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UN / IO Events and Announcements

- **54th Session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, 25 May – 11 June 2010, Geneva**

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child is holding its 54th Session from 25 May to 11 June 2010 at the ground floor and first floor conference rooms at the Palais Wilson in Geneva.

More information, including the provisional agenda and the programme of work, is available [here](#).

- **2010 Resumed Session of the ECOSOC Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 26 May – 4 June 2010, New York**

The 2010 Resumed Session of the ECOSOC Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is being held from 26 May to 4 June 2010 at the UNHQ in New York. The Committee will, during this Session, examine 104 new and 145 deferred applications from NGOs seeking consultative status with ECOSOC. It will also consider 214 quadrennial reports from NGOs in special and general consultative status.

More information about the Committee and background documentation is available [here](#).

- **14th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council, 31 May – 18 June 2010, Geneva**

The 14th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council has been scheduled from 31 May 2010 to 18 June 2010 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The draft Programme of Work can be accessed [here](#).

The reports to the 14th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council are available [here](#).

General information about NGO participation is available [here](#).

More information, including the link to the webcast for the Session, is available [here](#).

- **ICC Review Conference of the Rome Statute, 31 May – 11 June 2010, Kampala**

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is holding a “Review Conference of the Rome Statute” from 31 May to 11 June 2010 at the Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort in Kampala.

More information about the ICC Review Conference is available [here](#).

- **“The (Evolving) Role of Agriculture in Poverty Reduction: An Empirical Perspective”, UNU Worldwide in New York Series, 2 June 2010, New York**

As part of its UNU Worldwide in New York Series, the UN University Office at the UN, New York (UNU-ONY) is organising an event entitled “The (Evolving) Role of Agriculture in Poverty Reduction: An Empirical Perspective”. It is scheduled on 2 June 2010 from 13:15 to 14:30 hours in Conference Room 8 at UNHQ in New York. More information, including the link to live webcast, is available [here](#).

- **99th Session of the International Labour Conference, 2 – 18 June 2010, Geneva**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is holding the 99th Session of its International Labour Conference (ILC) from 2 to 18 June 2010 at its HQ and the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

A conference guide to this Session can be downloaded [here](#).

General information, including background documentation and practical details, is available [here](#).

- **Informal Event on Innovative Sources of Development Finance, 3 June 2010, New York**

The Financing for Development Office, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA), with partners, is organising an informal event on innovative sources of development finance on 3 June 2010 from 10:00 to 18:00 hours at the ECOSOC Chamber (North Lawn Building) at UNHQ in New York.

More information material, including the invitation and the programme, is available [here](#).

- **“Coherent Development Cooperation: Maximizing Impact in a Changing Environment” High-level Symposium in Preparation for the ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum, 3-4 June 2010, Helsinki**

The second High-level Symposium to prepare for ECOSOC’s [Development Cooperation Forum](#) (DCF) (29-30 June 2010) will take place on 3 and 4 June 2010 in Helsinki. The Symposium is organised by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) jointly with the Government of Finland.

More information, including background documentation, is available [here](#).

• **“Many Species. One Planet. One Future”, World Environment Day Roundtable, 4 June 2010, Geneva**
The Geneva Environment Network (GEN) is organising a roundtable entitled “Many Species. One Planet. One Future.” The event is scheduled on 4 June 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 hours at the International Environment House II in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

• **World Environment Day Celebrations in Geneva, 5 June 2010**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day on 5 June 2010, *“the UN family is going green under the themes of biodiversity and sustainable development. The event will be hosted in the park of the Palais des Nations, Place des Nations, and the surrounding areas of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). As part of this event, the Palais des Nations, which is located inside of the Ariana Park, will be open to the public. Numerous activities and entertainment for people of all ages will also be organized on and around the Place des Nations and the WIPO building.”*

More information is available at www.journeeverteonugeneve.org.

• **“Protection of Civilian Population in Conflict Situation: A complex challenge for peacekeeping operations”, Panel Discussion, 11 June 2010, Brussels**

Entitled “Protection of Civilian Population in Conflict Situation: A complex challenge for peacekeeping operations”, the UN Regional Information Centre for Western Europe (UNRIC) and the Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security (GRIP) are organising a panel discussion on 11 June 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 hours on the 8th floor meeting room at UNRIC’s premises, Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 155, in Brussels.

• **Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector”, Preparatory Meeting for the “MDG Summit”, 14 – 15 June 2010, New York**

From 20 to 22 September 2010, the UN General Assembly will hold, in New York, a [High-Level Plenary Meeting](#), also referred to as the “MDG Summit”. The Summit’s main objective will be *“to build on what we have learned during the past 10 years since the adoption of the Millennium Declaration and how to accelerate progress towards the internationally agreed development goals, in particular MDGs.”* As part of the process leading to the Summit, the UN General Assembly will also *“convene interactive informal hearings with representatives of NGOs, civil society and the private sector on 14 and 15 June 2010. The outcomes of these hearings will provide an input to the preparatory process for the Summit and be issued as an Assembly document. A nomination process for speakers at the hearings has now been opened so that interested NGOs, civil society and the private sector can nominate individuals to actively participate at the event.”*

More information is available [here](#).

• **“Workshop on Information and Public Participation in Water and Health Related Issues”, 15 – 16 June 2010, Bucharest**

The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is organising a “Workshop on Information and Public Participation in Water and Health Related Issues” on 15 and 16 June 2010 in Bucharest.

More information, including background documentation and registration procedures, is available [here](#).

• **UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations, 29 June–1 July 2010, Geneva**

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is organising annual consultations with NGOs from 29 June to 1 July 2010 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) (29-30 June 2010) and in Room XIX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva (1 July 2010).

More information, including an information note, the agenda, a guide for NGOs to participate in the consultations and registration details, is available [here](#).

• **63rd United Nations DPI/NGO Conference – “Advance Global Health, Advance the MDGs”, 30 August – 1 September 2010, Melbourne**

The UN Department of Public Information DPI/NGO announced that its 63rd Conference will take place from 30 August to 1 September 2010 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

More information about this conference is available [here](#).

Civil Society Events and Announcements

- **“Older People, Human Rights and Social Protection”, Panel Discussion, 3 June 2010, Geneva**

HelpAge International, and partners, is organising a panel discussion entitled “Older People, Human Rights and Social Protection” on 3 June 2010 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours in Room XXV at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. For more information, please contact [HelpAge International](#).

- **“(Mis)Investment in Agriculture: The Role of the International Finance Corporation in the Global Land Grab – A Talk by Ms Anuradha Mittal”, 4 June 2010, Oakland, California**

On the occasion of the launching of its latest report “(Mis)Investment in Agriculture: The Role of the International Finance Corporation in the Global Land Grab”, the Oakland Institute is organising an event on 4 June 2010 at 19:30 hours at the Montclair Presbyterian Church, 5701 Thornhill Drive, Oakland, California. For more information, please visit www.oaklandinstitute.org.

- **“Festival de la biodiversité”, 4 June 2010, Berne**

SWISSAID, and partners, is organising a “Festival de la biodiversité” (Biodiversity Festival) on 4 June 2010 from 11:00 to 20:00 hours at the Bundesplatz/Place fédérale in Berne. The event will include live music and public speeches by, inter alia, Mr Moritz Leuenberger, member of the Swiss Federal Council and former President of the Swiss Confederation. More information, including the programme, is available [here](#).

- **“Making Peace – Celebrating the IPB’s 100th Nobel Peace Prize Anniversary”, 6 June – 4 July 2010, Geneva**

As part of its commemorations of the centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the International Peace Bureau (IPB) in 1910, IPB will unveil on 6 June 2010 an outdoor photographic exhibition entitled 'Making Peace' (open until 4 July 2010). For more information, please visit www.ipb.org.

- **Human Rights Watch Film Festival, 11 – 24 June 2010, New York**

Human Rights Watch and The Film Society of Lincoln Center are arranging a film festival from 11 to 24 June 2010 at the Walter Reade Theater, 165 West, 65th Street, in New York. The programme and more information are available [here](#).

- **“An Effective UN in a More Secure and Just World”, UNA-UK Forum 2010, 12 June 2010, London**

The United Nations Association (UNA) – UK is organising a Forum entitled “An Effective UN in a More Secure and Just World” on 12 June 2010 from 9:00 to 18:45 hours at Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. More information about the Forum is available [here](#).

- **Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management, 21 June – 2 July 2010, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy**

EURAC Research is organising a “Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management” from 21 June to 2 July 2010 at the Institute for Minority Rights – EURAC in Bolzano/Bozen, Italy. More information is available [here](#).

- **“Krieg im Abseits”, Summer Academy, 4 – 9 July 2010, Burg Schlaining, Burgenland, Austria**

The Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) is organising a summer academy (Sommerakademie) entitled “Krieg im Abseits” (Offside War) from 4 to 9 July 2010 at the Burg Schlaining in Burgenland, Austria. More information about this event is available [here](#).

- **“Annie Lennox to Perform Live at Human Rights Rally in Vienna - Thousands to March for Human Rights during International AIDS Conference”, Public Rally, 20 July 2010, Vienna**

A global coalition of organisations, including Annie Lennox’s SING campaign and the International AIDS Society, and supported by the Open Society Institute and local partners, including Aids Hilfe Wien and Homosexuelle Initiative Wien (HOSI), are organising a public rally on the occasion of the [XVIII International AIDS Conference](#) in Vienna (July 2010) on 20 July 2010 (location to be determined). More information is available [here](#).

•“WWSF World Campaign 2010 for making prevention of abuse and violence against children a global priority”

“The international WWSF [Women’s World Summit Foundation] coalition has developed into an annual world campaign. WWSF proposes six possibilities to participate in this year’s coalition to help make prevention of abuse and violence a global priority:

1. World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse - 19 November;
2. Prevention Education Week: 13-19 November;
3. WWSF International Prize for Prevention of Child Abuse;
4. YOUTHENGAGE.com: Young people pledge to prevent abuse & violence;
5. WWSF Clearinghouse: A database of good practice prevention measures; and
6. WWSF Signature card campaign.”

More information about this campaign is available [here](#).

The campaign registration form can be accessed [here](#).

Campaigns and Initiatives

Nomination of the WWSF Prize for Women’s Creativity in Rural Life

www.woman.ch/june09/women/1-introduction.php

People’s Decade for Nuclear Abolition – Campaign www.peoplesdecade.org

Decent Work - Decent Life Campaign www.decentwork.org

Global Campaign against Poverty www.whiteband.org

International NGO Journal – Call for Papers www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ

NGO Resources

“Working with the United Nations Human Rights Programme – A Handbook for Civil Society”, Publication by OHCHR www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/NgoHandbook.aspx

Integrated Civil Society Organization System – UN/DESA Civil Society Participation Database esango.un.org/civilsociety

UN-NGO-IRENE Best Practices Network www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene

Globethics.net Library – A Global Digital Library on Ethics www.globethics.net

Resources and Calendar for Peace Issues – International Peace Bureau www.ipb.org and www.ipb.org/i/newsletters-and-publications/VI-A-ipb-newsletters-and-calendars.html

International NGO Journal www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations www.academicjournals.org/ajpsir