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• Conference on Disarmament, 3rd Part, 9 August – 24 September 2010, Geneva

The 3rd Part of the Conference on Disarmament's annual session is taking place from 9 August to 24 September 2010 in the Council Chamber at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information about the Conference of Disarmament is available [here](#).

• "UN Women: The New UN Framework for Gender Equality", UNESCO Future Forum, 13 September 2010, Paris

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is organising, as part of its "UNESCO Future Forum", an event entitled "UN Women: The New UN Framework for Gender Equality" on 13 September 2010 from 15:00 to 17:00 hours in Room XI at the UNESCO HQ in Paris. More information is available [here](#).

• "The Challenge of Growth, Employment and Social Cohesion", Joint ILO-IMF Conference, 13 September 2010, Oslo

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are organising a conference entitled "The Challenge of Growth, Employment and Social Cohesion" on 13 September 2010 in Oslo. More information about the conference is available [here](#).

• "Good Practices in Water, Sanitation and Human Rights", OHCHR Consultation with Civil Society Organisations, 13 – 14 September 2010, Geneva

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights announced that the Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation, Ms Catarina de Albuquerque, will hold a consultation with civil society organisations on 13 and 14 September 2010 from 9:00 to 18:00 hours in Room XII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The draft agenda for the event is available [here](#).

More information about the Independent Expert's work on good practices is available [here](#).

• 15th Session of the Human Rights Council, 13 September – 1 October 2010, Geneva

The Human Rights Council will hold its 15th Session from 13 September to 1 October 2010 in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information about this Session is available [here](#). A "Guide for NGO Participants" at the Human Rights Council is available for downloading [here](#).

• 55th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, 13 September – 1 October 2010, Geneva

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) announced that the 55th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will take place from 13 September to 1 October 2010 in the Ground Floor Conference Room at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. More information, including the provisional agenda and a list of State reports to be considered, is available [here](#).

• "Reaffirming the Central Role of the United Nations in Global Governance", Opening of the 65th Session of the General Assembly of the UN, 14 September 2010, New York

The President-elect of the 65th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of the UN, Mr Joseph Deiss of Switzerland, announced that it will open on 14 September 2010 at 15:00 hours at UNHQ in New York. The theme of the general debate will be "Reaffirming the Central Role of the United Nations in Global Governance". More information is available [here](#).

• **“Southern Engines of Global Growth”, UNU-ONY Event, 14 September 2010, New York**

The United Nations University, Office at the United Nations, New York, (UNU-ONY), is organising an event entitled “Southern Engines of Global Growth” on 14 September 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 hours in Conference Room A at UNHQ in New York. More information, including registration modalities, is available [here](#).

• **“Countering terrorism: is a strategic approach working?”, Panel Discussion, 15 September 2010, Brussels**

The UN Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) is organising a panel discussion entitled “Countering terrorism: is a strategic approach working?” on 15 September 2010 from 18:15 to 20:00 hours at the International Press Centre, Maelbeek Room, Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 155, in Brussels. For more information and confirmation of participation, please contact Ms [Alexandra Froger](#) or Mr [Jean-Luc Onckelinx](#).

• **“The Forces Shaping World Trade”, WTO Public Forum, 15 – 17 September 2010, Geneva**

The World Trade Organization (WTO) will hold its Public Forum entitled “The Forces Shaping World Trade” from 15 to 17 September 2010 at the WTO HQ in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

• **57th Session of UNCTAD’s Trade and Development Board, 15 – 28 September 2010, Geneva**

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has scheduled the 57th Session of its Trade and Development Board (TDB) from 15 to 28 September 2010 in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The provisional agenda is available [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

• **“Towards Sustainable Recovery”, High-Level Segment of the 57th Session of the Trade and Development Board, 15 September 2010**

The high-level segment of the 57th Session of the Trade and Development Board (TDB) is scheduled on 15 September 2010 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The programme and agenda are available [here](#).

• **“Mental Health and Development: Integrating Mental Health into All Development Efforts including MDGs”, WHO-UN/DESA Panel Discussion, 16 September 2010, New York**

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) are organising a panel discussion entitled “Mental Health and Development: Integrating Mental Health into All Development Efforts including MDGs”. The event is scheduled on 16 September 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 hours in Conference Room 5 at UNHQ in New York. For more information, please send a message to funkm@who.int or ito@un.org.

• **UN Summit on the MDGs – High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly, 20 – 22 September 2010, New York**

The UN Summit on the MDGs – a high-level plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly – is scheduled from 20 to 22 September 2010 at UNHQ in New York. Information about civil society participation is available [here](#). The event website is found [here](#).

• **“Inter-Agency Knowledge Fair on Policy Advice vs. Implementation: how to find the right positioning for UN development activities at the country level?”, 28 – 30 September 2010, Vienna** More information about this knowledge fair is available [here](#).

• **47th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 4 – 22 October 2010, Geneva**

The 47th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is scheduled from 4 to 22 October 2010 in Room XVI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. An information note on NGO participation is available [here](#).

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

• **9th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group, 1 - 12 November 2010, Geneva**

The 9th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group is scheduled from 1 to 12 November 2010 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. General information, including the timetable, list of troikas and NGO participation, is available [here](#).

For background information and resources, please visit www.upr-info.org.

• **2010 Social Forum of the Human Rights Council, 4 – 6 November 2010, Geneva**

The 2010 Social Forum of the Human Rights Council will take place from 4 to 6 November 2010 in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

Civil Society Events and Announcements:

• **“World Water Week – The Water Quality Challenge”, 5 - 11 September 2010, Stockholm**

Organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute, the World Water Week 2010 with the thematic scope “The Water Quality Challenge” is scheduled from 5 to 11 September 2010 in Stockholm. More information is available [here](#).

• **“Ten years of poverty: what have we learned since 2000 and what should we do 2010-2020?”, International Conference, 8 – 10 September 2010, Manchester**

On the occasion of its tenth year of poverty research, the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) will hold an international conference hosted by the Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) from 8 to 10 September 2010 at the University of Manchester.

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

• **Briefing on Issues of Conscience on Present Law, 9 September 2010, Washington DC**

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty will hold a briefing on “Issues of Conscience on Present Law” on 9 September 2010 from 12:00 to 14:00 hours at the Four Seasons Hotel, Georgetown, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC 20007. The informational flyer is available [here](#).

• **“International Humanitarian Law and the UN Human Rights Bodies”, Expert Seminar, 9 – 10 September 2010, Geneva**

Geneva for Human Rights – Global Training (GHR) is organising an expert seminar entitled “International Humanitarian Law and the UN Human Rights Bodies” on 9 and 10 September 2010 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). For more information, please send a message to info@gdh-ghr.org.

• **“Towards a Unified Agenda: Armed Violence and the Millennium Development Goals”, Seminar, 13 September 2010, Geneva**

The Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, the Geneva Forum and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) are organising a seminar entitled “Towards a Unified Agenda: Armed Violence and the Millennium Development Goals” on 13 September 2010 from 12:30 to 14:00 hours in Room C1 at the WMO building in Geneva. The flyer for the event, including contact details and registration modalities, is available [here](#).

• **“Le viol comme arme de guerre”, Conference and Public Debate, 16 September 2010, Geneva**

The University of Geneva, Amnesty International, the City of Geneva and others are organising a conference and public debate entitled “Le viol comme arme de guerre” on 16 September 2010 in the Auditoire Rouiller at UNI-Dufour in Geneva.

The flyer for the event is available [here](#).

• **“ACT2 – The Role of Cultural Relations in Addressing Conflict: Re-Establishing Normality”, Conference, 20 September 2010, Geneva**

The British Council is organising a full-day conference entitled “ACT2 – The Role of Cultural Relations in Addressing Conflict: Re-Establishing Normality” on 20 September 2010 at the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum in Geneva.

The press release for the event is available [here](#).

The programme, including contact details, is available [here](#).

• **“Weaving an Alternative South East Asia”, Regional Strategy Meeting on Emerging Social and Cultural Concerns in ASEAN, 19 – 20 September 2010, Kuala Lumpur**

The South East Asian Committee for Advocacy (SEACA) is organising a regional strategy meeting on emerging social and cultural concerns in ASEAN under the heading “Weaving an Alternative South East Asia”. The meeting is scheduled on 19 and 20 September 2010 at the Royale Bintang Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. More information, including the concept note and the invitation letter, is available [here](#).

• **“Solidarity and Action for a People-Oriented ASEAN”, ASEAN People’s Forum VI, 23 - 26 September 2010, Hanoi**

The 6th ASEAN People’s Forum entitled “Solidarity and Action for a People-Oriented ASEAN” is scheduled from 23 to 26 September 2010 in Hanoi.

For more information, please visit www.apfvietnam2010.org.vn.

• **2nd International NGO Forum on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 27 – 28 September 2010, Geneva**

OCAPROCE International is organising, with partners, its 2nd International NGO Forum on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on 27 and 28 September 2010 in Room XI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information, including contact details, 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

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