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Upcoming Events

8 August – 2 September 2011 79th session – Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The seventy-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 August to 2 September 2011, and will examine the reports of the following nine States Parties: Albania, Czech Republic, Georgia, Kenya, Maldives, Malta, Paraguay, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

9 August 2011 International Day of the World's Indigenous People

Since 1995, 9 August is marked as the International Day of the World's Indigenous People. To celebrate the Day, the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (DSDP/DESA), the United Nations Department of Public Information, and the NGO Committee on the Decade of the

NGLS RELEASES E-ROUNDUP ON THE “2011 HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON AIDS: TRANSFORMING VISION INTO REALITY”

Ten years after the landmark 2001 UNGASS on HIV/AIDS, the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting (HLM) on AIDS, held in New York from 8–10 June 2011, brought together more than 3,000 participants, including 30 Heads of State and Government, to review progress, reaffirm current commitment and chart future action in the global fight against AIDS as it continues to destroy lives and opportunities for many. This NGLS e-Roundup highlights the main discussions at the 2011 HLM, examines its outcome, and features various interviews with different stakeholders involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

More information is available [online](#).

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMPILATION DOCUMENT FOR RIO+20 OUTCOME

A [guidance note](#) has been released to facilitate the preparation of inputs from Member States, Major Groups and UN system organizations to the compilation document that will provide the basis for the zero draft of the Rio+20 outcome document. The deadline for focused inputs is 1 November 2011.

More information is available [online](#).

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT (R2P)

On 12 July, the UN General Assembly held an Informal Interactive Dialogue on the Role of Regional and Sub-regional Arrangements in Implementing the Responsibility to Protect (R2P). At the Informal Interactive Dialogue, many participants confirmed that preventative action that targets the root causes of insecurity should be favoured over military interventions, particularly because the latter might be applied in a biased or politicized way. However, they also agreed that there had been situations in the past where the international community should have responded in a timelier manner, such as the genocide of Rwanda. The main difficulty with the R2P principle is that it allows for different interpretations.

More information is available [online](#).

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH

World's Indigenous Peoples are organizing a panel discussion entitled "Indigenous designs: celebrating stories and cultures, crafting our own future," and a screening of a film entitled "Harmony of culture and nature." Those who wish to attend the panel discussion but do not hold UN grounds passes must confirm their participation by sending an email to: aragonm@un.org by noon of 2 August indicating their name, affiliation and contact information.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the "Declaration on the Right to Development," which confirms that the right to development is "an inalienable human right," OHCHR launched a dedicated website to the right to development (RTD), and organized a special event on 12 July. Following this event, NGLS interviewed Felix Kirchmeier, Senior Programme Officer for Human Rights and Development at the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

More information is available [online](#).

Publications

World Economic and Social Survey 2011: The Great Green Technological Transformation



Each year, the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) releases its flagship report "the World Economic and Social Survey (WESS)," which analyses pressing long-term social and economic development issues, and discusses the positive and negative impact of corresponding policies. This year's report focuses on the great green technological transformation that is needed to continue economic progress in an environmentally responsible way.

UNCTAD: World Investment Report 2011

On 26 July, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will launch its annual World Investment Report (WIR), which this year focuses on the strategic use of non-equity modes by transnational corporations in their management of global value chains and international operations. Moreover it will highlight the interplay between FDI and industrial policy, as well as assess the origin, rise and global map of State-owned transnational corporations.

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