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UN / IO Events and Announcements:

- **13th Session of the Committee on Migrant Workers, 22 November – 3 December 2010, Geneva**

The 13th Session of the Committee on Migrant Workers (Committee on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and the Members of Their Families) is taking place from 22 November to 3 December 2010 at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

- **“Final Whistle Call – 1 Billion Hungry”, FAO Event, 28 November 2010, Geneva**

On the occasion of the commemoration of the end of the “1 Billion Hungry” campaign, the Liaison Office of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Geneva is organising an event entitled “Final Whistle Call” on 28 November 2010 at 17:00 hours at the Place des Nations in Geneva. Excerpt of the event documentation: *“The FAO launched last May this worldwide campaign which encourages people to sign an online petition on www.1billionhungry.org/faogeneva/ as a tool to show Governments that people care about the billion hungry and want to see them take action. The petition will be formally presented to Member States at the 140th session of the FAO Council in Rome at the beginning of December.”* For more information, please contact the [FAO Liaison Office in Geneva](#).

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

The 3rd Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards is being held from 22 November to 3 December 2010 (10:00 - 13:00 and 15:00 - 18:00 hours) in Room XXI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. 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](#).

- **“Light for Rights – Keep the Light on HIV and Human Rights”, World AIDS Day Campaign, 1 December 2010, Global**

On the occasion of the World AIDS Day (1 December) a coalition are organising a campaign entitled “Light for Rights - Keep the Light on HIV and Human Rights”.

The objectives of the campaigns are to:

- *“Draw global attention to the human rights of PLWHIV and other vulnerable populations;*
- *Mobilize support for the protection of these rights in order to achieve universal access; and*
- *Foster new alliances, particularly between UNAIDS , governments, influential civil society organizations and networks, the private sector and media, in order to broaden support for the response to the HIV epidemic, specifically efforts towards achieving universal access and the Millennium Development Goals as well as combating all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination.”*

More information is available [here](#).

• **UNOG/UNITAR Joint Geneva Lecture Series: “The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Global Economic Governance”, 8 December 2010, Geneva**

“The United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are organizing a series of open lectures on a regular basis at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, entitled The Geneva Lecture Series. The lectures aim to foster awareness of a number of pressing global challenges among audiences in Geneva and beyond, with a focus on how each individual can contribute to resolving such challenges ([Concept Note](#)).

• **“The New Dynamics of Multilateralism”, UN University Event, 9 December 2010, New York**

The UN University Office at the UN, New York (UNU-ONY), is organising an event entitled “The New Dynamics of Multilateralism” on 9 December 2010 from 13:15 to 14:45 hours in Conference Room 4 at UN HQ in New York. More information is available [here](#).

• **“Regional Capacity Meeting on Enhancing the Functioning of Cereals Markets in West Africa”, 9 – 11 December 2010, Accra**

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the NGO network Le Réseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs de l’Afrique de l’Ouest (ROPPA) are organising a Regional Capacity Meeting on Enhancing the Functioning of Cereals Markets in West Africa from 9 to 11 December 2010 in Accra. More information is available [here](#).

• **“Speak Up – Stop Discrimination”, OHCHR Human Rights Day Event, 10 December 2010, Geneva**

On the occasion of the “Human Rights Day”, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will host an event entitled “Speak Up – Stop Discrimination” on 10 December 2010 from 10:00 to 12:30 hours in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

For more information, including on access to the Palais des Nations, please send a message to humanrightsday@ohchr.org.

• **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”. 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](#).

• **44th Session of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO), 16 – 17 December 2010, Geneva**

The UN Conference on Trade and Development announced that the 44th Session of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre will be held on 16 and 17 November 2010 in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

Civil Society Events and Announcements:

- **“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](#).

- **“The Role of Tolerance in Shaping the Future of Youth”, Bahrain Women Association Workshop, 27 November 2010, Bahrain**

In celebration of the International Day of Tolerance, the Bahrain Women Association (BWA) will hold a workshop entitled “The Role of Tolerance in Shaping the Future of Youth” on 27 November 2010. For more information, please send a message to Ms [Meena Khadimi](#).

- **“Review of Political Missions 2010”, Publication Launch and Discussion, 29 November 2010, Geneva**

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) is organising a publication launch and discussion entitled “Review of Political Missions 2010” on 29 November 2010 from 12:00 to 13:30 hours at the Sergio Vieira de Mello Auditorium at the GCSP premises in Geneva.

More information is available [here](#).

- **“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](#)

- **“The Rise of Africa: Africa as a Growing International Power Bloc”, Conference, 9 – 11 December 2010, Berlin**

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is organising a conference entitled “The Rise of Africa: Africa as a Growing International Power Bloc” from 9 to 11 December 2010 at various locations in Berlin. More information is available [here](#).

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

"Youth at the UN" WFUNA Handbook

www.wfuna.org/site/c.rvIYIcN1JwE/b.6298167/k.6D7E/Youth_at_the_UN_Handbook.htm

Resources and Calendar for Peace Issues – International Peace Bureau www.ipb.org

International NGO Journal www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations

www.academicjournals.org/ajpsir