



# Up coming events organized by our partner CONGO

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### ▪ **UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, 24 – 26 June 2009 (originally 1 - 3 June 2009), New York**

The UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development will take place from 24 to 26 June 2009 in New York. The conference will address the impact of the crisis on development as well as the ongoing international discussion on reforming and strengthening the international financial and economic system and architecture.

On this occasion, the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) is publishing a weekly bulletin during the period leading up to the above event. The bulletin is available [here](#).

UN-NGLS is now extending the deadline for the registration for this event.

For more information about the conference, visit its [website](#).

An overview of resources regarding this conference may be found on [CoNGO's website](#).

### ▪ **ECOSOC Substantive Session, 6 - 31 July 2009, Geneva**

The High-Level Segment (6 – 9 July 2009) of ECOSOC's Substantive Session has now been concluded with the consensus adoption of its Ministerial Declaration on Implementing Internationally Agreed Goals and Commitments on Global Public Health. The draft text is available [here](#).

The Substantive Session is now continuing with its Operational Activities Segment (15 – 17 July 2009), which is to "review how far the UN system has gone in implementing the guidance of the General Assembly on operational activities". More information about this segment is available [here](#).

Following the Operational Activities Segment, the Humanitarian Affairs Segment will take place (20 – 24 July 2009) to provide a "forum where Member States and Humanitarian Organisations discuss the challenges, opportunities and activities related to the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations". The background information and programme are available [here](#). A schedule of side-events during this segment can be obtained [here](#).

In conclusion of the Substantive Session, the General Segment will be held from 23 to 30 July 2009, which is to review the reports of ECOSOC's subsidiary bodies and other UN entities working within the economic and social field. More information, including the programme and documentation, is available [here](#).

The annotated provisional agenda for ECOSOC's Substantive Session is available [here](#).

For more information on NGO participation in the work of ECOSOC, visit the [DESA NGO Section website](#).

### ▪ **UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict – Screening of Gaza Public Hearings, 16 – 17 July 2009, Geneva**

On 6 and 7 July 2009, testimonies were presented by people from Israel and the West Bank, as well as other experts, to the UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict.

These hearing sessions in Geneva were preceded by public hearings conducted on 28 and 29 June 2009 in Gaza City during which people from Gaza presented testimonies to this Mission.

The UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict will screen these public hearings (conducted in Gaza) on 16 and 17 July 2009 from 11:00 to 16:00 hours both days in Room XVI at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

A webcast of these public hearings in Gaza and Geneva will be available [here](#).

More information about the UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict can be found [here](#).

▪ **44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 20 July – 7 August 2009, New York**

The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women is holding its 44<sup>th</sup> Session from 20 July to 7 August 2009 at the UN HQ in New York.

More information, including the provisional agenda, background reports and an overview of the countries being examined, is available [here](#).

▪ **3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, 3 – 7 August 2009, Geneva**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee is taking place from 3 to 7 August 2009 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The provisional agenda of the session may be downloaded [here](#).

Information regarding accreditation, access and travel/visas is available [here](#).

Guidelines for NGOs and national human rights institutions (NHRIs) on how to reserve rooms for side-events are available [here](#).

More information about the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, its functions and members, can be obtained [here](#).

▪ **Observation of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, 10 August, New York**

The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in cooperation with the CoNGO Committee on the International Decade for the World's Indigenous People and the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, is organising an event observing the International Day of the World's Indigenous People. The event will take place on 10 August 2009 from 14:00 to 17:00 hours at the UN HQ in New York.

More information, including registration and access modalities, is available [here](#).

▪ **2009 Social Forum of the Human Rights Council, 31 August – 2 September 2009, Geneva**

The Human Rights Council has tentatively scheduled its 2009 Social Forum from 31 August to 2 September 2009 in Room XX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. This event is open to all stakeholders.

The 2009 Social Forum is to focus on:

- (a) Negative impacts of economic and financial crises on efforts to combat poverty,
- (b) National anti-poverty programmes: best practices of States in implementing social security programmes from a human rights perspective,
- (c) International assistance and cooperation in combating poverty.

More information about this event may be obtained [here](#).

▪ **"For Peace and Development: Disarm Now! ¡Desarme Ahora! Trabajamos por la Paz y el Desarrollo", 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Conference, 9 – 11 September 2009, Mexico City**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual UN Department of Public Information – Non-Governmental Organizations Section (DPI/NGO) conference is scheduled from 9 to 11 September 2009 in Mexico City. Following last year's DPI/NGO conference held in Paris, this year's conference will be the second DPI/NGO annual conference to take place outside New York and Geneva. The overarching theme for this event will be "For Peace and Development: Disarm Now! ¡Desarme Ahora! Trabajamos por la Paz y el Desarrollo". For more information, including the invitation letter, programme and registration modalities, please consult the conference's [website](#).

▪ **Hearing with Civil Society and the Private Sector – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of UNCTAD’s Trade and Development Board, 16 September 2009, Geneva**

As part of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Trade and Development Board of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), a hearing with civil society and the private sector is being organised on 16 September 2009 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

At the margins of the Trade and Development Board theme - “the global economic crisis and the necessary policy response”, this hearing is to provide an opportunity to follow up on the discussions from the recently concluded UNCTAD Public Symposium and the UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development.

Civil society organisations will also have opportunities to contribute at related events during the meeting of the Trade and Development Board, and are encouraged to submit inputs and questions for circulation to Member States prior to the hearing.

The report of the hearing will be presented to the Trade and Development Board at its closing plenary on 25 September 2009 by a civil society representative.

The provisional agenda for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Trade and Development Board may be downloaded [here](#). More information and background documentation are available [here](#).

▪ **OHCHR Consultation on Operationalizing the Framework for Business and Human Rights Presented by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises, 5 – 6 October 2009, Geneva**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a consultation on operationalizing the framework for business and human rights presented by the special representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises. The meeting is scheduled on 5 and 6 October 2009 in Room XVIII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

More information is available [here](#).

▪ ***UN Calls for Submissions:***

▪ **Call for Nominations of Members of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

Indigenous organisations are now encouraged to begin consultations to ensure that the President of ECOSOC has suitable candidates for consideration and appointment when the new members of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues are to be elected in 2010.

More information, including on the structure and submission modalities, is available [here](#).

For more information about the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, please visit its [website](#).

## ▪ **Civil Society Events and Announcements:**

### ▪ **“Les conventions de Genève: 60 ans après face à un monde écartelé entre rivalités et coopération”, Training Seminar, 12 August 2009, Kinshasa**

The Centre d’Amitié Suisse-RDC is organising a training seminar entitled “Les conventions de Genève: 60 ans après face à un monde écartelé entre rivalités et coopération” (The Geneva Conventions: facing a world torn apart between rivalries and cooperation, 60 years later). The event will take place at the University of Kinshasa on 12 August 2009.

### ▪ **2009 World Water Week, 16 – 22 August 2009, Stockholm**

Stockholm International Water Institute is organising the 2009 World Water Week from 16 to 22 August 2009 in Stockholm.

For more information about this event, please visit [www.worldwaterweek.org](http://www.worldwaterweek.org).

### ▪ **“Partnerships and Reforms for Human Rights Protection”, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes, 18 – 19 September 2009, Nottingham, Great Britain**

The Association of Human Rights Protection (AHRI) has scheduled its 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference on 18 and 19 September 2009 in Nottingham, Great Britain. The event is entitled “Partnership and Reforms for Human Rights Protection”.

More information, including the programme and names of speakers, is available [here](#).

### ▪ **Coping and Resilience 2009, International Conference, 3 – 6 October 2009, Dubrovnik-Cavtat, Croatia**

The Coping and Resilience 2009 International Conference will be held from 3 to 6 October 2009, in Dubrovnik-Cavtat, Croatia. The conference will present the cutting edge knowledge and practices on coping and resilience in response to a variety of adverse life circumstances that individuals and communities face. Visit the [conference website](#) for programme topics and registration and submission guidelines.

### ▪ **Conference on Development and Information Technologies, 23 – 24 October 2009, Castelldefels, Barcelona**

The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Open University of Catalonia, UOC) will be holding a Conference on Development and Information Technologies from 23 to 24 October 2009 at the Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (IN3) in Castelldefels, Barcelona. The Conference, organised by the UOC and co-financed by the Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament, will be themed “Mobile Phones and Internet in Latin America and Africa: What benefits for the most disadvantaged?”

If interested in submitting a paper for this event, please visit the [UOC website](#).

### ▪ **International Peace Bureau Annual Conference, 13 – 15 November 2009, Washington D.C.**

The International Peace Bureau Annual Conference will be held from 13 to 15 November 2009, in Washington D.C. The provisional title for the conference is “Rolling back militarism: a task for the global movement”.

The programme will include a central event (the weekend conference) and additional activities before and after, depending on the wishes of partners and participants. Suggestions are welcome. This is intended to be a participatory event, including a top-class range of speakers, cultural presentations and opportunities to interact with key people in Washington D.C. and beyond. Check out the [IPB initial announcement](#) for more information.

▪ **World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Call for Registration, 19 November 2009**

The Women's World Summit Foundation is campaigning to prioritize the prevention of abuse and violence against children. Launched in 2000, the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse (19 November) is intended to create a global culture towards the worldwide prevention of child abuse.

For more information on the campaign and how to register, visit the [campaign's website](#).

▪ **"The Forgotten Children: A major European Conference addressing the subject of Children of Parents with a Mental Illness", 26 – 27 November 2009, Vilnius, Lithuania**

The European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI), in association with Lietuvos Sutrikusios Psichikos Žmonių Globos Bendrija (LSPŽGB), its Lithuanian family member association, will host "The Forgotten Children: A major European Conference addressing the subject of Children of Parents with a Mental Illness" from 26 to 27 November 2009 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Details on the conference programme, registration and accommodation arrangements can be found on the [conference website](#).

▪ **2009 Parliament of the World's Religions, 3 - 9 December 2009, Assembly Meeting, Melbourne, Australia**

The Parliament of the World's Religions will hold its 2009 assembly from 3 to 9 December 2009 in Melbourne, Australia. The gathering is expected to bring together more than 8,000 people of faith, spirit and goodwill from around the world. For more information about the upcoming 2009 assembly, visit [the Parliament of the World's Religions website](#).

Information on the Council for the Parliament of the World's Religions event held in Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House, on 8 January 2009 in New York, as well as photos, can be viewed [here](#).

▪ **Launch of "Fourth Pillar" Online Discussion Space for the IMF Governance Reforms**

The organisation "New Rules for Global Finance" has recently launched an online discussion space for civil society focusing on the process for governance reforms of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

More information this project, including registration modalities, may be obtained [here](#).

▪ **3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum on Migration and Development: Online dialogue now open**

With the central theme "Integrating Migration Policies into Development Strategies for the Benefit of All", the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum on Migration and Development is now scheduled for 2 to 5 November 2009. In preparation for this event, the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation launched the website [www.gfmd2009.org](http://www.gfmd2009.org) where an online dialogue has been opened.

More information about this initiative, including the structure and how to participate in the online dialogue, is available [here](#).

## ▪ **Campaigns and Initiatives:**

People's Decade for Nuclear Abolition – Campaign: [www.peoplesdecade.org](http://www.peoplesdecade.org)

Countdown to Copenhagen Campaign:

[www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=how\\_adv\\_copenhagen](http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=how_adv_copenhagen)

Decent Work Decent Life Campaign: [www.decentwork.org](http://www.decentwork.org)

Global Campaign against Poverty: [www.whiteband.org](http://www.whiteband.org)

Appeal and Petition for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World:

[www10.plala.or.jp/antiatom/en/WC/e07wc/e-20070902\\_dec\\_riso.html](http://www10.plala.or.jp/antiatom/en/WC/e07wc/e-20070902_dec_riso.html)

Launch of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's Human Rights Prize – Call for Nominations: [www.assembly.coe.int/Committee/JUR/HumanRightsPrize](http://www.assembly.coe.int/Committee/JUR/HumanRightsPrize)

Gender Training Community of Practice (GT CoP) – UN-INSTRAW:

[www.un-instraw.org/en/community-of-practice/general/gender-training-community-of-practice-gt.html](http://www.un-instraw.org/en/community-of-practice/general/gender-training-community-of-practice-gt.html)

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)

Human Rights Nexus – Project by WFUNA: [www.humanrightsnexus.org](http://www.humanrightsnexus.org)

Integrated Civil Society Organization System – UN/DESA Civil Society Participation Database:

<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)

First Committee Monitor – Resource on the General Assembly's First Committee on Disarmament and International Security: [www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/1com/FCM.html](http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/1com/FCM.html)

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) & [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)

Internet Governance Caucus Website: [www.igcaucus.org](http://www.igcaucus.org)

2009 UNDP Procurement Training Calendar: [www.undp.org/procurement/training.shtml](http://www.undp.org/procurement/training.shtml)

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)