



## *Thank you for being part of the 2013 Fairness Award!*

*Celebrating 10 Years of Impact, 10 Years of Leadership*

The [2013 Fairness Award](#) was a huge success and our thanks to everyone for being part of this special celebration. Our congratulations to this year's remarkable honorees; President Tarja Halonen (former President of Finland 2000-2012), Susan Berresford (President of the Ford Foundation 1996-2007), and Zeinab Al-Momani (President of Specific Union for Women Farmers in Jordan). A special thanks to our distinguished presenters; Kathryn Fuller, Senator Jack Reed and Ann Stock, and to our fantastic MC, Andrea Roane. And of course, thank you to all our generous sponsors, guests, friends, and volunteers, it was a great night, and a wonderful way to celebrate 10 years of GFI.

Thank you for being such an important part of our GFI family and for helping make the 2013 Fairness Award and 10th year anniversary celebration such an inspiring and fun event!

For photos of the 2013 Fairness Award ceremony, [CLICK HERE](#)

### **GFI Welcomes our new Sapin Fellow!**

GFI is pleased to welcome **Christina Holder**, as our 2013 Fall Sapin Fellow! Christina is a D.C. native studying Business Management at the Howard University. Next Fall, Christina plans to begin her Master's in Accounting. Christina previously interned for the Washington, D.C. Economic Partnership – just one of her experiences that has allowed her to hone skills in business development and research. We're looking to Christina to take an active role in GFI's partnership development and management. She'll also be instrumental in the development and implementation of new and ongoing programs, particularly in the Fairness Awards coming up this October.

One day Christina wants to apply her background and knowledge to help business owners in developing regions achieve operational excellence.

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 a generous donation from the **Benjamin Banneker Development Corporation**, GFI also offers two Sapin Fellowships a year that aim to create opportunities for developing leadership capacity on issues of international importance.

### **Tunisia Inclusive Labor Initiative (TILI) Launches Critical Dialogues on Informality**

The TILI project – a partnership between GFI and the Tunisian Association for Management and Social Stability (TAMSS) – has begun a series of multi-stakeholder roundtables in Tunisia, on the topic of formalization. Government officials, business federations, trade unions, civil society organizations (CSOs) and informal workers are all represented. The purpose of these discussions are to identify the barriers and incentives to formalization and ultimately, to develop a roadmap for economic formalization in Tunisia. Generating discussion, spreading awareness, promoting consensus and building relationships between stakeholders is an integral component of the TILI program.

To read more on the TILI program please visit our [WEBSITE!](#)

### **GFI Welcomes Our New Country Director, Nepal**

Homraj Acharya is GFI's newly appointed country director for Nepal, where he will be leading the Better Brick Nepal project in Nepal. Homraj comes to the post with a wide range of experience in the government and non-government sectors in both the U.S. and Nepal. He is an education and development practitioner, poet and novelist who grew up in a farming family near the ancient palace of the Buddha in Kapilvastu, Nepal, where he saw firsthand the injustices of poverty, caste and gender inequality and environmental destruction. With degrees from University of Colorado and American University, he has worked at the grassroots in the U.S. and Nepal on literacy and development projects; at the policy level in the Executive Office of the Mayor of Washington, DC; and at the global level as Executive Director of the Non-Resident Nepali Association, the umbrella organization for the Nepali diaspora with branches in 60 countries. Prior to joining the GFI team, Homraj was a national consultant for the Federation of Nepal Cottage and Small Industries, an organization of more than 30,000 micro, small and cottage industries, providing market expansion strategies and creating international business linkages to promote Nepali products. A Certified Public Manager from George Washington University's Center for Excellence in Public Leadership, he is a management consultant, trainer, policy and development analyst who has led workshops to train Nepali parliamentarians in collaborative leadership; mentored youth, women's and indigenous people's groups in founding and sustaining organizations and ecologically sound businesses; and provided various levels of service to the Government of Nepal's Ministry of Education, the US

Department of Labor, DC Agenda, World Education, AED, Banyan Tree Foundation, Human Rights Watch, Human Rights First, BASE, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, American University, and other organizations. He is excited to be working with GFI and the Brick Clean Network on the Better Brick Project and looks forward to having an impact on the environment and people's lives.

### **Child Labor Coalition's Newest Member: The Global Fairness Initiative**

GFI is glad to announce our new membership with the [Child Labor Coalition](#) (CLC).

The CLC is currently made up of 30 members and exists to serve as a national voice on protecting working minors and ending child labor exploitation at home and abroad. As a coalition, CLC advocates for the better enforcement of laws and regulations, including devising and encouraging innovative ways to ensure employer compliance. Through informational and educational outreach to public and private sectors, CLC hopes to limit child labor exploitation and influence public policy on child labor issues through an increased understanding of the impact work has on children's health and the quality of their lives. The presence of child labor has been a devastating factor that reinforces poverty, poor living standards and encourages limited enforcement of labor regulations.

GFI is looking forward to engaging with the coalition, as GFI creates programs to increase the livelihood potential and extend social responsibilities throughout the governments and private industries we work with.

To learn more about the coalition's recent activities and members please visit the website: <http://stopchildlabor.org/>



*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 2013 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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