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## **UN / IO Events and Announcements**

### • **Launch of the WSIS Forum 2011 Website**

ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP have now launched the website for the WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) Forum 2011 to be held from 16 to 20 May 2011. For more information about this event, please visit the [WSIS Forum 2011 website](#).

### • **UNCTAD Website User Survey**

"UNCTAD is undertaking a review of its web operations as part of an overall effort to improve communications. This will include enhancing "two-way" communications between the organization and its website visitors." Therefore, UNCTAD is inviting users to provide feedback via an online website usage survey available [here](#).

### • **5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, 2 – 6 August 2010, Geneva**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee is taking place from 2 to 6 August 2010 in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Information related to NGO participation is available [here](#). More information about the 5<sup>th</sup> Session is available [here](#).

### • **77<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 2 – 27 August 2010, Geneva**

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) is holding its 77<sup>th</sup> Session from 2 to 27 August 2010 at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. CERD "is the body of [independent experts](#) that monitors implementation of the [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#) by its State parties. More information, including a list of countries which will be considered during this Session and background documentation, is available [here](#).

### • **Conference on Disarmament, 3<sup>rd</sup> Part, 9 August – 24 September 2010, Geneva**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Part of the Conference on Disarmament's annual session is scheduled from 9 August to 24 September 2010 in the Council Chamber at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information about the Conference of Disarmament is available [here](#).

### • **"Dialogue and Mutual Understanding", International Youth Day, 12 August 2010**

For more information, please visit the ["Youth and the United Nations" website](#).

### • **"Towards an Alliance of Civilizations: Bridging Cultures to Achieve Peace and Development", 14 – 18 August 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

*"The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Global Model United Nations Conference organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 14 to 18 August 2010. The conference will simulate a General Assembly Summit on intercultural dialogue. The theme of the 2010 conference will be "Towards an Alliance of Civilizations: Bridging Cultures to achieve Peace and Development."*

*More than 1,000 university-level students, ages 18 to 24 at the time of the conference, will be invited from Member States where Model United Nations programmes are currently organized."* For more information, please visit [www.un.org/gmun](http://www.un.org/gmun).

• **World Youth Conference 2010, 23 – 27 August 2010, León, Guanajuato, Mexico**

The World Youth Conference 2010 has been scheduled from 23 to 27 August 2010 in León, Guanajuato, Mexico. For more information, please visit [www.youth2010.org](http://www.youth2010.org).

• **63<sup>rd</sup> 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 63<sup>rd</sup> 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](#).

• **Launch of UNRISD Flagship Report 2010: “Combating Poverty and Inequality”, 3 September 2010, Geneva**

The UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) will officially launch its report “Combating Poverty and Inequality: Structural Change, Social Policy, and Politics” on 3 September 2010 in Room XII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information, including registration modalities, is available [here](#).

• **15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, 13 September – 1 October 2010, Geneva**

The Human Rights Council will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> Session from 13 September to 1 October 2010 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

In view of the forthcoming Session, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights announced that the deadline for submissions of written statements by NGOs and requests for side event rooms is 23 August 2010. More information is available [here](#).

• **“Developing the Future Together”, 5<sup>th</sup> Internet Governance Forum, 14 – 17 September 2010, Vilnius, Lithuania**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is scheduled from 14 to 17 September 2010 in Vilnius, Lithuania. More information, including registration modalities, the provisional schedule and video archives of the planning meetings, is available [here](#).

• **“The Forces Shaping World Trade”, WTO Public Forum, 15 – 17 September 2010, Geneva**

The World Trade Organization (WTO) will hold its Public Forum entitled “The Forces Shaping World Trade” from 15 to 17 September 2010 in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

• **57<sup>th</sup> Session of UNCTAD’s Trade and Development Board, 15 – 28 September 2010, Geneva**

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has scheduled the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of its Trade and Development Board (TDB) from 15 to 17 September 2010 in Geneva.

More information is available [here](#).

• **UN Summit on the MDGs – High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly, 20 – 22 September 2010, New York**

The UN Summit on the MDGs – a high-level plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly – is scheduled from 20 to 22 September 2010 at UNHQ in New York.

Information about civil society participation is available [here](#).

The event website is found [here](#).

## ***Civil Society Events and Announcements:***

- **“Building Dreams”, University Scholars Leadership Symposium 2010, 1 – 7 August 2010, Malacca, Malaysia**

The World Youth Foundation and Humanitarian Affairs, UK, are organising the inaugural University Scholars Leadership Symposium 2010 entitled “Building Dreams”. It is taking place from 1 to 7 August 2010 at Mahkota Hotel Melaka, Malacca, Malaysia.

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

- **eIndia 2010, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Event, 4 – 6 August 2010, Hyderabad, India**

Organised by the Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies (CSDMS) and Elets Technomedia, eIndia 2010 is scheduled from 4 to 6 August 2010 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in Hyderabad, India.

Please visit [www.eindia.net.in](http://www.eindia.net.in) for more information.

- **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations, 4 – 6 August 2010, New York**

The Friendship Ambassador Foundation (FAF) is organising the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations from 4 to 6 August 2010 at UNHQ in New York.

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

- **“Gender Mainstreaming and Equality with Focus on MDGs”, Training Course, 9 – 17 August 2010, Pathumthani, Thailand**

The ASEAN Regional Center of Excellence on Millennium Development Goals (ARCMDG) is organising a training course entitled “Gender Mainstreaming and Equality with Focus on MDGs” from 9 to 17 August 2010 at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Pathumthani, Thailand.

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

- **“The Role of Youth for Achieving the Cairo Agenda”, 21<sup>st</sup> International Youth Forum, 18 – 25 August, Seoul**

The National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea will hold the 21<sup>st</sup> International Youth Forum entitled “The Role of Youth for Achieving the Cairo Agenda” from 18 to 25 August 2010 at the Seoul Garden Hotel and the Goesan Youth Center in Seoul.

- **“Acting Together for a Just World”, CIVICUS World Assembly, 20 – 23 August 2010, Montreal**

CIVICUS has scheduled its World Assembly from 20 to 23 August 2010 at the Palais de congrès in Montreal. More information is available at [www.civicusassembly.org](http://www.civicusassembly.org).

- **“First World Parliament Model – for an Effective World Peace”, Public Event, 25 – 27 August 2010, Mexico City**

The Mexican Chapter of the World Federalist Movement, Planetafilia, and the World Alliance to Transform the United Nations are organising a public event entitled “First World Parliament Model – for an Effective World Peace” from 25 to 27 August 2010 in the Chamber of Deputies of the Mexican Congress, Legislative Palace, San Lázaro, in Mexico City.

More information about the event is available [here](#).

## ***Campaigns and Initiatives***

Nomination of the WWSF Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life  
[www.woman.ch/june09/women/1-introduction.php](http://www.woman.ch/june09/women/1-introduction.php)

People's Decade for Nuclear Abolition – Campaign [www.peoplesdecade.org](http://www.peoplesdecade.org)

Decent Work - Decent Life Campaign [www.decentwork.org](http://www.decentwork.org)

Global Campaign against Poverty [www.whiteband.org](http://www.whiteband.org)

International NGO Journal – Call for Papers [www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ](http://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](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/NgoHandbook.aspx)

Integrated Civil Society Organization System – UN/DESA Civil Society Participation Database  
[esango.un.org/civilsociety](http://esango.un.org/civilsociety)

UN-NGO-IRENE Best Practices Network [www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene)

Globethics.net Library – A Global Digital Library on Ethics [www.globethics.net](http://www.globethics.net)

Resources and Calendar for Peace Issues – International Peace Bureau [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org) and  
[www.ipb.org/i/newsletters-and-publications/VI-A-ipb-newsletters-and-calendars.html](http://www.ipb.org/i/newsletters-and-publications/VI-A-ipb-newsletters-and-calendars.html)

International NGO Journal [www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ](http://www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ)

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations  
[www.academicjournals.org/ajpsir](http://www.academicjournals.org/ajpsir)