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UN / IO Events and Announcements:

- **45th Session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1 – 19 November 2010, Geneva**

The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is holding its 45th Session from 1 to 19 November 2010 at the Ground Floor Conference Room at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. More information about the Session, including the programme and reporting guidelines, is available [here](#).

- **45th Session of the Committee against Torture, 1 – 19 November 2010, Geneva**

The Committee against Torture is holding its 45th Session from 1 to 19 November 2010 at the Palais Wilson in Geneva.

Information specific to NGO participation and reporting is available [here](#).

More information about this Committee and its 45th Session is available [here](#).

- **309th Session of the Governing Body of ILO, 4 – 19 November 2010, Geneva**

The Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) is holding its 309th Session from 4 to 19 November 2010 at its Headquarters in Geneva.

Information about ILO/NGO relations is available [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

- **Global South-South Development Expo 2010, 22 – 26 November 2010, Geneva**

The Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo 2010 will take place from 22 to 26 November 2010 at the Headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva. The aide-mémoire for this event is available [here](#).

For more information, please visit the [Expo website](#).

- **14th UNCTAD Africa Oil, Gas and Minerals Trade and Finance Conference and Showcase/Exhibition, 21 – 25 November 2010, São Tomé and Príncipe**

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and partners are organising the 14th UNCTAD Africa Oil, Gas and Minerals Trade and Finance Conference and Showcase/Exhibition from 21 to 25 November 2010 at the Congress Hall, São Tomé, São Tomé and Príncipe.

More information is available [here](#).

- **“Taking Stock of the Vilnius Meeting”, Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Open Consultations, 22 November 2010, Geneva**

Under the title “Taking Stock of the Vilnius Meeting”, the Internet Governance Forum is organising open consultations on 22 November 2010 from 10:00 to 18:00 hours in Room XVIII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information, including on registration and the agenda, is available [here](#).

- **3rd Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards, 22 November – 3 December 2010, Geneva**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) announced that the 3rd Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards will be held from 22 November to 3 December 2010 (10:00 - 13:00 hours and 15:00 - 18:00 hours) in Room XXI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

• **Consultation Meeting on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), 24 November 2010, Geneva**

The Vice-Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) and Chairperson of the CSTD Working Group on improvements to the IGF are organising a consultation meeting on improvements to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The event will take place on 24 November 2010 from 10:00 to 18:00 hours at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). Background documentation may be obtained [here](#).

• **“The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development”, Presentation of the UNDP Human Development Report, 25 November 2010, Vienna**

Organised jointly by the Vienna Chapter of the Society for International Development (SID) and the UN Information Service in Vienna (UNIS), a presentation of the UNDP Human Development Report – “The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathway to Human Development” – will take place on 25 November 2010 at 18:00 hours in Reitschulgasse 2 (2nd floor) in Vienna. More information is available [here](#).

• **51st Executive Session (Least Developed Countries) of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board, 29 – 30 November 2010, Geneva**

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) announced that the 51st Executive Session (Least Developed Countries) of its Trade and Development Board will be held on 29 and 30 November 2010 in Room XXVI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information, including on NGO participation and the agenda, is available [here](#).

• **COP16/CMP6 – Mexico 2010, UN Climate Change Conference, 29 November – 10 December 2010, Cancun, Mexico**

The 16th Conference of the Parties (COP) and the 6th Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) are to be held from 29 November to 10 December 2010 at the Moon Palace Hotel and the Cancunmesse in Cancun, Mexico. Information specific to NGO participation may be obtained [here](#). General information about the event is available [here](#).

• **UNPAN: Open Consultations on Enhanced Cooperation on International Public Policy Issues Pertaining to the Internet, 14 December 2010, New York**

The UN Public Administration Programme (UNPAN) announced “open consultations on enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet”. “*The consultations will consist of two parts: (1) submission of written comments, preferably by 15 November 2010 and no later than 31 December 2010; and, (2) a face-to-face meeting to be held in New York on 14 December 2010.*” More information about the consultations is available [here](#).

• **“Minorities and Effective Participation in Economic Life”, 3rd Session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues, 14 – 15 December 2010, Geneva**

The UN Forum will hold its 3rd Session with the focus on “Minorities and Effective Participation in Economic Life” on 14 and 15 December 2010 in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information about this Session, including registration modalities, is available [here](#).

Civil Society Events and Announcements:

- **4th World Congress on Child and Adolescent Rights, 15 – 18 November 2010, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Defensores PROCDN is organising the 4th World Congress on Child and Adolescent Rights from 15 to 18 November 2010 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. More information is available [here](#).

- **Centenary Celebration of the Union of International Associations, 18 – 19 November 2010, Brussels**

On the occasion of its centenary, the Union of International Associations (UIA) is organising a celebration on 18 and 19 November 2010 at the hotels Le Châtelain and Claridge in Brussels. The first day will focus on "100 Years of Civil Society Documentation", and the second day on "The Climate/Conference Equation – Responding to ecological, social and economic challenges". More information about the event is available [here](#).

- **"Adults and Youth Reunite for Better Prevention of Abuse and Violence against Children and Young People" and Launch of YouthEngage.com, WWSF Conference, 19 November 2010, Geneva**

The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) is organising a conference with the theme "Adults and Youth Reunite for Better Prevention of Abuse and Violence against Children and Young People" on 19 November 2010 from 17:15 to 19:30 hours at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). The event programme, including registration information, is available [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

- **"Rainwater Harvesting, a Tool for Development and Adaptation to Climate Change", Seminar, 19 November 2010, Geneva**

The International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance (IRHA) is organising a seminar entitled "Rainwater Harvesting, a Tool for Development and Adaptation to Climate Change" on 19 November 2010 from 8:45 to 12:10 hours at the International Environment House II in Geneva. The flyer for the event is available [here](#).

- **"On the Run – European and Pacific Response to Climate Change in the Pacific", Conference, 19 – 21 November 2010, Berlin**

The Pacific Network in Europe is organising a conference entitled "On the Run – European and Pacific Response to Climate Change in the Pacific" from 19 to 21 November 2010 at the YMCA Youth Hostel in Berlin. More information is available [here](#).

- **"Dialogue on National Preventive Mechanisms against Torture and Ill-Treatment", Public Forum, 22 November 2010, Bangkok**

FORUM-ASIA is organising a public forum entitled "Dialogue on National Preventive Mechanisms against Torture and Ill-Treatment" on 22 November 2010 from 14:00 to 16:00 hours at the St. Gabriel Foundation, Thong Lor Soi 25, Bangkok. For more information, please send a message to angkana@forum-asia.org.

- **"Religious Freedom: From the Field to International Diplomacy", Conference, 22 November 2010, Geneva**

On the occasion of the publication of the "2010 Report on Religious Freedom in the World by Church in Need", "Forum Geneve" and partners are organising a conference entitled "Religious Freedom: From the Field to International Diplomacy". The event is to take place on 22 November 2010 at 18:15 hours at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG).

• **“Youth Rise for Peace!”, XV General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth, 22 – 26 November 2010, Malacca, Malaysia**

The World Assembly of Youth announced that its XV General Assembly with the theme “Youth Rise for Peace!” would take place from 22 to 26 November 2010 at the Puteri Resort Ayer Keroh in Malacca, Malaysia. More information is available [here](#).

• **“Energy Security – National, European and Global Policy Perspectives”, Workshop, 23 November 2010, Leuven, Belgium**

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on “The European Union, foreign policy and global governance”, and the “Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies” are organising a workshop entitled “Energy Security – National, European and Global Policy Perspectives”. The event is scheduled on 23 November 2010 from 15:00 to 17:45 hours at the Justus-Lipsius-Zaal at the Erasmushuis, Blijde-Inkomststraat 21, Leuven, Belgium. More information is available [here](#).

• **“Ruban Blanc Suisse: Les hommes s’engagent à mettre fin à la violence envers les femmes”, WWSF Conference on the Occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 25 November 2010, Geneva**

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Women’s World Summit Foundation (WWSF) is organising a conference entitled “Ruban Blanc Suisse: Les hommes s’engagent à mettre fin à la violence envers les femmes” on 25 November 2010 from 18:30 to 20:30 hours at the Maison des Associations, Rue des Savoises 15, in Geneva. More information, including the programme and registration modalities, is available [here](#).

• **“Strengthening Local Effectiveness Together”, 3rd Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights, 25 – 27 November 2010, Bangkok**

Entitled “Strengthening Local Effectiveness Together”, the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network announced that the 3rd Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights (APCRR3) will take place from 25 to 27 November 2010 at the Bangkok Rama Hotel. More information, including on the programme, is available [here](#).

• **COHRE Expert Seminar on the Right to Adequate Housing, 26 November 2010, Geneva**

The Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) is organising an expert seminar on the right to adequate housing on 26 November 2010 from 9:30 to 16:45 hours in Room IX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. For more information and confirmation of participation, please contact the [COHRE International Secretariat](#) (+41-22-734-1028).

• **“Recognizing the Role of Human Rights Defenders and Women Human Rights Defenders in Strengthening and Building a Democracy”, 4th Regional Human Rights Defenders Forum, 2 – 4 December 2010, Manila**

The Task Force Detainees Philippines (TFDP), as convener of FORUM-ASIA members in the Philippines, and the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition (WHRD-IC) are organising the 4th Regional Human Rights Defenders Forum from 2 to 4 December 2010 in Manila. For more information about this event, please send a message to hrd@forum-asia.org.

• **Geneva Forum Briefings on the Conference on Disarmament (CD), 3 and 13 December 2010, Geneva**

The Geneva Forum - a joint initiative of the Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva (QUNO), the UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), and the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies - is organising two briefings “to discuss some of the myths and realities of the Conference on Disarmament”. For more information and confirmation of participation, please contact Ms [Tae Takahashi](#) (+41-22-917-1583).

Campaigns and Initiatives:

WFUNA Nuclear Button Contest 2010

www.wfuna.org/site/c.rvIYIcN1JwE/b.6055249/k.94E2/Nuclear_Button_Contest_2010.htm

WWSF Youth Engage - YouthEngage.com

WWSF World Campaign 2010 for making prevention of abuse and violence against children a global priority - www.woman.ch/index.php?page=2010-world-campaign-coalition&hl=en_US

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

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