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4-6 February 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	http://www.unescap.org/stat/cst/1/index.asp
16 February 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 February 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	
2 March 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	
16 March 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	

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16-18 March Sri Lanka	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) Preparatory Meeting in South Asia on Financing Strategies for Healthcare			
18 March 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	
22-24 March Oxford, UK	UNU-WIDER African Development: Myths and Realities	Development conference	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu
24 March London, UK	UNU-WIDER Global Wealth Study: Personal Wealth from a Global Perspective	Project book launch	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu
25-27 March 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 March Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand, Bangkok	ESCAP Launch of the <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009</i> , "Addressing Triple Threats to Development"	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.	http://www.unescap.org/survey2009

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16-17 April	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 April, Antalya, Turkey	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
22-24 April, Siracusa, Italy	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.	http://www.g8italia2009.it/G8/G8-G8_Layout_locale-1199882116809_Home.htm
23-29 April 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	http://www.unescap.org/65/
29-30 April China	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional AMR Preparatory Meeting in Asia and the Pacific on Promoting Health Literacy			

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May	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	
4-8 May 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 May	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
5-7 May	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, Labor 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 May	ESCWA ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) Regional Ministerial Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases	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, Labor and Social Welfare, regional and international organizations, civil society and academia.	
10-11 May 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 May 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	http://www.saicm.org/index.php?content=meeting&mid=42&def=1&menuid=9
11-15 May Manado, Indonesia	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	http://www.woc2009.org/
15 May Siem Riep, Cambodia	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	

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May (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 May 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).	http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/
21-22 May	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	http://www.uneca.org/f4d/

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22-24 May	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
5 June Mexico and Global	UNEP World Environment Day	2009 theme of "Your Planet Needs You -- Unite to Combat Climate Change"	Governments, UN system, civil society, private sector	http://www.unep.org/wed
1-9 June	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

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2-7 June	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	http://www.uneca.org/cfm
5-6 June 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			
10-11 June Ghana	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Regional AMR Preparatory meeting in Africa on e-Health			
12-13 June Helsinki, Finland	UNU-WIDER The Role of Elites in Economic Development	Development conference	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu

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16-18 June	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 June Helsinki, Finland	UNU-WIDER Reflections on Transition: Twenty Years After The Fall of The Berlin Wall	Development conference	Scholars, government officials, policymakers, NGOs	Wider.unu.edu
23 June 2009	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	http://www.unpan.org/publicserviceday

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July (tbd)	ECA Launch of the African Governance Report 2009 (AGR II)	The African Governance Report assesses and monitors the progress of governance in Africa. It is the most comprehensive periodic report on governance on the continent. This second edition of the report covers 35 African countries.	Readership: Scholars and students of development studies, African studies, governance, and political science	http://www.uneca.org/gpad/
6-9 July	DESA/OESC ECOSOC High-level Segment			
10 July (am)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions			
10 July (pm) – 14 July (am)	DESA/OESC ECOSOC Coordination Segment			
6-8 August 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	http://www.serc2009.org/
September (tbc)	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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1-4 September (tbc) New York	DESA/DSD 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.	http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=19&pid=1443
7-9 September 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	http://www.unescap.org/about/committee_mpd.asp
8-11 September 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	

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10-11 September 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	http://www.unescap.org/stat/meet/events_Asia_Pacific.asp ; http://www.unescap.org/stat/meet/techmeet.asp
22 September	DESA/DSD Secretary-General's High-level Event on Climate Change		Government Representatives, UN entities, academia and civil society representatives	
September (venue is unknown)	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	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.	
October	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	

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19 October	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	http://www.un.org/esa/dsd
22 October Seoul, Republic of Korea	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	http://www.unescap.org/tid/fort_mtg.asp
22-23 October	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: http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_cc/cc_index.shtml
22-23 October UN HOUSE, Beirut, Lebanon	ESCWA Fourth Session of the Committee on Women			
October-December	ESCWA 3 EGMs on various Sustainable Development issues including water, energy networks, and promoting rural development.	These three EGMs will assess the current status and arrive at common opinion and understanding on key sustainable development issues or regional priority		

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1-13 November United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.	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.	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 November 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	
3-7 November	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	http://www.uneca.org/nepad/

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4-6 November 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	http://www.unescap.org/about/committee_ti.asp
4-8 November, Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt	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/
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 <u>Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)</u> and UNEP/DTIE-Chemicals Branch	
24-26 November 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	http://www.unescap.org/about/committee_ed.asp
29 November	ESCWA Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	Official Ceremony Cultural Exhibitions	Arab and Palestinian NGOs Representatives of governments	ECRI

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5 days in November Suva, Fiji	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
5-18 December	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 December UN HOUSE, Beirut, Lebanon	ESCWA Launching of the flagship publication on Participation of Women in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building			CfW
Fourth quarter October-December	DESA/DSD Launch of the Report on the World Social Situation		Member States and others. Responsible entity: Social Perspectives in Development Branch (DSPD, DESA).	http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/index.html

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Fourth quarter October-December	DESA/DSD Launch of World Youth Report 2009		Member States and others. Responsible Entity: Social Integration Branch (DSPD, DESA).	http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr07.htm
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".		