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January				
15-16	ECLAC Internacional de Especialistas en sistemas electorales y participación política de las mujeres en el nivel local, con el apoyo del INSTRAW y la AECID.	Preparatory activity for the implementation of the Observatory of Gender Equality in Latin America and the Caribbean to elaborate recommendations on indicators for the follow-up of women's political autonomy in decision-making in local governments.	ECLAC, INSTRAW, AECID (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development) and gender experts	http://www.eclac.cl/mujer/
February				
4-6 (Bangkok)	ESCAP First Session of Committee on Statistics	To decide on the strategic direction and priorities of the Committee, and discuss and decide on regional priorities and approaches for statistical issues.	ESCAP members and associate members	www.unescap.org/stat/cst/1/index.asp
5-6 (Beirut)	ESCWA Seventh session of the Committee on Energy	To follow-up on emerging energy-related issues and on progress made by member countries in that field; and to discuss ESCWA's proposed programme budget for 2010-2011 in the area of energy.	ESCWA member countries Observers from UN entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations	http://www.escwa.un.org/information/meetingdetailsar.asp?referenceNum=04710A
10 (Beirut)	ESCWA Second Working Group of the Statistical Committee	To discuss and coordinate the positions of ESCWA member countries on issues on the agenda of the UN Statistical Commission; and to identify the regional position to the Delhi Group Manual on the Informal Sector.	Selected ESCWA member countries	http://www.escwa.un.org/divisions/main.asp?division=sd

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16 (Bangkok)	ESCAP Regional Thematic Working Group on International Migration, including Human Trafficking	To discuss cooperation amongst the regional offices of the United Nations agencies, programmes and relevant intergovernmental organizations in the Asia and Pacific region in the area of international migration and economic, demographic, and social development.	UN Bodies/ Agencies	
19 (Bangkok)	ESCAP Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) Meeting	To discuss important events for 2009, the UN system regional response to the unfolding financial and economic crisis and to ensure synergies with the Asia-Pacific Regional Directors Team (RDT).	all UN agencies	
26-27 (Nairobi)	UN-HABITAT Regional Conference of Mayors of Capital Cities of Africa	UN-HABITAT will bring together these key architects of urban change and transformation to share their experiences and to develop common strategies for addressing their unique responsibilities.	African mayors and partners	http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=6225&catid=26&typeid=11&subMenuId=0
March				
2 (Bangkok)	ESCAP Ad-hoc meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) Meeting	The Office of the High Commission on Human Rights (OHCHR) called this meeting in coordination with their annual consultation on the regional dimension of human rights.	all UN agencies	

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2-13 (New York)	DESA/DAW 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women	The annual session focused on the priority theme "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including in the context of HIV/AIDS" and reviewed agreed conclusions on "Equal participation of women and men in decision-making" adopted at the Commission's 50th session in 2006.	Governments, major groups of civil society, UN entities, academia	http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sessions.htm
6-7 (Addis Ababa)	ECA Official Launch and Inaugural Advisory Board Meeting Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA)	CoDA is an institutionally independent forum for free discussion among non-state and state actors.	CoDA is a joint venture of the African Development Bank (AfDB), African Union Commission (AUC), and the ECA.	Under construction
16 (Bangkok)	ESCAP Ad-hoc meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) Meeting	This meeting was called to welcome the new Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and to discuss how the UN system can move forward to strengthen work in the area of HIV/AIDS.	all UN agencies	
16-18 (Sri Lanka)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) Preparatory Meeting in South Asia on Financing Strategies for Healthcare			

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17 (Oslo)	UN-HABITAT/ Government of Norway International Conference on Cities and Climate Change	Conference will develop a common understanding on issues and challenges on Cities and Climate Change and identify opportunities for forging effective north south partnerships and networks for technology, finance and knowledge transfer, with specific focus on the building, transport and waste management sectors.	international and Norwegian participants from public, private and civil society from Norway, Ecuador, Mozambique, Uganda and Philippines, the Cities and Climate Change Initiative (CCCI) partner countries; UNHABITAT	http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=6328&catid=26&typeid=11&subMenuId=0
18 (Bangkok)	ESCAP 7th Meeting of the Regional Thematic Working Group on Poverty and Hunger	To discuss cooperation and coordination amongst regional offices of the UN system in the area of poverty and hunger.	UN Agencies and UN Bodies	
19 (Beirut)	ESCWA Advisory Committee of Ambassadors of ESCWA Member Countries	To discuss ESCWA work and the impact of world developments	Chiefs of diplomatic missions from ESCWA member countries	
22-24 (Oxford)	UNU-WIDER African Development: Myths and Realities	Development conference	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu
23-24 (Beirut)	ESCWA Fifth Meeting of the Taskforce on Population and Housing Consensus	To discuss issues of metadata reporting in census; to review and comments on the Arabic translation of the Population & Principles of Population and Housing Censuses-revision 2; and to share good practices in the area of statistics.	National Statistical Offices in the ESCWA region	http://www.escwa.un.org/divisions/main.asp?divison=sd
24 (London)	UNU-WIDER Global Wealth Study: Personal Wealth from a Global Perspective	Project book launch	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu

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25-27 (Bangkok)	ESCAP First Session of Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction	To discuss trends and challenges in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and decide upon regional priorities and approaches in the area of disaster risk reduction for the Asia and Pacific region.	ESCAP members and associate members	http://www.unescap.org/icstd/cdrr/2009/
26 (Bangkok)	ESCAP Launch of the <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009</i> , "Addressing Triple Threats to Development" (Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand)	To disseminate information on ESCAP's flagship publication, which in 2009, analyses the threats posed by the three global crises – economic downturn, food and fuel price volatility, and climate change – for Asia and the Pacific and outlines ways in which economies in the region can move forward.	Medias, 20 cities across the Asian and Pacific region, New York and Geneva, Academicians.	www.unescap.org/survey2009
31 March to 2 April (Beirut)	ESCWA Tenth session of the Committee on Transport	To follow-up on the developments in the transport sector and on the implementation of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq.	ESCWA member countries Observers from UN entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations	http://www.escwa.un.org/information/meetingdetailsar.asp?referenceNum=508A
April				
16-17	DESA/DSD Expert Group Meeting Sustainable Land Management & Agricultural Practices in Africa: Bridging the Gap Between Research & Farmers	Options and conditions for scaling up and application of successful sustainable land management and sustainable agriculture practices	Host: Government of Sweden. Environment for Development (EfD) network. Development experts, academia and research institutions, UN agencies.	http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/susdevtopics/sdt_agri_egm0409.shtml
21-23 (Antalya)	UNEP Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, plenary	The focus of this meeting will be on the future of the IPCC, in particular the scope of the next Assessment Report.	Governments, scientists, UN system	www.ipcc.ch

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22-24 (Siracusa)	UNEP G8 Environment Ministers Meeting	Two main agenda items will be countering climate change and the preservation of biodiversity.	G8 Environment Ministers, EU President, European Commission, ministers/senior environmental officials from China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, the Republic of Korea and Egypt, and Denmark as UNFCCC COP host. A number of IGOs and NGOs will also be present.	www.g8italia2009.it/G8/G8-G8_Layout_locale-1199882116809_Home.htm
23-29 (Bangkok)	ESCAP Sixty-fifth session of the Commission	To promote regional dialogue, discuss and decide on regional priorities and approaches to address key issues of importance for the region, particularly sustainable agriculture and food security.	Members and Associate Members of ESCAP, Permanent Observers to ESCAP, IGOs, NGOs, and UN agencies	www.unescap.org/65/
29-30 (China)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional AMR Preparatory Meeting in Asia and the Pacific on Promoting Health Literacy			
May				
TBD	ESCWA SG Note on "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan"	The note describes the social and economic ramifications of Israeli occupation on the occupied Palestinian territory, including occupied Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan. The note is annually mandated by ECOSOC and GA resolutions.	UNESCO, DPA, UNRWA, OCHA, UNICEF, UNCTAD, WHO and other concerned UN entities as well as international, Israeli and Palestinian NGOs	

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4-8 (Geneva)	UNEP Conference of Parties to Stockholm Convention On Persistent Organic Pollutants	For the first time in the history of the Convention, nine new chemicals will be considered for listing in the annexes of the Convention.	Governments, UN agencies, other IGOs, and NGOs.	http://chm.pops.int
4-15	DESA/DSD Seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development	Thematic focus areas of the current cycle include agriculture, rural development, drought, desertification, and Africa.	Governments, major groups of civil society, UN entities, academia	http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd17.shtml
4-22	OHCHR Committee on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (CESCR)	The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) is a body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by its States parties.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/
5-7 (Damascus)	ESCWA Regional High-Level Consultative Conference on "The Impact of the International Financial Crisis on the ESCWA Member Countries: the Way Forward"	The regional high-level consultative conference is expected to shed light on the current financial crisis, analyze the economic and social impacts on ESCWA member countries, and attempt to formulate a joint stand on the way forward in preparation for the Global High Level Event.	Partners: ILO and World Bank Participants: Ministries of Finance, Planning, Industry, Labour and Social Welfare, regional and international organizations, the League of Arab States, Islamic Development Bank, Arab Planning Institute and selected worldwide experts.	
5 (Damascus)	ESCWA Launching of the 'Annual Review Annual Review of Developments in Globalization and Regional Integration in Arab Countries 2008'	The Annual Review is a recurrent publication of ESCWA that addresses efforts made by the Arab countries to keep up with the pace of globalization and assesses the extent to which regional integration of the economies of the Arab countries has been achieved.	Participants: Ministries of Finance, Planning, Industry, Labour and Social Welfare, regional and international organizations, the League of Arab States, Islamic Development Bank, Arab Planning Institute and selected worldwide experts.	

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10-11 (Doha)	ESCWA ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review (AMR): Regional Ministerial Meeting on 'Addressing Non-communicable Diseases and Injuries: Major Challenges to Development in the 21st Century'	The objective of the regional consultation is to support the preparations of the AMR session to be held during the ECOSOC high-level segment (July 2009, Geneva). This meeting will address Non-Communicable diseases and injury, which are important public health regional priorities.	Partners: UN-DESA and WHO Participants: Ministries of Health, Finance, Planning, Industry, Labour and Social Welfare, regional and international organizations, civil society and academia.	
10-11 (Qatar)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional Preparatory Meeting in West Asia on Addressing Non-Communicable disease and injuries: major challenges to sustainable development in the 21 st century			
11-15 (Geneva)	UNEP 2 nd International Conference on Chemicals Management	To review the progress of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)	Governments, intergovernmental organizations, UN system, NGOs, trade and medical associations	www.saicm.org/index.php?content=meeting&mid=42&def=1&menuid=9

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11-15 (Manado)	UNEP World Ocean Conference	To discuss current issues in the marine field which are related to climate change, such as impacts, the role of oceans in regulating climate change, adaptation and mitigation measures, and opportunities for cooperation.	Governments, intergovernmental organizations, UN system, scientific institutions	www.woc2009.org/
15 (Siem Riep)	ESCAP Ministerial Roundtable on Green Growth in Cambodia	High-level political consultation on the draft roadmap for Green Growth in Cambodia.	Representatives from local government	
(second half)	ESCWA 4th Arab Forum on Statistical Capacity Building - A Workshop on Measuring Progress of Societies for the Arab Countries	The Forum will be hosted by the Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) of Egypt and the organizing committee is chaired by the President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. The workshop is the most important regional event in the field of statistics and held back-to-back with the Forum.	Organized in cooperation with The League of Arab States and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Statistics
18-29 (New York)	DESA/DSPD 8 th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)	The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council, with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.	Members of the Forum, Members States, UN system, accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organisations and academic institutions and NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status. Responsible entity: Secretariat of the UNPFII (DSPD, DESA).	www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/

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21-22	ECA Third African Ministerial Conference on Financing for Development on the theme: Climate Change, An Additional Challenge to Meeting the MDGs in Africa	This high level meeting will be attended by African Ministers of Finance and Environment and is aimed at engaging them in better sourcing new financing opportunities. The 3 F crisis emergence (Food, Fuel and recently Financial crisis) the last few months have provided an additional challenge for African governments to intensify their efforts in the search for innovative yet more predictable funding sources for development. Mobilization of resources for climate change becomes a necessity because such funds are counted usually counted separately from ODA or existing financial flows.	African Ministers of Finance, UNECA, UNEP, DFID, A select number of African Ministers responsible for Environment, African Development Bank, African Union Commission	www.uneca.org/f4d/
22-24	UNU-WIDER Beyond the Tipping Point: Latin American Development in an Urban World	Project Workshop, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu
25 May to 12 June	OHCHR Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	The Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is a body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by its State parties.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/CRC/

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25-27 (Cairo)	ESCWA 4th Arab Forum on Statistical Capacity Building	The Forum will discuss strengthening Arab countries' participation in the international statistical system and review the progress made in preparing and implementing NSDS in the Arab countries. The meeting will also focus on the financial support for the implementation of strategies developed by member countries.	The Forum will be hosted by the Central Administration for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) of Egypt and the organizing committee is chaired by the President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. Partners: Organized in cooperation with The League of Arab States and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	http://www.escwa.un.org/information/meetingdetails.asp?referenceNUM=0989E
27 (Geneva)	ECLAC Launching meeting of the interregional project "Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities"	Review of the work-plan and coordination of main activities	The five regional commissions, the UN Division for the Advancement of Women and the UN Statistic Division	(in construction)
<i>June</i>				
TBD	ESCWA	EGM		

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1-9	ECA Launch of the 2009 Edition of the Economic Report on Africa (ERA 2009).	ERA is one of the Commission's annual flagship publications prepared by the Trade Finance and Economic Development Division (TFED) in collaboration with the African Union. The report provides an overview of recent developments in the world economy and examines growth performance and social development in African economies. In addition, the report examines emerging development challenges in Africa, including world trade negotiations, infrastructure bottlenecks, climate change and progress towards the MDGs. The Report will be launched during the second session of the Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The meetings will be held in Egypt.	Participants are: Officials from Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), International and Regional Organisations, Media Partners: African Union Commission and the Government of Egypt.	www.uneca.org/tfed
2-3 (Mexico City)	ECLAC Reunión Técnica para consolidar una propuesta de clasificador regional de actividades de uso del tiempo	Technical meeting to consolidate a proposal for a regional time use classification system	Experts from ECLAC, UNIFEM, INEGI, INMUJERES	(in construction)

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2-7	ECA Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	The theme of the Conference is “Enhancing the effectiveness of fiscal policy for domestic resources mobilization”. The Conference will also discuss the impact of the recent global financial and economic crises on Africa’s development and examine policy options for addressing the crises	African Ministers of Finance, Ministers of Planning and Economic Development (and their experts), Governors of Central Banks, African regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations, including the AfDB and RECs as well as UN agencies. Jointly organized with the African Union Commission	www.uneca.org/cfm
2-18	OHCHR Human Rights Council	The Human Rights Council is the principal UN inter-governmental body responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/
4-5 (Mexico City)	ECLAC VII Reunión Internacional de Expertas y Expertos en Encuestas sobre Uso del Tiempo: hacia un clasificador de actividades sobre uso del tiempo en América Latina	Expert meeting to prepare a Time Use activity classification system for Latin America	Experts from ECLAC, UNIFEM, Mexico National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) and National Institute for Women (INMUJERES) together with representatives of national statistical institutes of Latin American countries.	(in construction)
5 (Mexico)	UNEP World Environment Day	2009 theme of “Your Planet Needs You -- Unite to Combat Climate Change”	Governments, UN system, civil society, private sector	www.unep.org/wed
5-6 (Jamaica)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional AMR Preparatory meeting in Latin America and the Caribbean on progress in the reduction of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its interconnection with development			

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8-10 (Nairobi)	ACP/EC/UN-HABITAT Urbanization Challenges & Poverty Reduction In ACP (African, Caribbean And Pacific) Countries	Mega-cities and mega-slums One out of three citizens lives in slums Rapid growth of small cities Increasing urban inequalities Climate change impact on cities Governance and urban planning	Members states, UN agencies and partners	http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=6502&catid=26&typeid=11&subMenuId=0
10-11 (Ghana)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional AMR Preparatory meeting in Africa on e-Health			
12-13 (Helsinki)	UNU-WIDER The Role of Elites in Economic Development	Development conference	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu
16-18	ESCWA Follow-up on the Regional Implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society Outcomes in Western Asia (to be held in Damascus).	The Conference would act as a forum where various WSIS stakeholders in the ESCWA region meet to present, discuss and review the progress made towards the implementation of the eleven action lines, as well as of the execution of the RPoA for building the Information Society and of similar regional strategies and plans of action.		
18-19 (Helsinki)	UNU-WIDER Reflections on Transition: Twenty Years After The Fall of The Berlin Wall	Development conference	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu

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19-20 (Beirut)	ESCWA Sixth meeting of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Financing for Development	To discuss and follow-up on progress made by member countries in the liberalization of foreign trade, economic globalization and financing for developments. The Committee will also discuss the Proposed Programme Budget for 2010-2011 in the areas of trade, globalization and financing for development.	ESCWA member countries Observers from UN entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations	www.escwa.un.org
22-26	OHCHR WG on the Right to Development	The WG monitors and reviews progress made in the promotion and implementation of the right to development	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/development/right/index.htm
23	DESA/DPADM United Nations Public Service Day and Awards Ceremony	The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/277, designated 23 June as United Nations Public Service Day for the purpose of celebrating the value and virtue of service to the community at the local, national and global levels, with prizes to be awarded to public sector organizations for contributions made to the cause of enhancing the role, prestige and visibility of public service. On 23 June each year, the United Nations organizes a ceremony at the UN Headquarters in New York to commemorate the United Nations Public Service Day, during which the most innovative initiatives in public service are recognized.	UN Public Service Award Winners from the Members States; United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) Partners	www.unpan.org/publicserviceday
30 June – 2 July (Beirut)	ESCWA Third meeting of the Technical Committee	To follow-up on the programme of work for 2008-2009 and on ESCWA's resolutions; advise the ESCWA secretariat on programmatic issues; and identify emerging regional issues.	Representatives from ESCWA member countries and other high-level delegates	www.escwa.un.org

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6 (Port of Spain)	ECLAC Sixteenth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	United Nations inter-agency coordination meeting on gender issues for Latin America and the Caribbean. The sixteenth session will review the declaration and resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-third session and coordinate the participation of UN bodies at the eleventh tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, 13-16 July 2010)	UN bodies carrying out gender activities in the LAC region	n/a
6-9	DESA/OESC ECOSOC High-level Segment			

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7-8 (Port of Spain)	ECLAC Forty-third of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) that brings together Government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality. The Conference meets every three years and the Presiding Officers twice a year. At this session, they will review the main regional challenges to implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in view of the Beijing+15 commemoration and coordinate accordingly the organization of the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, June 2010).	Women ministers and authorities of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean	http://www.eclac.cl/mujer/
7-9 July (New Delhi)	UN-HABITAT,) 2009 Habitat Business Forum : Innovative Cities	The First Habitat Business Forum will be on the theme 'Innovative Cities'. In the present global financial downturn, and the increasing environmental threats, where cities are hit by impoverishment and insecurity, innovation is the key to ensure a sustainable living for all. The forum will provide a platform to debate Urban Challenges & Solutions and present best practices and innovation for creating sustainable and harmonious cities. The private sector, as a key driver of innovation, will show-case best practices and debate new solutions to housing, infrastructure, energy, transport and ICT needs in cities	UN-HABITAT, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India and the China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce (CRECC) and partners	http://www.ficci-habitatbusinessforum.com/

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10 (am)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions			
10 (pm) and 14 (am)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Coordination Segment			
20 July to 7 August	OHCHR CEDAW (parallel chambers, to be confirmed)	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/committee.htm
23-24 (Mexico City)	ECLAC Expert Meeting "Análisis de la crisis financiera desde la perspectiva de género: entendiendo su impacto sobre el trabajo de las Mujeres".	Expert Meeting to analyze the impact of the global economic crisis both in the Latin American context and from a gender perspective to identify its consequences on the productive and unpaid work of women.	ECLAC, UNIFEM, INSTRAW, OIT, INEGI, INMUJERES, feminist economists and gender specialists	(in construction)
August				
August/ September (TBD)	ESCWA 12 th Regional Coordination Mechanism Meeting	This meeting will bring together UN Regional organizations as well as non-UN regional partners, including the League of Arab States to discuss coordination in a variety of areas, including responding to the Financial and Economic Crisis.	Representatives of UN agencies and organizations working in the ESCWA region, the League of Arab States.	

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6-8 (Singapore)	ESCAP Singapore Economic Review Conference 2009	The Singapore Economic Review Conference will review key economic issues of importance for the Asia-Pacific region and particularly issues impinging on Southeast Asia. ESCAP will participate in the special session on Green Growth and Green Tax & Budget Reform for Greening the Economy.	Representatives from governments and expert from related organizations/agencies	www.serc2009.org/
31 August to 2 September	OHCHR Social Forum	The Social Forum is a unique space for interactive dialogue between the United Nations human rights machinery and various stakeholders, including grass-roots organizations. This session will focus on national and international efforts for poverty reduction and their human rights dimension, as well as impacts of financial crisis	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/poverty/sforum.htm
September				
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1-4 (TBC) (New York)	DESA/DSPD 2 nd Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		States Parties, signatories of the Convention, accredited organisations of persons with disabilities and NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status. Responsible entity: Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (DSPD, DESA) in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.	www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=19&pid=1443
3-4	OHCHR Forum on Minority Issues	The forum is to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, which shall provide thematic contributions and expertise to the work of the independent expert on minority issues.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/minority/forum.htm
7-9 (Bangkok)	ESCAP First session of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development	To discuss macroeconomic policies to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable and inclusive development as well as on strategies for achieving MDGs and to decide upon regional priorities and approaches in the area of macroeconomic policy and inclusive development.	ESCAP members and associate members	www.unescap.org/about/committee_mpd.asp
7-25	OHCHR Human Rights Council	The Human Rights Council is the principal UN inter-governmental body responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	

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8-11 (Bangkok)	ESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Progress Made on Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action	To review the progress made on implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, which was established in 1995 to push forward an agenda for women's empowerment, including removing all the obstacles to women's active participation in all spheres of public and private life through a full and equal share in economic, social, cultural and political decision-making.	ESCAP members, associate members and observers	
10-11 (Bangkok)	ESCAP 14th session of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)	To promote interagency coordination and cooperation on statistical programmes and consistency in statistical practices and development, in particular capacity building activities.	Selected Governments	www.unescap.org/stat/meet/events_Asia_Pacific.asp ; www.unescap.org/stat/meet/techmeet.asp
14 September to 2 October (Geneva)	OHCHR Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	The Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by its State parties.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	
22	DESA/DSD Secretary-General's High-level Event on Climate Change		Government Representatives, UN entities, academia and civil society representatives	
28-29 (Santiago)	ECLAC Specialist meeting on good practices	In the framework of the Observatory of Gender Equality in LAC, expert meeting to define a conceptual framework on governmental good practices in the field of public policies for gender equality.	ECLAC, UNFPA and UNDP (cooperation), PAHO, UNIFEM, INSTRAW and regional gender specialists	(in construction)

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(venue TBD)	ESCAP 7 th Meeting of Chiefs of Programme Planning of Regional Commissions	Sharing of experiences on programme planning, monitoring and evaluation matters and to increase harmonization for the work of the regional Commissions.	ECA/ECE/ECLAC, ESCAP/ ESCWA	
October				
TBC (Beirut)	ESCWA Seventh session of the Committee on Social Development	To discuss and debate on prominent social issues in the region, review progress made and proposes future action.	ESCWA member countries Observers from UN entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations	www.escwa.un.org
5 (Washington, DC and Colombo)	UN-HABITAT World Habitat Day	The United Nations has designated the first Monday in October each year as World Habitat Day. The idea is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right to adequate shelter for all. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.	UN-HABITAT, Member states, Habitat Agenda Partenrs	www.unhabitat.org
TBC (Beirut)	ESCWA Special event on Youth		ESCWA member countries Observers from UN entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations	
TBC	ESCWA Expert Group Meeting on program formulation and coordination among UN entities and NGOs in addressing development challenges in conflict affected countries	The meeting will address development challenges and explore ways among key actors to mitigate the impact of conflict on development in Western Asia.	Representatives and experts from the UN system, multilateral organizations, donor countries and academia.	

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TBC	ESCWA The Arab Forum on Social Policy	Aims of the Forum: - Increase the interest of ESCWA member states and secure their commitment to integrated social policy by raising awareness of the normative framework and the practical tools; - Disseminate lessons learned in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of social policy in the region and beyond and foster dialogue on the challenges and opportunities.	Partners: ESCWA, League of Arab States, Other United Nations agencies Participants: - Representatives of member states and other non-member Arab governments, Representatives of major civil society organizations- Experts who have worked in social policy field	
12-16	OHCHR Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW)	CMW is a body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families by its State parties	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cmw/
19	DESA/DSD Panel on sustainable development	The panel will be part of the introduction of the Sustainable Development cluster at the Second Committee of the 64 th session of General Assembly	Governments, major groups of civil society, UN entities, academia	www.un.org/esa/dsd
19-23	OHCHR Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	CRPD is a body of independent experts which monitors implementation of the Convention by the States Parties.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIindex.aspx
21-23 (Beirut)	ESCWA Fourth Session of the Committee on Women	To discuss and debate on prominent social issues in the region, review progress made and proposes future action.	ESCWA member countries. Observers from UN entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations.	www.escwa.un.org

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22 (Seoul)	ESCAP 3rd Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement	The meeting will conclude the 4th Round of negotiation and facilitate discussions on the future development of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement, which is the oldest preferential trade agreement among developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region.	Selected Governments	www.unescap.org/tid/fort_mtg.asp
22-23	DESA/DSD High-level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer	Ministerial level conference to address technology aspects of the climate challenge in lead-up to the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference	Host: Government of India. Government representatives, UN entities, academia and civil society representatives	Preliminary: www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_cc/cc_index.shtml
22-23 October (Beirut)	ESCWA Fourth Session of the Committee on Women (UN HOUSE)			
November				
TBC	CoDA Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Africa's Response to the Global Financial Crisis	Dialogue forum on impact of the global financial and economic crisis in Africa and the options for the way forward.	Representatives from the various parallel strands that have investigating the crisis in Africa as well as experts from North America, Asia, Europe and Latin America.	Under construction.

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1-13 (Addis Ababa)	ECA 2009 African Economic Conference (AEC) jointly organised by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The theme of the 2009 AEC is: Fostering Development in an Era of Financial and Economic Crisis. (United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC))	The AEC was inaugurated in November 2006 by the African Development Bank. Since 2007, it is co-organised by the AfDB and ECA. The AEC aims at providing a forum for the exchange of ideas among economists and policy makers with the view of improving access to information and research on economic issues and, as consequence, the quality of economic policy making in Africa. The 2009 AEC will consist of plenary and parallel sessions. The plenary speakers are outstanding scholars in various field of economics as well as high-level policy-makers in member states governments. Parallel sessions will be based on submitted papers.	Economists, researchers and policy-makers from around the world. They are drawn from government officials, the academia, the private sector, non-governmental organisations. Partners: African Development Bank.	www.uneca.org/aec www.afdb.org
2-3 (Bangkok)	ESCAP 5th Anniversary Conference of the Asia Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT)	To build the capacity of regional (junior) trade and investment researchers by providing them a unique opportunity to present their work to and interact with leading regional and international researchers, as well as to network with policy makers and other relevant stakeholders.	Selected Governments, Experts and Researchers	

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2-3 November	ECE Beijing+15 Regional Review Meeting	In preparation of the 15 th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2010, the meeting on “New challenges and opportunities for gender equality in the ECE region: key issues and policy responses” will take stock of the progress made in all 12 critical areas on gender equality and women’s empowerment in the region and address the major challenges ahead.		http://www.unece.org/gender/Beijing15.html
2-20	OHCHR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)	The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) is a body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by its States parties.	Governments, civil society, UN agencies	www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/
3-7	ECA 10 th Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM)	UN agencies and organisations working in Africa convene to discuss progress in their coordinated support to the African Union and its NEPAD Programme within the framework of the RCM	African Union Commission, NEPAD Secretariat, African Development Bank, Regional Economic Communities and all participating UN agencies and organisations	www.uneca.org/nepad/
4	SPECA Project Working Group on Gender and Economy	The meeting will discuss the main findings and policy implications of the Development Account Project on “Mainstreaming gender into economic policies to reach Millennium Development Goals” in SPECA member countries. It will also outline emerging policy challenges due to the impact of the global financial crisis on gender and economy in this region.	Representatives from countries of SPECA: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan; ECE	www.unece.org/gender

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4 November	30th Anniversary of CEDAW: Panel discussion on "Women and migration, including in the context of the financial crisis"	The objective of the half-day panel is to discuss ways and means to protect women's rights throughout the migration process in Europe, taking into account the gender dimension of migration and devising coherent policies promoting respect for human rights and integration in Europe.	OHCHR, UNIFEM, ECE	http://www.unifem.org/cedaw30/events_calendar/event.php?EventID=13
4-6 (Bangkok)	ESCAP First Session of Committee on Trade and Investment	To review regional trade and investment trends, related issues and policy options, and to decide on regional approaches to achieve a more equitable distribution of benefits from increased trade and investment in support of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).	ESCAP members and associate members	www.unescap.org/about/committee_ti.asp
4-8 (Sharm el Sheikh)	UNEP Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Protection	Discussions on high-global warming potential alternatives for ozone-depleting substances, among other issues	Governments, UN system, private sector, scientific community	http://ozone.unep.org/
12-13	UNRISD Conference on Social and Political Dimensions of the Global Crisis: Implications for Developing Countries	Conference to discuss the political and social dimensions of the current crisis and subsequent reforms and their implications for developing countries. A call for papers has been issued. This is a public event.	UN body and agencies, academic institutions and civil society.	http://www.unrisd.org/news/mbr-call-for-papers-2009
Mid-November (Geneva)	DESA/DSD Workshop on Best Practices on Chemicals Management	Expert level meeting to discuss and finalize the publication of best practices on chemicals management, as a part of the preparation for CSD-18 and 19	Jointly organized by DSD, the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and UNEP/DTIE-Chemicals Branch	

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24-26 (Bangkok)	ESCAP First Session of Committee on Environment and Development	To discuss policies and issues of regional importance in the fields of energy, environment and water resources, and to decide on regional priorities and approaches in the area of environment and sustainable and inclusive development.	ESCAP members and associate members	www.unescap.org/about/committee_ed.asp
29	ESCWA Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	Official Ceremony and Cultural Exhibitions	Arab and Palestinian NGOs Representatives of governments	www.escwa.un.org
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5 days in November (Suva)	ESCAP Regional Mid Term Review of Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy+5	The meeting will review the progress in the region on the Mauritius Strategy for the further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which was adopted in 2005 and covers the period 2005 to 2015.	Selected governments of the Pacific island countries	
November/ December	ECA Launch of the fourth Report on Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA IV)	ARIA is a flagship publication of the ECA devoted to an in-depth analysis of challenges along with solutions to improve the implementation of the objectives of Africa's regional integration. ARIA IV will focus on intra-African trade.	Joint publication of ECA, AUC and AfDB	www.uneca.org/nrid

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December				
5-18	DESA/DSD Copenhagen Climate Change Conference	15 th Conference of the Parties	Host: Government of Denmark. Government representatives, UN entities, academia and civil society	http://en.cop15.dk/frontpage
18 (Beirut)	ESCWA Launching of the publication: 'Status of Arab Women: Means to Strengthen the Role of Women in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building in the Arab Region'		Representatives from member countries, civil society, UN entities and the media	www.escwa.un.org
Fourth quarter October- December (Beirut)	ESCWA Launching of the Survey of Economic and Social Developments of the ESCWA Region	The Survey is one of ESCWA flagship publications. The 2008-2009 issue discusses recent economic and social development trends, including the global financial crisis. It also focuses on the relationship between security and economic development	Representatives from member countries, civil society, UN entities and the media	www.escwa.un.org
Fourth quarter October- December	DESA/DSPD Launch of the Report on the World Social Situation		Member States and others. Responsible entity: Social Perspectives in Development Branch (DSPD, DESA).	www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/index.html
Fourth quarter October- December	DESA/DSPD Launch of World Youth Report 2009		Member States and others. Responsible Entity: Social Integration Branch (DSPD, DESA).	www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr07.htm

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TBD	DESA/DAW Launching of Flagship Report: The World Survey on the Role of Women in Development during the agenda item on gender equality in the Second Committee of the GA.	The report will focus on "Women's control over economic resources and access to financial resources, including microfinance".		
TBD	ESCWA Launching of the publication 'Mapping of Social Inequity in the ESCWA Region'		Representatives from member countries, civil society, UN entities and the media	