

**Forty-Seventh Session of the Commission for Social  
Development**  
4 to 13 February 2009

*Tentative List of side-events (1:15pm to 2:45pm, unless otherwise specified)\**

**Tuesday 3 February**

**1. CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**

**Conference Room: 4 ; from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Theme:** Social Integration: Building a Society for All

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Jointly convened by the NGO Committee on Social Development and the Fredrich Ebert Foundation, with the sponsorship of the Division for Social Policy and Development

**2. Venue: UN Headquarters, Delegates Dining Room**

**Theme:** AARP-UN Briefing Series on Global Aging

**Organizers/Sponsors:** AARP in cooperation with the Division for Social Policy and Development

**Wednesday 4 February**

**3. Venue: UN Headquarters, Delegates Dining Room**

**Theme:** AARP-UN Briefing Series on Global Aging

**Organizers/Sponsors:** AARP in cooperation with the Division for Social Policy and Development

**4. Conference Room: D**

**Theme:** To be announced

**Organizers/Sponsors:** NGO Committee on Social Development

**Speakers:** To be announced

**5. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** Panel Discussion on HIV/AIDS and Social Exclusion: Challenges for Religious Leaders

**Organizers/Sponsors:** UNANIMA International

**Speakers:** Imam Souleyman Konate, Masjid Harlem Afsa; Rabbi Mychal Springer, Associate Dean and Director of Field Education for the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, NYC; Religious Leader from Buddhist Tradition, TBD; Religious Leader from the Christian Tradition, Felix Jones, VIVAT International

**6. Conference Room: 5**

**Theme:** Social Inclusion: Contributions from Education and Partnerships

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Sisters of Charity Federation

**Speakers:** Dorothy Ettling, PhD., Women's Global Connection, University of the Incarnate Word; others soon to be confirmed

**Thursday 5 February**

**7. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** To be announced

**Organizers/Sponsors:** NGO Committee on Social Development

**Speakers:** To be announced

## **8. Conference Room: D**

**Theme:** To be announced

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Youth Unit

**Speakers:** To be announced

## **9. Conference Room: 8**

**Theme:** Leadership for Building a World Safe for Difference

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Division for Social Policy and Development, and Club Madrid

**Speakers:** PM Wim Kok - Former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Club de Madrid Member; Ms. Necla Tschirgi - Senior Policy Advisor, UN Peace Building Support Office; Mr. Sergei Zelenov - Chief, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, UNDESA; Dr. Clem McCartney - Project Content Coordinator, Club de Madrid; Mr. Sean C. Carroll - Director of Programmes, Club de Madrid; Ms. Sarah Silver, Executive Director, Alan B. Slifka Foundation; Amb. Yañez Barnuevo - Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN (TBC)

## **10. Conference Room: 5**

**Theme:** Social Integration for Displaced Persons: The Social Work Role

**Organizers/Sponsors:** International Association of Schools of Social Work

**Speakers:** Dr. Lynne Healy, Professor, University of Connecticut School of Social work, member, NGO Committee on Social Development; Dr. Evelina Pangalangan, Dean Emeritus, University of the Philippines, member NGO Committee on Social Development; Mr. Denys Correll, Executive Director, International Council on Social Welfare (invited); Dr. M.C. "Terry" Hokenstad, Schmitt Professor and Professor of International Health, Case Western Reserve University, member of NGO Committee on Ageing; Dr. Katherine Libal, Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut

## **Friday 6 February**

### **11. Conference Room: D**

**Theme:** Panel Discussion on Disability and Development

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Handicap International (HI)/International Disability & Development Consortium (IDDC)

**Speakers:** To be announced

### **12. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** The Role of Religion in Transitional Justice

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Bahá'í International Community; Temple of Understanding on behalf of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN; World Council of Churches

**Speakers:** Mr. Andre Laperriere, Executive Director, Trust Fund For Victims, International Criminal Court; Mr. Stein Villumstad, Deputy Secretary General, Religions for Peace; Rev. Christopher Ferguson, World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations; and Ms. Naghmeh Sobhani, Director of Education for Peace - Balkans office

## **Monday 9 February**

### **13. Conference Room: 5**

**Theme:** Rights of Older People

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Help Age International; International Association Gerontology and Geriatrics; International Association of Home and Services for the Ageing; International Federation on Ageing, Age Concern England; Help the Age; European Platform for Older People

**Speakers:** To be announced

### **14. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** Interactive dialogue on climate change solutions

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Youth Unit

**Speakers:** To be announced

## **Tuesday 10 February**

### **15. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** Sudanese Women in Leadership Positions

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Sudan Council of Voluntary Agencies

**Speakers:** Dr. Fatima Abdel Mahmoud, Director, UNESCO Chair for Women in Science and Technology

### **16. Conference Room: 5**

**Theme:** Workshop on Development and Migrant Labour

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK)

**Speakers:** Nur Khan

## **Wednesday 11 February**

### **17. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** Using the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a Mechanism for Social Integration

**Organizers/Sponsors:** International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), the World Veterans Federation (WVF), and the International Alliance of Women (IAW)

**Speakers:** To be announced

**18. Conference Room: 5**

**Theme:** Project: S.E.W.: Sisters Empowering Women

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Congregations of St. Joseph and Dominican Leadership Conference

**Speakers:** Moderators: Karen Dietrich and Joannie Cassidy; Panelists: Alexandra McDevitt; Caroline Ayes; and Julianne Robbins

**Thursday 12 February**

**19. Conference Room: 5**

**Theme:** Social Integration of Peoples on the Move: Best Practices

**Organizers/Sponsors:** International Council of Psychologists, and co-sponsored by the NGO Committee on Migration, and the NGO Committee on the Family

**Speakers:** Albert Nguidjol (invited), International Institute of New Jersey; Katherine Ward (invited), Sisters of the Good Shepherd; and Ms Rhea Saab (invited), UNICEF

**20. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** The Journey Towards Reconciliation: Social Integration as a Step on the Journey

**Organizers/Sponsors:** United Religions Initiative- UN

**Speakers:** Monica Willard, and Carol Zinn

**Friday 13 February**

**21. Conference Room: B**

**Theme:** Including Older People: Ideas that Work on Pension, Health Care and Human rights

**Organizers/Sponsors:** Global Action on Aging, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

**Speakers:** To be announced