



# Up coming events organized by our partner CONGO

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▪**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.

▪**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will soon be available on CONGO's website: [www.ngocongo.org](http://www.ngocongo.org), for more information on the UPR, please visit [www.upr-info.org](http://www.upr-info.org).

▪**Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 12 December 2008, Geneva;** A Commemorative Ceremony to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be held on the 12 December 2008. "The Human Rights Council will hold a high-level event with the participation of United Nations Secretary - General Ban Ki-moon, and will bring together people from various walks of life, including senior State officials, members of civil society, human rights defenders and a special guest with first-hand insight into the drafting of the Declaration".

▪**53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2 – 13 March 2009, New York;** The 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women is scheduled to take place from 2 to 13 March 2009 at UN Headquarters in New York. According to their website, "by the end of November 2008, all ECOSOC-accredited NGOs should have received an invitation to attend the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women. This, however, will not be true insofar as an NGO has not kept the DESA NGO Section updated about changes to e-mail addresses and fax numbers". NGOs are encouraged to update their contact details at [www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo). For more information please visit: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm>

▪**International Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of Article 42 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 14 – 16 January 2009, New York;** Following a recommendation of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), an Expert Group Meeting is being organised to "discuss the way in which the UNPFII should address its mandate under Article 42 of the Declaration". More information, including on the provisional agenda and background, is available on the website: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/index.html>

▪**The Irreversible Trend of Living in an Urbanized World: Health Matters – Panel Discussion, 20 November 2008, New York;** The World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) are inviting to a panel discussion entitled “The Irreversible Trend of Living in an Urbanized World: Health Matters”. The event will take place on 20 November 2008 from 15:00 to 17:00 hours in Conference Room II at UN Headquarters in New York.

▪**Migration in the European Union – Focus on Vulnerability and Health – Conference, 28 November 2008, Paris;** The European Citizen Action Service (ECAS) is organising a conference with the title “Migration in the European Union – Focus on Vulnerability and Health” in the framework of the European Project “One Stop Mobility Shops”. For more information, including the programme and registration please visit: [www.ecas-citizens.eu](http://www.ecas-citizens.eu).

▪**Discovering Soul – WSF 2009, 6<sup>th</sup> World Spirit Forum, 18 – 21 January 2009, Arosa, Switzerland;** The 6<sup>th</sup> World Spirit Forum – WSF 2009 – under the topic “Discovering Soul” is scheduled to take place from 18 to 21 January 2009 in Arosa in Switzerland. The deadline for registration is 18 December 2008. More information, including on registration modalities and the programme, is available on the following website: [www.worldspiritforum.org](http://www.worldspiritforum.org).

▪**Over 1325 Billion Arguments for Human Security – Seminar, 21 November 2008, Geneva;** The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is organising a WILPF International Board Meeting Seminar entitled “Over 1325 Billion Arguments for Human Security” to be held on 21 November 2008 from 9:30 to 18:00 hours in Room XXIII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. For more information, including on registration modalities and the program please visit: [www.wilpf.int.ch](http://www.wilpf.int.ch).

▪**Pre Poznan Roundtable, 17 November 2008, Geneva;** The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is organising a “Pre Poznan Roundtable” on 17 November 2008 from 14:00 to 17:15 hours at the International Environment House 2. The roundtable is to review progress made in 2008 in the climate change negotiations, and expectations for Poznan and beyond. More information, including on registration is available on the website: [www.environmenthouse.ch](http://www.environmenthouse.ch).

▪**Light for the World Awareness Day – Universal Children’s Day, 20 November 2008, Vienna;** Light for the World is organising an awareness day in commemoration of the Universal Children’s Day on 20 November 2008 from 12:30 to 13:30 hours in the Rotunda at the Vienna International Centre (VIC). More information on Light for the World’s website: [www.light-for-the-world.at](http://www.light-for-the-world.at).

**■CONGO Committees: NGO Committee on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (New York) – Regular Meeting, 20 November 2008, New York;** The CONGO Committee on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (New York) is holding a Regular Meeting on 20 November 2008 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours at the UN DC2 Building, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room (44<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) in New York.

**■CONGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) – Special General Meeting to Commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 25 November 2008, Geneva;** The CONGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) is organising a "Special General Meeting to Commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 25 November 2008 from 9:30 to 13:00 hours in Room XXII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

**■CONGO Committees: NGO Committee against Racism and Racial Discrimination (Geneva) – Session, 26 November 2008, Geneva;** The CONGO Committee against Racism and Racial Discrimination (Geneva) is organising a session on 26 November 2008 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours in the NGO Resources and Services Centre at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

**■CONGO Committees: NGO Committee on Ageing (Vienna) – Meeting, 24 November 2008, Vienna;** The CONGO Committee on Ageing (Vienna) is convening a meeting on 24 November 2008 at 15:00 hours at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Press Room C03.

**■CONGO Committees: NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (Geneva) – Meeting, 2 December 2008, Geneva;** The CONGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (Geneva) is meeting on 10 December 2008 at 13:30 hours in the NGO Resources and Services Centre at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

**■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.

## ■ ***Campaigns and Initiatives:***

- Campaign, Global Coalition, Call to action: 19 November - World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse; [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)
- Decent Work Decent Life Campaign; [www.decentwork.org](http://www.decentwork.org)
- Global Campaign against Poverty; [www.whiteband.org](http://www.whiteband.org)
- Interactive global online conversation on the "Universality of Human Rights", by WFUNA; [www.realtimedelphi.net](http://www.realtimedelphi.net)
- Appeal and Petition for a Nuclear Weapon - Free World: [www.antiatom.org/GSKY/en/index.html](http://www.antiatom.org/GSKY/en/index.html)
- Gender Training Community of Practice (GT CoP)- UN-INSTRAW; [www.un-instraw.org](http://www.un-instraw.org)

## ■ ***NGO Resources:***

- UN-NGO-IRENE Best Practices Network: [www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene)
- NGLS 2007 Yearly Review of Civil Society: [www.un-ngls.org](http://www.un-ngls.org)
- First Committee Monitor – Resource on the General Assembly’s First Committee on Disarmament and International Security: [www.reachingcriticalwill.org](http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org)
- 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)
- Fall 2008 NGO Briefings and Events, UN Department of Public Information (UN/DPI), New York: [www.un.org/dpi/ngosection](http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection)
- Internet Governance Caucus Website: [www.igcaucus.org](http://www.igcaucus.org)
- 2009 UNDP Procurement Training Calendar: [www.undp.org](http://www.undp.org)