

THE WEEK AHEAD AT THE UNITED NATIONS:
THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE (39/09)
17-23 October 2009 (and beyond)

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Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty. <http://standagainstopoverty.org>
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VIP Visits

- Najat M'jid Maalla, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography: United Arab Emirate (till 18 October).
- Olivier De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food: Brazil (till 18 October).
- B. Lynn Pascoe, USG for Political Affairs: trip to southern and eastern Africa (till 23 October).
- Gay McDougall, UN Independent Expert on minority issues: Canada (till 23 October).
- OHCHR mission to Honduras (18 October-7 November).
- Javier Solana, High Representative for the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy: Trip to the Middle East (19-21 October).
- Jacques Diouf, FAO Director-General: Brussels (21 October tbc).
- Radhika Coomaraswamy - UN SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict: Brussels (21-22 October).

Saturday, 17 October

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: "Children and families speak out against poverty" <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlDay/2009intliday.html>

Caen: Nuclear Disarmament Days. Organisers: "Mouvement pour la paix", Caen Congrès Centre (till 18 October).

Edinburgh: Stand Up & Take Action against Poverty. Digital art installation 'Let the Homeless Tell Their Story'

Reykjavík: "Let's remove the chains of poverty," is the high point of a week of activism of the Icelandic chapter of Amnesty International.

Sunday 18 October

Buenos Aires: World Forestry Congress (till 23 October).

London: MEF, Major Economies Forum, Lancaster House (till 19 October).

Zurich: "United Against Malaria": using football to fight malaria. Professor Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Executive Director of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership will present the campaign at the FIFA Medical Conference, in front of representatives from 180 national football associations.

Monday, 19 October

EU Anti Trafficking Day

Athens: World Forum on Energy Regulation.

Brussels: - "Towards Global EU Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings": EU Ministerial Conference. Venue: Palais d'Egmont. Contact: counter-trafficking-vienna@iom.int

See also: http://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/Trafficking_in_Persons_in_Europe_09.pdf

-EU-Russia Foreign Ministers' Permanent Partnership Council.

- Climate for Cooperation: The EU, China and Climate Change. <http://www.ceps.be/event/climate-cooperation-eu-china-and-climate-change-0>

-Regional conference on justice in the Euro-Mediterranean area.

Bucharest: 2009 Global Forum: Shaping the Future (till 20 October).

<http://www.globalforum.ro/index-en.html>

Geneva: -Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (till 23 October).

-Human Rights Committee (till 30 October).

-IFRC Launch of a new report: The economic crisis and its humanitarian impact on Europe.

Göteborg: International workshop on climate and air - how reducing air pollution can help counteract global warming. Organisers: European Commission, UN Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP), European Environment Agency (EEA) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (till 21 October).

http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/19/international_workshop_on_climate_and_air#

Kigali: Inter-governmental Meeting of Programme Country Pilots on Delivering as one: Exchange of Experiences, Lessons Learned, and Approaches to Country-led Evaluations (till 21 October).

New York: ECOSOC - Informal consultations in relation to the report of the UN Secretary-General, entitled "The promotion and enhancement of a coordinated response of the United Nations development system and the specialized agencies in the follow-up to and implementation of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development".

Paris: -UNESCO - General Conference (till 23 October).

-Roller Parade for the MDGs. Organizers: Millennium Campaign, UNRIC and 'Rollers & Coquillages'.

Luxembourg: Agriculture and Fisheries Council (till 20 October).

- Eurogroup meeting

Strasbourg: -European Parliament - Plenary session (till 22 October).

-European Parliament - Extraordinary meeting in preparation of Copenhagen.

Vienna: IAEA experts' meeting of countries involved in Iranian nuclear dossier.

Tuesday, 20 October

Geneva: -ILO Workshop to Promote Ratification of the Private Employment Agencies Convention.

-Sixteenth Inter-Agency and Expert Group Meeting on the MDG Indicators (till 22 October).

Luxembourg: EU ECOFIN Council.

Paris: "Investing in Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue" - Launch of the UNESCO report.

Stockholm: International symposium "Energy 2050".

Wednesday, 21 October

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Brussels: -5th Annual Brussels Climate Change Conference.

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=81433847-06c4-4050-aa01-da3d35abee18>

-European Commission: Improving protection and efficacy of the European Asylum System. (tbc). http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/barrot/welcome/default_en.htm

-Security and migration in the 21st century. <http://www.ceps.be/event/security-and-migration-21st-century>

Naples: Ministerial conference: TENT-T Days 2009: The future of trans-European transport networks. Building bridges between Europe and its neighbors - the Mediterranean and Africa - on trans-European Networks. Organizers: European Commission with the Swedish EU Presidency and the Italian Ministry of Transport (till 22 October). <https://www.ten-t-days-2009-naples.eu/>

Luxembourg: EU Environment Council meeting.

Oslo: "The Obama Initiative and a Two-State Solution for Israel and Palestine". Roundtable with David Gardner, Bassma Kodmani, Anne Lene Dale Sandsten & Mariano Aguirre. <http://www.peacebuilding.no>.

Thursday, 22 October

Bratislava: Informal NATO Defence Ministers' meeting (till 23 October).

Brussels: Rehabilitation and Reintegration of War-Affected Children. Venue: Royal Flemish Academy for Science and the Arts, Hertogsstraat 1. More: www.rrwac.be (till 23 October). Press briefing with Radhika Coomaraswamy UN Under-Secretary-General and UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict: 22 October 11.00am.

New Delhi: High Level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Transfer (till 23 October).

New York: The UN Secretary-General will hold his monthly press conference.

-Security Council - briefing on the UN Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT).

-Security Council - consultations on Iraq/Kuwait.

Paris: EU Institute of Security Studies' Annual Conference. Javier Solana, High Representative for the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy will attend.

Stockholm: European Development Days (EDD) (till 24 October) <http://www.eudevdays.eu>

The first-ever European Report on Development (ERD), a framework for rethinking the EU perspective on key development issues and enhance its voice on the international scene, will be launched in the context of the EDD. This first Report, which is meant to forge a new European approach, is dealing with the complex issue of fragility in Sub-Saharan Africa. Described as the "toughest development challenge of our era", how to deal with situations of fragility is currently high on the European and international political agenda.

Helen Clark, UN's Development Programme administrator; Michel Kazatchkine, Executive director of the Global Fund to Fight Aids Tuberculosis and Malaria; Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA); Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director of the World Bank; Michel Sidibe, Executive Director of UNAIDS; Anna Tibaijuka - USG and UN-HABITAT Executive Director Annika Söder, ASG for UN Coordination and Millennium Development Goals at the FAO; David Morrison - UNCDF Executive Secretary Dominique Strauss-Kahn, IMF Managing director: among the participants.

-UN's climate exhibition at Stockholm Central station.

http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/22/visit_the_presidency_and_the_un_s_climate_exhibition_at_stockholm_central_station#

Strasbourg: European Parliament-Sakharov Prize 2009. The leaders of the political groups will decide on the winner of the EP Prize for freedom of thought.

Friday, 23 October

Launch of the Information Economy UNCTAD Report 2009

Athens: Launch of a book entitled "The Right to Food - Global Food Crisis and Environment" organized by the Panteion University & UNESCO Greece with the participation of UNRIC.

Brussels: COMAG/COMEM/COMEP troika between the EU and Japan to discuss the Middle East and North Africa.

Luxembourg: Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council.

New York: Security Council - debate on the UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT).

And beyond: Other dates to pin

24 October

United Nations Day

World Development Information Day

Disarmament Week <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/disarmament/index.html>

Athens: United Nations Flag Raising ceremony at Parthenon and Wreath laying ceremony at Syntagma square.

Copenhagen: International parliamentary conference, with participation from G8+5 countries and Denmark about climate change. Organizer: GLOBE.
<http://www.globeinternational.org/content.php?id=2:0:0:0>

Oslo: UN Day celebration. International Children Parade and children's festival with various activities. <http://www.fn.no>

26 October

Brussels: -Poverty in Medium and Small Cities of Developing Countries. Organizers: Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences of Belgium and UN-HABITAT. Venue: Palais des Académies - Paleis der Academiën (till 28 October).

-High-Level Group on Asylum and Migration. (Till 27 October)
http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/26/high-level_group_on_asylum_and_migration#

Luxembourg: -General Affairs and External Relations Council.

-Cooperation Council between the EU troika and Armenia.

-Cooperation Council between the EU troika and Azerbaijan.

-Cooperation Council between the EU troika and Georgia.

Stockholm: High Level Conference on Labour Market Inclusion.

- 6th EU-China Round Table (EESC/REX) (until 28/10)

27 October

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage [UNESCO] http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=25563&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Brussels: Special edition of CINE-ONU to mark UN Day - 6.30pm Polak Room, Residence Palace.

- Informal meeting of EU Defence Policy Directors to discuss current crisis management operations, capacity development and partnerships.

http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/27/informal_meeting_of_eu_defence_policy_directors#

Geneva: ILO Meeting of Experts on the Revision of the List of Occupational Diseases Recommendation (till 30 October).

28 October

Launch of the 2010 European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion.

Brussels: Business Europe Conference - "Between Economic & Climate Crisis. Can Copenhagen show a Way Out?" The conference will bring together senior policy-makers and business representatives from the EU as well as from international players like the US and China.

<http://www.businesseurope.eu/Content/Default.asp?PageID=558>

- "Chaos in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Should the West send more troops?" by Ahmed Rashid journalist: MO*lecture at 7 pm. Venue: Kaaitheater, please register: 02.536 19 77 or jan.buelinckx@mo.be www.MO.be/molezing

29 October

Brussels: European Council (till 30 October).

Stockholm: Seminar on practical cooperation on asylum and protection issues. The Swedish Migration Board in cooperation with the Academy of European Law (ERA) will be holding a seminar on practical cooperation on asylum issues focusing on future challenges. Keynote speakers include Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy Tobias Billström and representatives of the European Commission, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), an umbrella organisation of NGOs in the field of asylum and migration.

(http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/29/seminar_on_practical_cooperation_on_asylum_and_protection_issues#)

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