

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Selected UN events in 2009

The following list represents some of the UN meetings and events that are due to take place in 2009

Please note that the dates may be subject to change.

Not all meetings listed below are open to NGO participation.

CORRUPTION

United Nations Convention against Corruption

Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

- 11-13 May, Vienna
- 31 August – 2 September, Vienna

Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery,

- 14-15 May, Vienna

Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, 3rd session,

- 9-13 November, Doha

CRIME/NARCOTIC DRUGS

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

- 52nd session and high-level segment,
- 11-20 March, Vienna

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

- 18th session, 15-24 April, Vienna
- resumed 18th session, 3-4 December, Vienna

International Narcotics Control Board

- 94th session, 2-6 February, Vienna
- 95th session, 11-22 May, Vienna
- 96th session, 27 October – 13 November, Vienna

DISARMAMENT

Conference on Disarmament

- 1st part, 19 January – 27 March, Geneva
- 2nd part, 18 May – 3 July, Geneva
- 3rd part, 3 August – 18 September, Geneva

Disarmament Commission

- Annual session, 13 April – 1 May, New York

Nuclear Weapons, Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

- 3rd session, 4-15 May, New York

CTBTO, Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

- 32nd session, 8-12 June, Vienna

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty,

- September, New York

Chemical weapons, Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

- 14th session, 30 November – 4 December, The Hague

Landmines, States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction,

- 10th session, 30 November – 4 December, Cartagena, Colombia

Conventional arms, Open-ended Working Group on an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

- 1st session, 2-6 March, New York

Open-ended working group to discuss scope and parameters for a comprehensive, legally binding instrument establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms,

- 1st session, 2-6 March, New York

Group of governmental experts to review the continuing operation and further development of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and its further development

- 1st session, 16-20 February, Geneva
- 2nd session, 27 April – 1 May, New York
- 3rd session, 6-10 July, New York

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ECOSOC/GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

- Organizational session, 10–13 February, New York
- Resumed organizational session, 29–30 April, New York
- Substantive session, 6–31 July, Geneva
- High-level Segment, 6–9 July, Geneva
- 2009 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR), "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health," to be held during the High-level Segment, Geneva

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO)

- Regular session, 19–28 January, New York
- Resumed session, 18–27 May, New York

ECOSOC Special High-level Meetings with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD

- 20 April, New York

United Nations General Assembly

- 64th session, 15 September – December, New York

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

- October, 2 or 3 days, New York

EDUCATION

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development: Moving into the Second Half of the UN Decade

- 31 March – 2 April, Bonn

UNESCO, World Conference on Higher Education

- 6–8 July, Paris

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

FAO Council

- 136th session, 15–19 June, Rome
- 137th session, 11–13 November, Rome
- 138th session, 23 November, Rome

FAO Committee on World Food Security

- 35th session, 12–15 May, Rome

FAO, Conference

- 35th session, 14–21 November, Rome

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council

- 32nd session, 9–13 February, Rome
- International Forum on Remittances, June, Nairobi, Kenya

World Food Programme (WFP)

- Executive Board, annual session, 8–12 June, Rome

HABITAT

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) Governing Council

- 22nd session, 30 March – 3 April, Nairobi

HEALTH

World Health Organization (WHO)

- World Health Assembly, 62nd session, 18–27 May, Geneva

HUMAN RIGHTS

Human Rights Council

- 10th session, 2–27 March, Geneva
- 11th session, 2–18 June, Geneva
- 12th session, 7–25 September, Geneva

Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

- 2nd session, 26–30 January, Geneva
- 3rd session, 3–7 August, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

- 4th session, 2–13 February, Geneva
- 5th session, 4–15 May, Geneva
- 6th session, 30 November – 11 December, Geneva

Human Rights Committee

- 95th session, 16 March – 3 April, New York
- 96th session, 13–31 July, Geneva
- 97th session, 12 – 30 October, Geneva

Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

- 50th session, 12–30 January, Geneva
- pre-sessional working group, 51st session, 2–6 February, Geneva
- 51st session, 25 May – 12 June, Geneva
- pre-sessional working group, 52nd session, 5–9 September, Geneva
- 52nd session, 14 September – 2 October, Geneva

Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

- 10th session, 20 April – 1 May, Geneva
- 11th session, 23–27 November, Geneva

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

- 74th session, 16 February – 6 March, Geneva
- 75th session, 3–21 August, Geneva

Review Conference on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

- 20–24 April, Geneva

Intergovernmental Working Group on Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

- 7th session, 5–16 October, Geneva

Committee against Torture

- 42nd session, 27 April – 15 May, Geneva
- 43rd session, 2–20 November, Geneva

Committee against Torture, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

- 7th session, 9–13 February, Geneva
- 8th session, 22–26 June, Geneva
- 9th session, 16–20 November, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

- 8th session, 12–16 January, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

- 87th session, 9–13 March, Geneva
- 88th session, 29 June – 3 July, Geneva
- 89th session, December, 2 weeks, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Working Group on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

- 6th session, 30 March – 3 April, Geneva
- 7th session, December, 1 week, Geneva
- 8th session, December, 1 week, Geneva

Human Rights Council, High-Level Task Force on the implementation of the Right to Development

- 5th session, 1–9 April, Geneva

Human Rights Council, open-ended Working Group on the Right to Development

- 10th session, 22–26 June, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

- 54th session, 4–8 May, Geneva
- 55th session, 31 August – 4 September, Geneva
- 56th session, 18–27 November, Geneva

Human Rights Committee, pre-sessional Working Group on Communications

- 96th session, 6–10 July, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Intersessional forum on economic, social and cultural rights

- 31 August – 2 September, Geneva

2009 Social Forum

- 31 August – 2 September, Geneva

Human Rights Council, Forum on Minority Issues

- 2nd session, 3–4 September, Geneva

INDIGENOUS ISSUES

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Board of Trustees

- 22nd session, 23–27 February, Geneva

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

- 8th session, 18–29 May, New York

Human Rights Council, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- 10–14 August, Geneva

INFORMATION

Committee on Information

- 31st session, 4–15 May, New York

INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Law Commission

- 61st session, 1st part, May – June, Geneva
- 61st session, 2nd part, 6 July – 7 August, Geneva

Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, second resumed 7th session

- 9–13 February, New York

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

- 42nd session, 22 June – 17 July, Vienna

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LABOUR

International Labour Organization (ILO)

General Conference,
• 98th session, 3-19 June, Geneva

ILO Governing Body and its committees

- 304th session, 5-27 March, Geneva
- 305th session, 19 June, Geneva
- 306th session, 5-20 November, Geneva

PEACEKEEPING

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session

- 23 February – 20 March, New York

POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Commission on Population and Development

- 42nd session, 30 March – 3 April, New York

REFUGEES

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

- Executive Committee, 60th session, 28 September – 2 October, Geneva

UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs,

- 29 June – 1 July, Geneva

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commission for Social Development

- 47th session, 4-13 February, New York
- Civil Society Forum "Promoting Social Integration," 3 February, New York

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)

- Intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the 17th session of the CSD, 23-27 February, New York
- 17th session of the CSD, 4-15 May, New York

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- Conference of the Parties to the Convention, 15th session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies, 30 November – 11 December, Copenhagen

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, 25th session, 16-20 February, Nairobi
- Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF – 10), 10th session, 14-15 February, Nairobi

United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)

- 8th session, 20 April – 1 May, New York

TRADE, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission, 1st session, 4-8 May, Geneva
- Trade and Development Commission, 1st session, 11-15 May, Geneva

Trade and Development Board

- 56th session, 14-25 September, Geneva
- Annual Hearing with Civil Society, 15 September, Geneva

WOMEN

Commission on the Status of Women

- 53rd session, 2-13 March, New York

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

- 43rd session, 19 January – 6 February, Geneva
- pre-sessional working group for the 45th session, 9-13 February, Geneva
- 44th session, 20 July – 7 August, New York
- pre-sessional working group for the 46th session, 10-14 August, New York

Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention

- 14th session, 9-13 February, Geneva
- 15th session, 13-17 July, New York