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## *UN / IO Events and Announcements*

### ● **44<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 3–21 May 2010, Geneva**

The UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is holding its 44<sup>th</sup> Session from 3 to 21 May 2010 at the ground floor conference room at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. More information, including the programme of work, statements and background documentation, is available [here](#).

### ● **63<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly, 17 – 21 May 2010, Geneva**

The 63<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly is taking place from 17 to 21 May 2010 in Geneva.

More information about the World Health Assembly, including the agenda and background documentation, is available [here](#). Information about NGO/WHO relations can be accessed [here](#).

### ● **Organizational Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, 20 May 2010, Geneva**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has announced that an organisational meeting concerning the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council will be held on 20 May 2010 at 10:00 hours in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

### ● **Orientation Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, 20 May 2010, Geneva**

In preparation for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council (28 June – 2 July 2010), the Special Procedures Branch and the Civil Society Section are organising an orientation meeting to prepare for an exchange of views with Special Procedures mandate holders, NGOs and NHRIs. More information is available [here](#).

### ● **54<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, 25 May – 11 June 2010, Geneva**

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will hold its 54<sup>th</sup> Session from 25 May to 11 June 2010 at the ground floor and first floor conference rooms at Palais Wilson in Geneva.

More information, including the provisional agenda and the programme of work, is available [here](#).

### ● **“Nature's wake-up call: Why we must heed the warning”, Public Conference with Jane Goodall, UN Messenger of Peace, 26 May 2010, Geneva**

The UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organising a public conference with Jane Goodall, UN Messenger of Peace, entitled “Nature's wake-up call: Why we must heed the warning”. The event is scheduled on 26 May 2010 at 16:30 hours at the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The event will be broadcast live on the [UN website](#). More information is available [here](#).

### ● **“Road to Recovery: Innovation, Jobs and Clean Growth”, OECD Forum 2010, 26-27 May 2010, Paris**

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is holding its 2010 Forum, entitled “Road to Recovery: Innovation, Jobs and Clean Growth”, on 26 and 27 May 2010 at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris. More information, including the programme, list of speakers and registration details, is available at the [Forum website](#).

### ● **14<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Human Rights Council, 31 May – 18 June 2010, Geneva**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Human Rights Council has been scheduled from 31 May 2010 to 18 June 2010 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The draft Programme of Work can be accessed [here](#).

The reports to the 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Human Rights Council are available [here](#).

General information about NGO participation is available [here](#).

More information, including the link to the webcast for the Session, is available [here](#).

• **Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector”, 14 – 15 June 2010, New York**

From 20 to 22 September 2010, the UN General Assembly will hold, in New York, a [High-Level Plenary Meeting](#), also referred to as the "[MDG Summit](#)". The Summit's main objective will be *“to build on what we have learned during the past 10 years since the adoption of the Millennium Declaration and how to accelerate progress towards the internationally agreed development goals, in particular MDGs.”*

More information, including registration details, is available [here](#).

• **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](#).

### *Civil Society Events and Announcements*

• **“Explotación Sexual y Trata de Mujeres, Niñas y Niños”, Conference, 20 May 2010, Chiclana de la Frontera (Cádiz), Spain**

The Plataforma Andaluza de Apoyo al Lobby Europeo de Mujeres is organising a conference on 20 May 2010 at the Salones Pico de Oro, in Chiclana de la Frontera (Cádiz), Spain. The theme of the conference is “Explotación Sexual y Trata de Mujeres, Niñas y Niños” (Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Women, Girls and Boys). For more information, please visit [www.mujereslobby.org](http://www.mujereslobby.org).

• **“Armed Conflicts and Proportionality”, Lecture, 20 May 2010, Geneva**

The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights is organising a lecture entitled “Armed Conflicts and Proportionality” on 20 May 2010 at 18:30 hours in Room B.101 at Uni Bastion, Place de l’Université 3, in Geneva. For more information, please visit [www.adh-geneva.ch](http://www.adh-geneva.ch).

• **“UN-Connecting the World - Online Tools for a better-informed World Society”, Conference, 20–21 May 2010, Geneva**

The Making Commitments Matter Initiative (MCM), the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) and the United Nations Association of Germany, with the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, are organising a conference entitled “UN-Connecting the World - Online Tools for a better-informed World Society” on 20 and 21 May 2010 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). For more information and registration details, please visit [www.un-connected.org](http://www.un-connected.org).

• **“Une autre ONU pour un autre monde”, Conference, 25 May 2010, Geneva**

CETIM, Centre Europe – Tiers Monde, is organising, with ATTAC, a conference entitled “Une autre ONU pour un autre monde” (Another UN for Another World) on 25 May 2010 at 19:00 hours at Palais Eynard, promenade des Bastions, in Geneva. More information, including contact details, is available [here](#).

• **“Biodiversity: What strategy for the forest?”, Conference, 26 May 2010, Aubonne, Switzerland**

The “Forum Forestier Lémanique” is organising a conference entitled “Biodiversity: What strategy for the forest?” on 26 May 2010 from 9:30 to 16:30 hours at the Arboretum d’Aubonne in the Canton of Vaud in Switzerland. More information, including the programme and registration details, is available [here](#).

● **“Steps towards justice, peace and sustainable development”, Human Security Forum, 26–27 May 2010, Bahrain**

The Bahrain Women Association for Human Development (BWA) is organising a human security conference entitled “Steps towards justice, peace and sustainable development” on 26 and 27 May 2010 in Bahrain.

For more information and confirmation of participation, please send a message to [bahrainwas@gmail.com](mailto:bahrainwas@gmail.com)

● **“Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest (REFGOV) - Democratic Governance and Collective Action (DEMOGOV)”, International Conference, 27–28 May 2010, Brussels**

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies is organising an international conference entitled “Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest (REFGOV) - Democratic Governance and Collective Action (DEMOGOV)”. The event is scheduled on 27 and 28 May 2010 at the Palais des Académies in Brussels.

More information is available [here](#).

● **“Grassroots Innovation: Growing Business for Social Change”, Geneva Forum on Social Change, 28–29 May 2010, Geneva**

The second annual Geneva Forum on Social Change, entitled “Grassroots Innovation: Growing Business for Social Change”, is taking place on 28 and 29 May 2010 at the International Conference Centre Geneva.

For more information, please visit [www.gfsc2010.com](http://www.gfsc2010.com).

● **“4ème Fête Genevoise des ONG Pour le Partenariat au Développement Genève 2010”, 29 May 2010, Geneva**

Village Suisse ONG has scheduled its “4ème Fête Genevoise des ONG Pour le Partenariat au Développement Genève 2010” on 29 May 2010 at the Salle Communale du Grand-Lancy in Geneva.

The flyer for the event is available [here](#). More information, including registration details, is available [here](#).

● **“Global Internet Governance: An Interdisciplinary Research Field in Construction”, GigaNet 2010 Workshop, 30 – 31 May 2010, Montreal**

GigaNet (the Global Internet Governance Academic Network) will hold its third international workshop entitled “Global Internet Governance: An Interdisciplinary Research Field in Construction” on 30 and 31 May 2010 in Montreal. More information is available [here](#).

● **“Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management, 21 June – 2 July 2010, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy**

EURAC Research is organising a “Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management” from 21 June to 2 July 2010 at the Institute for Minority Rights – EURAC in Bolzano/Bozen, Italy.

More information is available [here](#).

● **“WWSF World Campaign 2010 for making prevention of abuse and violence against children a global priority”**

*“The international WWSF [Women’s World Summit Foundation] coalition has developed into an annual world campaign. WWSF proposes six possibilities to participate in this year’s coalition to help make prevention of abuse and violence a global priority:*

1. World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse - 19 November;
2. Prevention Education Week: 13-19 November;
3. WWSF International Prize for Prevention of Child Abuse;
4. YOUTHENGAGE.com: Young people pledge to prevent abuse & violence;
5. WWSF Clearinghouse: A database of good practice prevention measures; and
6. WWSF Signature card campaign.”

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

The campaign registration form can be accessed [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)