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▪**UPR: Geneva Course for Defenders from the Regions – Course, 1 – 11 December 2008, Geneva;** CONGO and Geneva for Human Rights – Global Training (GHR) are organising a Geneva course for human rights defenders from the regions, attending the 3rd session of the Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) on the Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) entitled “Course on the Human Rights Council, International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Procedures and Diplomacy”. The course will take place from 1 to 11 December 2008 in CONGO’s Conference Room, Avenue de la Paix 11, in Geneva. More information is available on <http://www.ngocongo.org>. For more information on the UPR, please visit www.upr-info.org.

▪**60 years Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 60 years CONGO, 4 December 2008, Vienna;** CONGO Vienna is organising in partnership with the City of Vienna an event with presentations and discussions under the theme “60 years Human Rights and 60 years CONGO” on 4 December 2008 at 15:00 hours at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Press Room C03.

▪**60 Years since the Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Genocide Convention: Evaluating the Record – Conference, 9 – 10 December 2008, Jerusalem;** The Bar Ilan University, Faculty of Law and Department of Political Studies, and other organisations are organising a conference under the title “60 Years since the Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Genocide Convention: Evaluating the Record” from 9 to 10 December 2008 in Jerusalem. For more information, visit <http://www.ngo-monitor.org>.

▪**Application for OHCHR Travel Scholarship to Attend the Durban Review Conference – Deadline 15 December 2008;** The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has announced that it will make available travel scholarships to support NGO representatives to attend the Durban Review Conference, which will be held from 20 to 24 April 2009, in Geneva, Switzerland. The deadline for applications for the Durban Review Conference travel support is 15 December 2008. The application modalities and background information are available on OHCHR’s website: <http://www2.ohchr.org>.

▪**40 Years Club of Rome – 40 Years Future Research - Conference, 9 December 2008, Bratislava;** The Slovak Association of the Club of Rome in cooperation with the European Support Centre of the Club of Rome are organising a conference entitled “40 Years Club of Rome – 40 Years Future Research” on 9 December 2008 from 9:00 to 13:30 hours in Bratislava. The Conference will attempt to outline the development of future research from the beginning of the Club of Rome until today, and will present the ongoing work of the Slovak Association of the Club of Rome. More information is available on the website: <http://www.clubofrome.at>.

▪**International NGO Journal – Call for Papers;** The International NGO Journal (INGOJ) is publishing solicited and unsolicited articles in all areas of NGO activities. INGOJ was founded to publish proposals, appraisals and reports of NGO projects. The aim of this initiative is to have centralised information on NGO activities, where stakeholders including beneficiaries of NGO services can find useful information about ongoing projects and obtain special assistance. Further information on this initiative please visit: <http://www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ>.

▪**ADLER Entrepreneurship Award, 6 December 2008, Bonn;** The African Youth Foundation is holding its annual ADLER Entrepreneurship Award event on 6 December 2008 in Bonn. This year the prize will focus "to award Diaspora Africans, for their contributions to their countries of origin as well as the success of the different European economies they find themselves in". More information is available on AYF's website: <http://www.ayf.de> .

▪**Reconstituting Korean Security: plus ça change, moins ça change – UNU Book Launch and Panel Discussion, 9 December 2008, New York;** The United Nations University Office (UNU) is organising a book launch and panel discussion entitled "Reconstituting Korean Security: plus ça change, moins ça change" on 9 December 2008 from 13:15 to 15:30 hours at UNHQ in New York. More information on this event is available on UNU's website: <http://www.ony.unu.edu> .

▪**Addressing the Risks and Opportunities of Bioenergy – Roundtable, 10 December 2008, Geneva;** The Geneva Environment Network (GEN) and the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC) are organising a roundtable entitled "Addressing the Risks and Opportunities of Bioenergy" on 10 December 2008 from 9:00 to 12:30 hours on the Ground Floor of the International Environment House II in Geneva. More information about this event, including on the registration modalities, is available on the GEN's website: <http://www.environmenthouse.ch> .

▪**Cultural Days 2009, 17 – 19 April 2009, Neuchâtel, Switzerland;** The African Center for Sociocultural Development (CADS) is organising an event entitled "Cultural Days 2009" from 17 to 19 April 2009 with activities from 10:00 to 19:00 hours every day in Neuchâtel in Switzerland. More information is available on CADS's website: <http://www.cads.ch> .

▪**Launch of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's Human Rights Prize – Call for Nominations;** The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe is calling for nominations for an annual Human Rights Prize, which will reward "outstanding civil society action in the defence of human rights in Europe". Individuals and NGOs can be nominated for the prize by completing the application form and submitting it before 31 December 2008. More information is available on the website: <http://assembly.coe.int> .

▪**CONGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) – Working Group on Women's Right to Health – Meeting, 4 December 2008, Geneva;** The Working Group on Women's Right to Health under the CONGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) is meeting on 4 December 2008 from 16:00 to 17:30 hours in Salle III at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva.

▪**CONGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) – Working Group on Violence against Women and Girls – Meeting, 8 December 2008, Geneva;** The Working Group on Violence against Women and Girls, CONGO Committee on the Status of Women, is meeting on 8 December 2008 from 11:00 to 12:30 hours in CONGO's Conference Room in Geneva. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the strategy of the Working Group and its main activities in 2009.

■ **Campaigns and Initiatives:**

- Decent Work Decent Life Campaign; <http://www.decentwork.org>
- Global Campaign against Poverty; <http://www.whiteband.org>
- Interactive global online conversation on the "Universality of Human Rights", by WFUNA; <http://www.realtimedelphi.net>
- Appeal and Petition for a Nuclear Weapon - Free World: <http://www.antiatom.org/GSKY/en/index.html>
- Gender Training Community of Practice (GT CoP)– UN - INSTRAW; <http://www.un-instraw.org>

■ **NGO Resources:**

- UN-NGO-IRENE Best Practices Network: <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene>
- NGLS 2007 Yearly Review of Civil Society: <http://www.un-ngls.org>
- First Committee Monitor – Resource on the General Assembly’s First Committee on Disarmament and International Security: <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org>
- Globethics.net Library – A Global Digital Library on Ethics: <http://www.globethics.net>
- Resources and Calendar for Peace Issues – International Peace Bureau: <http://www.ipb.org>
- Fall 2008 NGO Briefings and Events, UN Department of Public Information (UN/DPI), New York: <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection>
- Internet Governance Caucus Website: <http://www.igcaucus.org>
- 2009 UNDP Procurement Training Calendar: <http://www.undp.org>
- Human Rights Day 2008 (10 December) Information Kit: <http://www.ohchr.org>