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Upcoming Events

-13 September – 1 October 2010

[Human Rights Council, 15th session](#)

From 13 September – 1 October, the Human Rights Council will hold its 15th session in Geneva. It will discuss thematic and country specific human rights issues.

More information is available [online](#).

- 21 September 2010
[International Day of Peace](#)

Observed each year on 21 September, the International



GA PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE ROUNDTABLES OF THE UN HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY MEETING ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The President of 64th Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, has released the names of the representatives of civil society and non-governmental organizations that will participate in the six thematic Roundtables that are a part of the "MDG Summit" (20-22 September, UN headquarters, New York).

More information is available [online](#).

NEW NGLS ROUNDUP – CLOSING THE GAPS: GENDER EQUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS

On the eve of the "MDG Summit" in New York, NGLS released Roundup 139, entitled [Closing the Gaps: Gender Equality and Development Effectiveness](#). This Roundup aims to explore civil society and UN views on the interlinking aspects of financing for gender equality in current negotiation processes.

More information is available [online](#).

MICHELLE BACHELET AS UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL TO HEAD UN WOMEN



On 14 September, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon named former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet as Under-Secretary-General to head UN Women, the new agency that will bring together four existing UN bodies.

Mr. Ban said in announcing Ms. Bachelet's appointment that he wanted UN Women to be a "powerful, dynamic and effective entity."

"I am confident that under her strong leadership we can improve

Day of Peace calls for a global ceasefire and non-violence. It also aims to create public awareness on peace-related issues. This year, the Day's theme is "Youth for Peace and Development," and particularly calls on young people around the world to unite for peace.

More information is available [online](#).

Publications

[UNICEF: Progress for Children – Achieving the MDGs with Equity](#)



According to a new report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), addressing the needs of the poorest of the poor is the key to meeting ambitious development goals and reducing global injustice. Since 2000, when world leaders adopted the UN Millennium Declaration and committed themselves to the [Millennium Development Goals](#), every year, UNICEF's flagship [Progress for Children](#) report monitors progress towards these targets.

More information is available [online](#).

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the lives of millions of women and girls across the world.”

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NEW REGIONAL FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE IN LATIN AMERICA GAINS MOMENTUM



In mid-August 2010, the Government and Central Bank of Ecuador held a series of meetings in Quito with economic ministries, central banks and other institutions in region to advance the agenda for a new regional financial architecture designed to better cope with economic crises and align financial and monetary policies with more people-centred development objectives.

Representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) also contributed their perspectives on how such efforts could reinforce South-South cooperation and benefit from deeper inter-regional collaboration.

More information is available [online](#).

10 YEARS AFTER UN SCR 1325: CONFLICT PREVENTION MECHANISMS



A panel discussion entitled "10 years after UN SCR 1325: Conflict Prevention Mechanisms" brought together three of the members of the Civil Society Advisory Group to critically discuss the concept of conflict prevention under Security Council Resolution 1325 and the local, national, regional and, international mechanisms which should be linked with prevention strategies.

To access the report, click [online](#).

CONGO'S CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2010 – "WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT: INCLUSION, PARTICIPATION, AND EQUALITY" – GENEVA COMPONENT: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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On 30 September and 1 October 2010, the [Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations](#) (CoNGO) will organize the [Geneva Component](#) of its Civil Society Development Forum 2010. Under the theme "Women's Human Rights and Development: Inclusion, Participation, and Equity," the Geneva Component will build on and review the [Outcome Document](#) of the [New York Component](#) in conjunction with the [Ministerial Declaration](#), adopted at this year's Annual Ministerial Review of the ECOSOC. It will also consider the recently established UN Women and the outcomes of the UN "MDG Summit" (20-22 September 2010). Its main aim is to develop concise action points for governments, the UN System and civil society that will advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

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