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The 47th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is being held 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](#).

• 8th Session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, 11 – 22 October 2010, Geneva

The 8th Session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action is taking place from 11 to 22 October 2010 in Room XXI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The provisional agenda is available [here](#).

More information about the Working Group is available [here](#).

• 100th Session of the Human Rights Committee, 11 – 29 October 2010, Geneva

The 100th Session of the Human Rights Committee is being held from 11 to 29 October 2010 at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. More information, including the programme of work and background documentation, is available [here](#).

• "Marking the 100th Session of the Human Rights Committee", 29 October 2010, Geneva

To mark the 100th Session of the Human Rights Committee, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) announced that a celebration will be held on 29 October 2010 from 10:00 to 18:00 hours in Room XIX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

- **5th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 18 – 22 October 2010, Vienna**

The 5th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime is taking place from 18 to 22 October 2010 at the Austria Centre Vienna. Information for NGOs is available [here](#). More information about this Session, including the programme and background documentation, is available [here](#).

- **10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 18 – 29 October 2010, Nagoya, Japan**

Taking place during the [International Year for Biodiversity](#), the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity is being held from 18 to 29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan.

More information about the event is available [here](#).

Information about the NGO Network on Biodiversity is available [here](#).

- **“Can Citizen Action Save the World?” UN University Event, 21 October 2010, New York**

As part of the UNU Midday Forum Programme, the United Nations University Office at the UN, New York (UNU-ONY), in association with the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, is holding an event entitled “Can Citizen Action Save the World?”. The event is scheduled on 21 October 2010 at the Simon Wiesenthal Center/New York Tolerance Center, Screening Room, 226 East 42nd Street, in New York. More information, including on the webcast, is available [here](#).

- **OHCHR Meeting with NGOs on the 15th Session of the Human Rights Council, 21 October 2010, Geneva**

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council and the Civil Society Section of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a meeting with NGOs on the recently concluded 15th Session of the Human Rights Council on 21 October 2010 from 15:00 to 16:00 hours in Room XXV at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

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

- **African Regional Major Groups and Stakeholders Consultative Meeting in Preparation for the 12th Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and the 26th Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, 21 – 22 October 2010, Nairobi**

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is holding an “African Regional Major Groups and Stakeholders Consultative Meeting” on 21 and 22 October 2010 in Nairobi.

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

- **Forum on the Universality of Human Rights, 21 – 22 October 2010, Oslo**

The Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe will hold a forum on the universality of human rights on 21 and 22 October 2010 at the Thon Hotel Oslofjord in Oslo.

More information is available [here](#).

- **World e-Parliament Conference 2010, 21 – 22 October 2010, Johannesburg**

Co-organized by the United Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliament of South Africa, the Pan-African Parliament and the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament, the World e-Parliament Conference 2010 is scheduled on 21 and 22 October 2010 at the Pan African Parliament in Midrand, Johannesburg.

More information is available [here](#).

• **Global Migration Group Experts Meeting, 22 October 2010, Geneva**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) announced that an experts meeting of the Global Migration Group will take place on 22 October 2010 from 10:00 to 18:30 hours in Room XXV at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information is available [here](#).

• **“An Interactive Dialogue with Special Procedures - Can the MDGs do without human rights?”, 22 October 2010, New York**

The Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is organising “An Interactive Dialogue with Special Procedures – Can the MDGs do without human rights?” on 22 October 2010 from 13:15 to 14:30 hours in Conference Room 8 at UN HQ in New York.

• **“Atoms, Water, Life and the IAEA”, Lunch-Time Seminar, 22 October 2010, Geneva**

The Geneva Liaison Office of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organising a lunch-time seminar entitled “Atoms, Water, Life and the IAEA” on 22 October 2010 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours at the UNOG Library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

• **UNEP Thematic Consultations with Major Groups and Stakeholders on International Environment Governance and on Green Economy, 25 – 26 October 2010, Geneva**

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) will hold its “Thematic Consultations with Major Groups and Stakeholders on International Environment Governance (IEG) and on Green Economy (GE)” on 25 and 26 October 2010 at the Environment House in Geneva. Online registration for the event may be done [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

• **European Regional Consultation Meeting in preparation for the 12th Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and the 26th Session of the Governing Council Global Ministerial Environment Forum, 27 October 2010, Geneva**

On 27 October 2010 at the International Environment House in Geneva, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) will be hosting the European Regional Consultation Meeting in preparation for the 12th Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) and the 26th Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-26/GMEF). The agenda for the event is available [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

• **“Climate Services: Fit for Purpose?”, Annual Lecture of the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, 27 October 2010, Brussels**

The European Commission’s Joint Research Centre is holding its annual lecture entitled “Climate Services: Fit for Purpose?” on 27 October 2010 at 17:45 hours at the Renaissance Hotel in Brussels. More information, including the programme, is available [here](#).

• **UNCTAD LDC-IV Pre-Conference Event: “Building productive capacities in LDCs for inclusive and sustainable development”, 27 – 29 October 2010, Geneva**

As part of the preparations for the [4th UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries](#) (LDC-IV, Istanbul, 2011), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is convening an LDC-IV pre-conference event entitled “Building productive capacities in LDCs for inclusive and sustainable development” from 27 to 29 October 2010 in Geneva. More information about this event is available [here](#).

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

An [online form](#) for submissions of requests for NGO information meeting rooms is now accessible [here](#). General information, including the timetable and the list of troikas, is available [here](#). Information specific to NGO participation is available [here](#).

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

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

The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will hold 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](#).

• **Day of General Discussion on “the Right to Sexual and Reproductive Health”, 15 November 2010, Geneva**

During its 45th Session (1 – 19 November 2010), the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will hold a Day of General Discussion (DGD) on the right to sexual and reproductive health in accordance with articles 12 and 10 (2) of the Covenant. The event is scheduled on 15 November 2010 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours in Room XII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. More information about this meeting is available [here](#).

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

The Committee against Torture will hold 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](#).

• **OHCHR Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, 5 November 2010, Geneva**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is organising a commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) on 5 November 2010 from 10:00 to 13:00 hours in Room XIX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. For further information visit the WGEID website at: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/disappear/index.htm>.

• **6th UN Conference to Review the UN Set on Competition Policy, 8 - 12 November 2010, Geneva**

The 6th UN Conference to Review the UN Set on Competition Policy is scheduled to take place from 8 to 12 November 2010 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

More information about the conference, including registration modalities and background documentation, 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 scheduled 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](#).

Civil Society Events and Announcements:

- **“The Responsibility for Human Rights Violations against Defenders by Non-State Actors”, Panel Discussion, 21 October 2010, New York**

Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (OMCT-FIDH), with partners, are organising a panel discussion on “The responsibility for human rights violations against defenders by non-State actors”. The event is scheduled on 21 October 2010 from 13:15 to 14:30 hours in Conference Room C at UN HQ in New York. For more information, please contact [OMCT-FIDH](#).

- **“Comparing G20 Countries in Terms of Their Economic and Social Development Indicators”, Seminar, 21 October 2010, Leuven, Belgium**

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and INBEV Ballet Latour Chair are organising a seminar entitled “Comparing G20 Countries in Terms of Their Economic and Social Development Indicators” on 21 October 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 hours at the “Large Meeting Room” at the Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Tiensestraat 41, Leuven, Belgium. For more information and confirmation of participation, please send a message to conference@ggs.kuleuven.be.

- **31st Meeting of the European Coordination Committee on Human Rights Documentation, 21 – 22 October 2010, Vienna**

The European Coordination Committee on Human Rights Documentation will hold its 31st meeting on 21 and 22 October 2010 at the premises of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union in Vienna. More information will be available [here](#).

- **“A Strategy Session on Learning Human Rights as a Way of Life”, 25 October 2010, New York**

The Committee organising the International Consortium on Learning Human Rights as a Way of Life, the Permanent Missions of Switzerland and Benin to the United Nations (New York) are organising “A Strategy Session on Learning Human Rights as a Way of Life”. The event is scheduled on 25 October 2010 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours in New York. The flyer for the event is available [here](#).

- **“Socio-Economic Participation of Minorities in Relation to Their Right to (Respect for) Identity”, First Minority Research Network Conference, 27 – 29 October 2010, Rotterdam**

The Minority Research Network (MRN) will hold its first conference entitled “Socio-Economic Participation of Minorities in Relation to Their Right to (Respect for) Identity” from 27 to 29 October 2010 at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. More information is available [here](#).

- **“People on the Move: Impacts of Climate Change on Human Well-being”, Conference, 28 October 2010, Geneva**

The University of Geneva is organising, in collaboration with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), a conference entitled “People on the Move: Impacts of Climate Change on Human Well-being”. The event is scheduled on 28 October 2010 from 18:30 to 20:00 hours in Salle U300 at Uni-Dufour, University of Geneva.

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

● **“Mind the Gap – Towards Better Enforcement of European Citizens’ Free Movements Rights”, Conference, 3 November 2010, Brussels**

The European Citizen Action Services (ECAS) is organising a conference entitled “Mind the Gap – Towards Better Enforcement of European Citizens’ Free Movements Rights” on 3 November 2010 at 9:00 hours at Venue JDE62, Rue Belliard 99, in Brussels.

More information about the event, including the programme and registration modalities, is available [here](#).

● **“A qui appartiennent les richesses naturelles?”, CETIM Symposium, 5 – 6 November 2010, Geneva**

The Centre Europe – Tiers Monde (CETIM) is organising a symposium entitled “A qui appartiennent les richesses naturelles?” on 5 and 6 November 2010 at the Maison des Associations in Geneva. More information about the event, including the programme and registration modalities, is available [here](#).

● **“A World without Walls 2010 – An International Conference on Peace-building, Reconciliation and Globalization in an Interdependent World”, 6 – 10 November 2010, Berlin**

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is hosting the event “A World without Walls 2010 – An International Conference on Peace-building, Reconciliation and Globalization in an Interdependent World” from 6 to 10 November 2010 at the ICD House of Arts and Culture and at other venues in Berlin. More information about this event is available [here](#).

● **“Building Integrative Juvenile Justice Systems: Approaches and Methodologies regarding Mental Disorders and Drugs Misuse”, 9 – 10 November 2010, Rome**

The International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) will hold the 4th international conference entitled “Building Integrative Juvenile Justice Systems: Approaches and Methodologies regarding Mental Disorders and Drugs Misuse”. The event is scheduled on 9 and 10 November 2010 at the Auditorium del Massima, Via Massimiliano Massima 1, in Rome.

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

● **Annual General Meeting of the NGO Alliance for Health Promotion, 12 November 2010, Geneva**

The NGO Alliance for Health Promotion has scheduled its Annual General Meeting on 12 November 2010 from 10:00 to 14:00 hours in Conference Room A at WHO HQ in Geneva.

The first part will be the statutory formal business and the second part will be a strategic planning meeting with the theme “Working together to Advance the Health Promotion Agenda in 2010”. More information will be available [here](#).

● **“New Approaches in Preventing Human Trafficking: Integrating the European Knowledge”, Symposium, 16 – 17 November 2010, Brussels**

The Public Policy Exchange, Centre for Parliamentary Studies, is organising a symposium entitled “New Approaches in Preventing Human Trafficking: Integrating the European Knowledge” on 16 and 17 November 2010 at the Silken Hotel in Brussels.

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 More information about the event is available [here](#).

•“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!” will take place from 22 to 26 November 2010 in Malacca, Malaysia. More information, including background documentation, 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