://www.fairnessaward.org/tickets)

### GFI joins new partners for informality project in Tunisia

In collaboration with **Partners for Democratic Change**, the **Tunisia Association for Management and Stability**, and a core set of local organizations, GFI begins work this month on the Tunisia Inclusive Labor Initiative (TILI). This two-year project, funded by the U.S. Department of State,

aims to help Tunisia create a more inclusive legal and economic framework for informal Tunisian workers, thus ensuring them access to decent work and to government-mandated protections.

GFI and its partners will begin by establishing a baseline assessment of the government's existing capacity to integrate informal workers and of the size, condition, and barriers to formalization of Tunisia's informal sector. Using our successful multi-stakeholder approach, TILI will engage workers, the private sector, civil society, and government at the ministerial and administrative levels. Targeted roundtables of stakeholders will develop strategies for progressive economic integration, leading to a national collaboration to produce specific policy and structural recommendations.

Resulting policies, relationships, and pilot programs will promote the integration of informal workers into the formal labor market -- with special attention to women and youth -- helping to provide them with sustainable employment, equal representation, and access to government services. As with all our programs, GFI will gradually transition ownership of the project so that the capability for continued success lies with our local partners.

**Partners for Democratic Change (PDC)** has actively promoted a culture of change and conflict management in the Middle East since 2004 with work in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, Morocco, and Yemen. Building on the success of PDC Centers in Europe and Latin America, PDC established its first local Center in Jordan in 2004 and its second in Yemen in 2009. The Centers, staffed entirely by in-country professionals, have spearheaded local initiatives to resolve conflicts in local communities.

The **Tunisia Association for Management and Social Stability (TAMSS)**, an NGO promoting community development and entrepreneurship, was founded in 2006 in Tunisia's capital. TAMSS's mission is to bring sustainable development to poor communities by strengthening the economic and social capacities of families, working especially with women and youth. Through the establishment of innovative and complementary financial and non-financial products and services -- like leadership training, education, and the provision of responsible micro-credit -- TAMSS has helped in the development of over 2,000 micro-enterprises, 90% of which are still in operation.

### **Benjamin Banneker Development Corporation (BBDC) announces scholarship fund for GFI's Sapin Fellowship**

GFI is honored to have the support and leadership of BBDC as we train, mentor, and empower young leaders in Washington, DC. The partnership with BBDC will ensure that Dr. Shirley Sapin's mission to promote social activism and civil rights will continue by inspiring future generations to participate in issues and programs at the heart of achieving economic access for the working poor.

For more information about the **Sapin Fellowship**, please visit [www.globalfairness.org/get-involved/sapin-fellowship](http://www.globalfairness.org/get-involved/sapin-fellowship).

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"The path to economic growth is through the full empowerment of women and girls."

Melanne Verveer  
2012 Fairness Award Honoree

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## [Fairness Award 2012](#)

**Tuesday, November 13th, 2012**  
**6:00 to 7:00 Honoree Reception**  
**7:00 to 8:30 Awards Ceremony**

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The Historic Howard Theatre  
620 T Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

### **RSVP today:**

**JOIN US AT THE 2012 FAIRNESS AWARD**

### **TICKETS:**

Please RSVP by calling 202-898-9022, or email us at [rsvp@fairnessaward.org](mailto:rsvp@fairnessaward.org).



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