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▪ **CoNGO Civil Society Development Forum 2009 – Implementing the Internationally Agreed Goals and Commitments in regard to Global Public Health, 2 – 4 July 2009, Geneva**

CoNGO's Civil Society Development Forum (CSDF) 2009 is scheduled from 2 to 4 July 2009 at the International Labour Office in Geneva. It will be held back-to-back with ECOSOC's High-Level Segment (6 – 10 July 2009) of its 2009 Substantive Session, which will focus in 2009 on the theme "Implementing the Internationally Agreed Goals and Commitments in regard to Global Public Health".

More information about this event will soon be available on CoNGO's [website](#). Information about ECOSOC and its Substantive Sessions is available [here](#). Information on the UN-NGO-IRENE Best Practices Network on Global Public Health is available [here](#).

Specific information on ECOSOC's Annual Ministerial Review can be found [here](#), and on ECOSOC's Innovation Fair [here](#).

The New York Component of the CSDF 2009 is scheduled to take place from 15 to 16 October 2009. A follow-up event will also take place in Vienna in November 2009. More information will be made available on [CoNGO's website](#) in due course.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women – Women's Right to Health Working Group, Briefing, 4 June 2009, Geneva**

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women – Women's Right to Health Working Group is organising an event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council (2 – 19 June 2009). The event will take place on 4 June 2009 from 16:00 to 17:30 hours at the Palais des Nations (Room tbc) in Geneva. It is entitled "Women's Right to Health Briefing" and will comprise speakers from both civil society and the UN System. The flyer may be downloaded [here](#).

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on Human Rights – Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning – "The Right to Education in Places of Detention", Side-event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 5 June 2009, Geneva**

The NGO Committee on Human Rights – Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning, Defence for Children International, Quaker UN Office and Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance are organising a side-event with Mr. Vernor Muñoz, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council. The event is entitled "The Right to Education in Places of Detention" and is scheduled on 4 June 2009 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours in Room IX at the Palais des Nations.

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

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women – "15 years of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women: gains, challenges and the way forward", Side-Event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 5 June 2009, Geneva**

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women and others are organising an event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council (2 – 19 June 2009). The event is entitled "15 years of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women: gains, challenges and the way forward" and will take place on 5 June 2009 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours in Room XXV at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women – The Role of Men and Boys in Promoting Gender Equality, “The Role of Men and Boys for Promoting Gender Equality and Peace”, Side-Event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 5 June 2009, Geneva**

The Working Group on the Role of Men and Boys in Promoting Gender Equality (WGRMB), CoNGO’s NGO Committee on the Status of Women and Women’s UN Report Network (WUNRN) are convening a side-event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council (2 – 19 June 2009). The event is entitled “The Role of Men and Boys for Promoting Gender Equality and Peace” and will take place on 5 June 2009 from 16:00 to 17:30 hours in Room IX at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns Side-Event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 10 June 2009, Geneva**

The NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC-Geneva) and the Planetary Association for Clean Energy (PACE) are organising a side-event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council (2 – 19 June 2009) entitled "The Environment and Economic, Social, Cultural Rights". The event will take place on 10 June 2009 from 13:00 to 14:00 hours at the Palais des Nations (Room tbc) in Geneva.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on the Status of Women – Working Group on the Environment, Meeting, 16 June 2009, Geneva**

The Working Group on the Environment – under the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva) – is convening a meeting on 16 June 2009 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours at the NGO Resources and Service Centre at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on Peace, Business Meeting, 17 June 2009, Vienna**

The NGO Committee on Peace (Vienna) is organising a business meeting on 17 June 2009 at 17:00 hours at the Press Briefing Room at the Vienna International Centre.

An information and discussion meeting entitled “Towards an international arms trade treaty – the role of civil society” will be held prior to the business meeting at 15:00 hours.

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

Please contact the [NGO Committee on Peace](#) for more information.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, General Meeting, 24 June 2009, Geneva**

The NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC-Geneva) will hold its monthly meeting on 24 June 2009 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours at the CoNGO Conference Room. Dr. Fawzia Al-Ashmawi (tbc) has been invited as part of the Committee’s monthly speakers event. She is the Chairperson of the European Forum for Muslim Women, an active member of Islam and the West and involved with the International Islamic Relief Organisation. She is a speaker at the yearly conferences organised by Al Azhar, a prestigious university of the Arab-Muslim world.

▪ **CoNGO Committees: NGO Committee on Human Rights – Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning, General Meeting, 8 September 2009, Geneva**

The NGO Committee on Human Rights – Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning is convening its next general meeting on 8 September 2009 from 11:00 to 13:00 hours at the NGO Resources and Services Centre at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

▪ **UN Events and Announcements:**

▪ **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](#).

▪ **11th Session of the Human Rights Council: "Pre-session meeting of the President of the Human Rights Council with NGOs", 4 June 2009, Geneva**

According to an information note from the Civil Society Unit of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the President of the Human Rights Council will not be able to hold the regular pre-session meeting with NGOs prior to the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council. The meeting is now scheduled on 4 June 2009 from 14:00 to 15:00 hours in Room XXV at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

▪ **Human Rights Council, 11th Session, 2 – 19 June 2009, Geneva**

The opening meeting of the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council will take place on 2 June 2009 at 15:00 hours in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Chamber (Room XX) at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Its 11th Session will continue until 19 June 2009.

The Human Rights Council elected its members on 12 May 2009. New members are: Belgium, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Norway and the United States of America.

More information, including on the election and the members, is available [here](#).

More information, including on how to gain access to the Human Rights Council's Extranet, is available [here](#).

Requests for accreditation to the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council should be directed to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, Attention: Ms. Françoise Kenfack, postal address: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, PW 4-092, Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, CH-1211 Geneva 10; telephone: +41-22-917-9641;

The "annual full-day meeting on Women's Rights", an event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, is scheduled for 4 June 2009 from 10:00 to 13:00 hours and from 15:00 to 18:00 hours. The topic of the meeting is "Equality before the law: concrete steps to further women's equality". The outcome of the meeting is aimed at contributing to ensure the fulfilment of the commitments made at the Beijing World Conference on Women.

An "Interactive Panel Dialogue on Human Rights and Climate Change" will take place on 15 June 2009 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours as part of the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council. The topic of the panel dialogue is "The implications of climate change for the full enjoyment of human rights, especially for members of vulnerable population groups, and the relevance of this for climate change policy".

The main objectives of this event are:

- To improve understanding of the implications of climate change (as well as climate change response measures) for the full enjoyment of human rights, especially among vulnerable population groups.

- To discuss the implications of this understanding for climate change policy-making. How can the international community best protect those rights affected by climate change-related impacts and those affected by climate change response measures?
- To better understand the implications of climate change and related environmental degradation for human rights law and mechanisms.

▪ **Side-Events during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council:**

“Migrant Children: Unprotected and Neglected in Migration Policies?”, Side-Event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 4 June 2009, Geneva

Migrants Rights International is organising an event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council (2 – 19 June 2009). The event is entitled “Migrant Children: Unprotected and Neglected in Migration Policies?” and will take place on 4 June 2009 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours in Room 27 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

For more information, please contact the [Migrant Rights International Secretariat](#).

“Anweshi: Status and Dimension of Violence against Women, Reality Revealed” Book Launch as Side-Event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 5 June 2009, Geneva

The Women’s Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC Nepal) and the World Organization against Torture (OMCT) are organising a book launch in form of a side-event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council. The publication is a yearbook on VAW 2008 in Nepal entitled “Anweshi: Status and Dimension of Violence against Women, Reality Revealed”. Among others, the book launch will feature Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women. The event will take place on 5 June 2009 from 15:30 to 17:00 hours in Room XXVII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

“Self-Determination in Baluchistan – its Relation to Regional and Global Security”, Side-Event during the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 8 June 2009

Interfaith International and the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization are sponsoring a side-event at the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council entitled “Self-Determination in Baluchistan – its Relation to Regional and Global Security”. The event will take place on 8 June at 16:00 hours at the Palais des Nations (Room tbc).

▪ **Other UN Events**

▪ 98th Session of the International Labour Conference, 3 – 19 June 2009, Geneva

The International Labour Conference is currently in its 98th Session which will continue until 19 June 2009 at the International Labour Office in Geneva.

More information, including the agenda, daily bulletins and links for webcasts, is available at the [conference website](#).

▪ Concert with Marcel Khalife and the El-Mayadine Ensemble, 30 June 2009, Vienna

As part of the events celebrating the 60th anniversary of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), a concert for peace and humanity is being organised featuring Marcel Khalife and the El-Mayadine Ensemble. The concert will be held on 30 June 2009 at 20:00 hours at the City Hall in Vienna.

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

A portal dedicated to the 60th anniversary celebration of UNRWA may be accessed [here](#).

▪ **UNHCR: Annual Consultations with NGOs, 29 June – 1 July 2009, Geneva**

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is organising its annual consultations with NGOs. The event will open and close with plenary sessions, and will include roundtable sessions with each Regional Bureau and seven thematic sessions on other individual topics. More information and an online registration form are available [here](#).

▪ **ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review, 6 - 9 July 2009, Geneva (Part of ECOSOC's Substantive Session)**

The 2009 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will be held during the High-Level Segment of the Substantive Session of ECOSOC from 6 to 9 July 2009 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The AMR will focus on "implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health".

The AMR will provide an opportunity to assess the state of implementation of the health goals and the UN Development Agenda, explore key challenges in achieving the internationally agreed goals and commitments in the area of global public health, and consider recommendations and proposals for action, including new initiatives.

NGOs in consultative status may submit written statements relevant to ECOSOC's work on subjects in which they have special competence.

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

For more information on the AMR and ECOSOC's Substantive Session, visit the [ECOSOC website](#). For more information on NGO participation, visit the [DESA NGO Section website](#).

▪ **ECOSOC Innovation Fair, Call for Submissions, July 2009, Geneva (on the margins of ECOSOC's Substantive Session)**

In preparation for the upcoming ECOSOC Innovation Fair, to be held in July 2009 on the UN premises in Geneva parallel to ECOSOC's Substantive Session, the NGO Section is promoting projects included in the "Global Public Health" network. These are available through the UN-NGO-IRENE Best Practices Network web portal. Log on to the [website](#) and submit your project today. Once logged in, click "Submit Now" and follow the instructions.

Please also visit the new "[NGO My Pages](#)". These were developed as an entry point for NGO participation with the United Nations – from there you will be able to see your previous pre-registrations, submit statements to the High-Level Segment of ECOSOC and view your uploaded projects. More information on ECOSOC's Innovation Fair is available [here](#).

▪ **Junior 8 Summit – call for submissions of teams, early July 2009, Italy**

UNICEF is calling for submissions of teams of young people aged from 14 to 17 years to participate in the Junior 8 Summit, a youth event convened this year in Italy, and linked to the annual Group of 8 (G8) Summit.

In its fifth year, the UNICEF-organized Junior 8 Summit will bring the winning teams from G8 countries together with participants from eight non-G8 countries—including Brazil, China, India and South Africa—to send a clear message to leaders that children from all over the world are equally affected by G8 decisions. Participants will discuss topics on the G8 agenda ahead of the summit and will take their recommendations to the leaders. The primary focus of this year's Junior 8 will be on climate change, HIV/AIDS and poverty and development in the face of the global financial crisis. For more information, visit the [Junior 8 Summit's website](#).

■ **“Working with the United Nations Human Rights Programme – A Handbook for Civil Society”, Publication by OHCHR**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has recently published “Working with the United Nations Human Rights Programme – A Handbook for Civil Society”. This handbook aims at covering what the body/mechanism is, how it works and how civil society can access and work with it. The handbook is so far available for download in Arabic and English [here](#).

■ **“Reaching Common Ground: Culture, Gender and Human Rights”, UNFPA State of the World Population 2008**

The UN Population Fund (UNFPA) has published online its “State of World Population 2008” entitled “Reaching Common Ground: Culture, Gender and Human Rights”. Additionally, a youth supplement to the above is available which is entitled “Generation of Change: Young People and Culture”. The above report and its youth supplement are available both as online documents and for download [here](#).

■ **Other Events and Announcements:**

■ **Geneva Course for Human Rights Defenders from the Regions at the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, 2 – 19 June 2009, Geneva**

On the occasion of the 11th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva for Human Rights – Global Training (GHR) is organising a course for human rights defenders from the regions. Prior to the opening meeting of the Session, a general course will be held on 2 June from 8:30 to 13:00 hours. Thereafter, classes will be held every day during the Session from 8:30 to 10:00 hours. The courses will take place in the Conference Room of the St. Nicolas Church, Rue de Montbrillant 57, in Geneva.

■ **“Festival du développement durable 2009”, 3 – 7 June 2009, Geneva**

From 3 to 7 June 2009, the “Festival du développement durable” (Sustainable Development Festival) will be held in Geneva. The full programme may be downloaded [here](#). More information can be found on the [Festival website](#). As part of the Festival du développement, a full-day event entitled “Village de la solidarité internationale” (the international solidarity village) is being organised on 6 June 2009. The full programme for this event is available [here](#).

■ **“Kriegsverbrechen und Kindersoldatinnen”, Discussion Meeting, 5 June 2009, Vienna**

On an initiative by Ms. [Renate Winter](#), Elected President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a discussion meeting entitled “Kriegsverbrechen und Kindersoldatinnen” (War Crimes and Girl Child Soldiers) is organised, among others, by the [CoNGO Committee on the Status of Women \(Vienna\)](#). It will take place on 5 June 2009 at 19:00 hours at Windmühlgasse 26, 1060 Wien. The flyer for the event may be downloaded [here](#).

■ **“A Faith Reflection to Climate Change”, 5 June 2009**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day (5 June 2009), the Carmelite NGO is calling for “A Faith Reflection to Climate Change”. The intended purpose of this call is to create focus on the spiritual challenges of the ecological crisis. The organisers have made available for download this booklet: “[A Day of Prayer](#)”.

▪ **Geneva Forum on Social Change, 5 – 6 June 2009, Geneva**

The Geneva Forum on Social Change is scheduled to take place from 5 to 6 June 2009 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) in Geneva. The event will feature a combination of panel debates, keynote speeches, workshops and documentaries.

Among other luminaries, Desmond Tutu will deliver a keynote address. The event is part of the University of Geneva's 450th anniversary celebration and is organised by a group of MBA students from the [UNIGE IOMBA Programme](#).

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

▪ **"Your Planet Needs You – UNite to Combat Climate Change", Roundtable, 5 June 2009, Geneva**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day on 5 June 2009, the University of Geneva and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), through the Geneva Environment Network, are organising a roundtable. The event will focus on the theme "Your Planet Needs You – UNite to Combat Climate Change" and will take place on 5 June 2009 from 16:00 to 17:30 hours at the University of Geneva (UniDufour). More information may be found [here](#).

▪ **"Religion Revisited", Conference, 5 – 6 June 2009, Berlin**

The "Religion Revisited" Conference will be held from 5 to 6 June 2009 at the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, Berlin, as part of the research project "Religion, Politics and Gender Equality" conducted by the Heinrich Böll Foundation in collaboration with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

▪ **"Oil: A Change for Africa?", Public Conference, 10 June 2009, Geneva**

The Graduate Institute in Geneva and SWISSAID Geneva are organising a public conference entitled "Oil: A Change for Africa?". The event is scheduled on 10 June 2009 at 18:30 hours in Auditorium Jacques-Freymond, rue de Lausanne 132, in Geneva. More information may be obtained [here](#). A calendar of events for the Graduate Institute in Geneva is available [here](#).

▪ **"The Critical Role of Women in the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals", 2nd Global Civil Society Forum, 13 – 16 July 2009, Accra**

Voices of African Mothers, in collaboration with MDG Global Watch, will organise the 2nd Global Civil Society Development Forum from 13 to 16 July 2009 in Accra, Ghana, entitled "The Critical Role of Women in the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals". This Forum was decided upon during the 1st Global Civil Society Forum held in Paramaribo, Suriname, in 2007. The event is to provide civil society organisations, engaged with the Millennium Development Goals, with a platform for knowledge-sharing and networking.

▪ **Diplomacy Training Programme, Call for Applications, 13 – 20 July 2009, Bangalore, India**

The Diplomacy Training Programme (DTP) will be held in partnership with the Institute for Social and Economic Change and Cividep, India from 13 to 20 July 2009 in Bangalore, India.

The DTP is calling for applications for its fourth regional programme focused on human rights advocacy and business. The programme was developed to assist human rights defenders and community advocates to respond practically to the challenges for human rights posed by the growing power and influence of corporations, particularly multi-national corporations. For more information, please visit the [DTP website](#).

▪ **Energy Globe Award, Deadline for Project Submission 15 June 2009**

The Energy Globe Award has since 1999 given recognition to projects that "conserve and protect our resources or that employ renewable energy". The projects are categorised into the following: Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Youth. More information is available [here](#).

▪ **“Implementing the internationally agreed development goals and commitments in regard to global public health - MDG 5: Maternal Health, MDG 6: HIV/AIDS – More than just health issues?!”, Roundtable Discussion, 19 June 2009, Geneva**

The International Alliance of Women (IAW) is organising a roundtable discussion entitled “Implementing the internationally agreed development goals and commitments in regard to global public health – MDG 5: Maternal Health, MDG 6: HIV/AIDS – More than just health issues?!”. The event will take place on 19 June 2009 from 14:30 to 16:00 hours in Salle M 605 at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

▪ **“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.

▪ **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](#).

▪ ***Campaigns and Initiatives:***

People’s Decade for Nuclear Abolition – Campaign: www.peoplesdecade.org

Countdown to Copenhagen Campaign:

www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=how_adv_copenhagen

Decent Work Decent Life Campaign: www.decentwork.org

Global Campaign against Poverty: 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

Launch of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe’s Human Rights Prize – Call for Nominations: 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

International NGO Journal – Call for Papers: www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ

▪ **NGO Resources:**

Human Rights Nexus – Project by WFUNA: 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

First Committee Monitor – Resource on the General Assembly’s First Committee on Disarmament and International Security: www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/1com/FCM.html

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

Internet Governance Caucus Website: www.igcaucus.org

2009 UNDP Procurement Training Calendar: www.undp.org/procurement/training.shtml

International NGO Journal: www.academicjournals.org/INGOJ

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations: www.academicjournals.org/ajpsir