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Special issue for International Volunteer Day - 05 December

By Ingrid Srinath, CIVICUS Secretary General

Dear friends and colleagues,

International Volunteer Day is being celebrated on 5 December -- as we send out this issue of e-CIVICUS. Volunteers form the backbone of many civil society organisations and, of course, the majority of the humanitarian agencies around the world. It is through volunteers that organisations with ideas to benefit societies around the world are able to function and implement their programmes in a timely manner. The spirit of volunteerism is on the increase and that is wonderful, since our world is plagued by new crises every other day offering new challenges for many of our partner member civil society organisations. CIVICUS salutes the spirit of volunteerism with this edition of e-CIVICUS which carries several items on volunteering. As usual, feedback and items from all of you readers are invited for inclusion in the future issues. For this week, I have asked my colleague Karena Cronin, CIVICUS Volunteerism Special Project Associate to share with you civil society perspectives on civil society activism and volunteerism. I will be resuming my column from next week. Read her article below. With gratitude, faith and solidarity. Ingrid Srinath.



What's volunteerism got to do with it?

By, Karena Cronin, CIVICUS Volunteerism Special Project Associate

If you read the CIVICUS mission, vision and value you will not find any specific mention of volunteerism. Yet, volunteerism is fundamental to our efforts and that of our members, partners and broader constituents to strengthen citizen participation and to promote a more just and equitable world. Not only is volunteerism a mechanism for confronting the major challenges facing humanity today, it is also a key strategy for creating a global community of informed, active and engaged citizens, which CIVICUS seeks. *For details, [click here](#)*



5 December: Great day for volunteers' unity

By Joyce Yu, Deputy Executive Coordinator, UN Volunteers (UNV) Programme

Volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations around the world celebrate International Volunteer Day on 5 December in order to increase recognition of the contribution of volunteerism to peace and development. The International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (IVD) was adopted by the UN General Assembly through Resolution A/ RES /40/212 on 17 December 1985. Since then volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations have joined with governments, NGOs, UN agencies and other partners to celebrate volunteerism and lay the ground for future activities. *For details, [click here](#).*

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Civil Society Watch Monthly Bulletin



Celebrating the work of volunteers on International Volunteer Day

By Dr. Kang-Hyun Lee, President of International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE)

On behalf of our international board of directors and our individual and organisation members in 70 countries, I am pleased to extend to all of the readers of e-CIVICUS the best wishes of IAVE - The International Association for Volunteer Effort as we celebrate International Volunteer Day. IAVE is the only global network that exists solely to promote, support and celebrate volunteering in all of its forms throughout the world. We are the sponsors of the biennial World Volunteer Conference; we are the parent organization for the Global Corporate Volunteer Council; we are partners with CIVICUS and United Nations Volunteers in the landmark study of the relationship of volunteering and social activism. *For details, [click here](#).*

CIVICUS Poll Question

This week's question:

Do you think that civil society organisations are doing enough to encourage and promote volunteerism?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know

To answer the question, [click here](#).

Previous question:

Do you think the 16 Days of Activism has made an impact in addressing Gender-Based Violence?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know

Results: a. - 62.1%, b. - 31%, c. - 6.9%

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e-CIVICUS DIALOGUES



Volunteer collaboration: are we ready to harness the power of the people?

Source: Bruno Ayres, V2V (Volunteer-to-Volunteer), a social network for volunteers

The present crisis challenges us to new ways of using our resources. One of the most abundant and underused natural resources is volunteer collaboration power. The experience of working in Internet projects for volunteer promotion tells me that the best is yet to come. *For details, [click here](#).*

The Big Question: Who are the Elders, and can they do anything to resolve world crises?

By Archie Bland, The Independent

The political and humanitarian crisis in Zimbabwe has dropped off the news agenda in recent months, as events there have stagnated and reverted to the deeply depressing status quo. In an attempt to change that, a group of influential world leaders who have now left their public offices arranged a visit. The group - known as the Global Elders - had intended to draw attention to food shortages and a cholera outbreak. But, just when the visit was supposed to begin, the delegation issued a statement saying that it had been barred from Zimbabwe by the Mugabe regime, which refused to issue them visas. *For details, [click here](#).*

The Future of Volunteering is Online

By Laura Kenyon - Online Community Manager and Editor and Chiara Camponeschi - Multilingual Programs Manager of TakingITGlobal

According to UNESCO's Estimate of Language Content on the Web, no less than 72 per cent of the content available on-line globally is written in English and, as a consequence, 90 per cent of the world's languages are not substantially represented on the Internet. Languages, however, are at the heart of an individual's culture, identity and social context and for this reason play a pivotal role in preserving diversity, promoting personal expression and encouraging intercultural exchange. *For details, [click here](#).*



Focus on ... How far will foundations go?

Alliance Magazine December 2008, special feature with Diana Leat

How far are foundations willing to go to try to solve what they see as the most urgent problems facing the human race - whether it's climate change, proliferation of nuclear arms or HIV/AIDS? Will they dig into corpus, increase their payout, decide to spend out, direct all their grantmaking to a single issue, and invest their assets in that issue? Are they prepared to take actions beyond the 'norm' of what grantmakers do? These are the questions raised by the special feature in the December issue of *Alliance*. *For details, [click here](#).*

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CIVIL SOCIETY NEWS

Faith and civil society leaders commemorate World AIDS Day

20th anniversary of World AIDS Day, leaders call for stronger prevention measures

With new HIV infections outpacing the number of people newly put on treatment worldwide, faith and civil society leaders will gather this World AIDS Day to call for a global commitment to effective prevention, treatment and care. Given the recent election, the world is hopeful that U.S. leadership will promote human rights and equality in U.S. HIV prevention efforts. This means designing policies and programs based on evidence rather than ideology. *For details, [click here](#).*



Local grants to develop one's local community in Turkey

Source: Hurriyet Daily News

The Sabanci Foundation used to keep its philanthropy along more traditional lines, offering scholarships, building schools and hospitals. But its new grant-making programme is now offering \$1 million to anybody who wishes to improve the conditions of his or her community. It is a difficult undertaking, says Dr. Kumi Naidoo, the Honorary President of CIVICUS. Kumi Naidoo has visited Turkey many times, bringing his own expertise about what international foundations have done, even meeting then President Süleyman Demirel, where they talked about the reforms in associational law that would pave the way for civil society and foundations. "Since my first visit in 1999, there has been a significant effort," he said. *For details, [click here](#).*

Supporting Volunteerism and Youth in Lebanon

Source: Mario Rebeiz

Due to the constant tumultuous political state in Lebanon, emphasis is not often placed on the volunteer culture in Lebanese society. The volunteer culture continues to be taking steps back due to economic reasons and a collective depression, resulting from the almost constant state of war in the country. Within the YMCA of Lebanon there is great hope and a rejuvenated effort being put toward affecting a change in the perception of volunteerism in the country? *For details, [click here](#).*

Action alert: Poet Yusuf Juma ill-treated in Uzbekistan prison

Source: International PEN

International PEN's Writers in Prison Committee (WiPC) is concerned by reports that the Uzbek poet, Yusuf Juma, who was arrested in December 2007 and sentenced to five years imprisonment, is suffering ill-treatment in prison. The WiPC is seeking assurances of Yusuf Juma's well-being, clarification of the reasons for Yusuf Juma's detention and assurances that he is not being held in denial of his right to freedom of expression. *For details, [click here](#).*

Unlocking volunteer potential project in Northern Ireland

Source: Billy Eagleson, Project Manager, Unlocking Potential

The Volunteer Development Agency in Northern Ireland is embarking on an exciting five year project to celebrate and promote volunteering by people in older age groups. The Unlocking Potential Project is funded by Atlantic Philanthropies and delivered in partnership with local Volunteer Centres, The North West Volunteer Centre and VSB. *For details, [click here](#).*

Draft law on religion sparks debate in Kazakhstan

Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

A Kazakh draft law passed by parliament that tightens control over so-called "nontraditional religious activities" has causing heated debate in Kazakhstan. Yevgeny Zhovtis, chief of the NGO Kazakh Bureau on Human Rights, told RFE/RL's Kazakh Service today that if President Nursultan Nazarbaev signs the legislation, the country will return to an era of totalitarian control. *For details, [click here](#).*

Rights groups condemn Sudan lying about improvements in Darfur

Source: VOA News

Human Rights Watch, Save Darfur Coalition and 13 other rights organisations said the Sudanese government continues to conduct large-scale military attacks against populated areas, harass aid workers, and allow impunity for the worst crimes committed in Darfur. Sudan wants the U.N. Security Council to suspend the International Criminal Court's consideration of an arrest warrant against Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir. The new human rights report said Sudanese officials have been lobbying Security Council members to order the suspension of the ICC investigation of Mr. Bashir. *For details, [click here](#).*

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GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION AGAINST POVERTY (GCAP) AND UN MILLENNIUM CAMPAIGN (UNMC)



Sharing power is not easy: Reflections on the Doha Financing for Development Conference

By Sylvia Borren, GCAP Co-Chair

Sharing power in a world which is clamouring for inclusive and effective democracy at the UN level, is obviously not easy for the rich countries. But it is exactly the power of money rather than putting people and values at the centre which has got the world in this mess of multi-crises - what I call a moral crisis. What took most of the official UN energy and time during the four days should have been spent on the real issues, the urgent crises and on working towards solutions with the corporate sector and civil society present. *For details, [click here](#).*

Millennium Campaign welcomes recommitment of Doha FfD conference

Source: United Nations (UN) Millennium Campaign, End poverty by 2015

The United Nations Millennium Campaign welcomes the strong reaffirmation of support for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the recognition of the key linkage between MDGs and climate change, and the full endorsement of the Monterrey Consensus contained in the outcome document of the Financing for Development Conference in Doha last weekend. "The outcomes of the Doha conference are promising in that all the pillars of the Millennium Development Goals - honoring existing aid commitments, resolving the deadlock in the global WTO trade negotiations, enhancing gender equality and domestic resource mobilization, and addressing the future international financial architecture within the framework of the United Nations - have been included," said Salil Shetty, Director of the UN Millennium Campaign. *For details, [click here](#).*

Role of civil society in the Eleventh Five Year Plan in India

BY Lysa John, Wada na Todo Abhiyan/ GCAP India

The Planning Commission of India has recently taken the initiative to bring together a large number of civil society organisations to contribute to the development of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Regional and thematic consultations were held across the country and several groups have been part of processes for the finalisation of the Plan document. In the light of this engagement, the local GCAP campaigning organisation has called for a sustained and broader based engagement of the voluntary sector with the working of the Planning Commission. *For details, [click here](#).*

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

UN and Indian government launch programme to achieve MDGs

Source: DailyIndia.com

The Planning Commission, Government of India and the United Nations signed a Joint Programme on Convergence to help India 's backward districts achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by better utilization of government resources. The Programme document was signed by Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee (Principal Adviser, Planning Commission) and Dr. Maxine Olson (UN Resident Coordinator). Currently, each district receives approximately US\$ 75 million per year from a large number of government schemes. However, the absence of convergence leads to poor utilization and results. *For details, [click here](#).*

Aid goals critical as private capital flows fall

Source: World Bank

The World Bank called on the industrialised nations to keep up their aid flows to developing countries amid the economic downturn, one of the implications of which is an anticipated steep decline in private capital flows to developing countries. "Over the past year, many developing countries have already had to cope with high food and fuel prices, and are now faced with a third problem of

unprecedented proportions,” said Justin Lin, the World Bank’s Chief Economist and head of delegation at the opening plenary of the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development in Doha, Qatar, “While the channels of transmission may differ, virtually no developing country -- whether an emerging market or a poor country in Africa -- has escaped the impact of the widening financial crisis.” *For details, [click here](#).*

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GET INVOLVED!

Teach India: Appealing to the spirit of volunteerism amongst citizens

Source: Pooran Pandey, Director, Times Foundation

Teach India was launched on 6 June 2008 in the cities of Delhi , Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai as a social initiative of the Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd. in partnership with Times Foundation. The Teach India campaign works on the dynamics of demand and supply. The demand side reflects the capacity of the NGOs operating in the domain area of education. The supply side denotes the number of people who are willing to spare two hours of their time for a minimum of three months to teach underprivileged children. *For details, [click here](#).*

One Million Tests’ World AIDS Day 2008 Campaign

World AIDS Day 2008 Global Testing Campaign

The World AIDS Day 2008 Global Testing Campaign, organised by AIDS Healthcare Foundation, in coalition with hundreds of global partners, mobilised non-governmental organisations (NGOs), local and national governments, international relief agencies, faith-based organisations, civil society and the media to conduct one million Free HIV Tests during an extended World AIDS Day week on 26 November which culminated on 1 December. *For details, [click here](#).*

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ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY



Tools to enhance accountability and transparency of international volunteering programmes

By Benjamin J. Lough, Research Associate, Center for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work

No individual or organisation wants to donate time or resources to activities which have no documented benefit or impact. Regular evaluation of outcomes should be a planned part of program goals at all levels. In the case of international volunteering and service (IVS), this includes the impact of volunteers on the community, the host-organization, and the individual volunteer. *For details, [click here](#).*

Accountability 2008 Country Ratings

Source: www.accountability21.net

Alongside the global application of the Accountability Rating to the world’s largest 100 companies (Vodafone tops 2008 rating), the Accountability Rating, developed by international consultancy csrnetwork and AccountAbility, was applied to the largest companies in eight countries, with Portugal’s country rating launched last week. The Accountability Rating is a tool for measuring the extent to which companies have built responsible practices into the way they do business and their impact on the economies, societies and environments in which they operate. *For details, [click here](#).*

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CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISM AND GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS

Civil society in Doha, Qatar issued a joint Declaration

Source: DNG Doha NGO Group on Financing for Development

Members of 250 civil society organizations and networks representing more than 150 million citizens around the world came together in a Civil Society Forum (Doha, Qatar, 25-27 November, 2008) leading to the Review Conference for Financing for Development. These organisations prepared and presented to the Review Conference a Civil Society Declaration under the theme 'investing in people-centred development.' *For details, [click here](#).*

An opportunity to create a new Financial Architecture

Source: Inter Press Service (IPS) TerraViva United Nations

The most severe financial crisis since the Great Depression needs massive economic stimulus packages that are coherent and linked with sustainable development imperatives, asserts a new report by top U.N. economists on the sidelines of the Monterrey Review conference in Doha . The first chapter of The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2009 -- to be launched in early January -- calls for "deep reforms of [the] financial system" to counteract the "synchronised global downturn". The report urges a more inclusive global economic governance, to prevent against any future repetition. *For details, [click here](#).*

Working Out of Crisis: Aligning finance with Decent Work and a fair globalisation

Source: UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)

During the Doha International Conference on Financing for Development, NGLS, International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalisation initiative organised a roundtable on: "Working Out of Crisis: Aligning Finance with Decent Work and Fair Globalisation" held on 1 December 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel, Doha . *For details, [click here](#).*

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CLIMATE JUSTICE

South Asia View: Climate change: we must show the way

By Anil K Singh of the South Asian Network for Social & Agricultural Development (SANSAD)

It is now a well known fact that climate change is no longer an issue that may happen in the distant future. It is a reality already taking place around us and ironically the people in South Asian countries, particularly the poorest people, are most at risk. The impacts of higher temperatures, erratic rainfall, extreme weather patterns and significant rise in sea levels are being felt in South Asia , and unfortunately this will continue to intensify. *For details, [click here](#).*

UNDP Bali Action Plan briefing documents in all UN languages

Source: United Nations Development Programme, Environment and Energy

The UNDP Environment & Energy Group has launched a groundbreaking project to strengthen the national capacity of developing countries to assess climate change policy options across different sectors and economic activities, which could serve as inputs to their national positions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The thirteen countries currently participating - Algeria , Gambia , Niger , Namibia , Turkmenistan , Nepal , Bangladesh , Dominican Republic , Ecuador , Paraguay , Peru , Togo and Liberia - will identify up to three key sectors in preparation for a national inter-ministerial workshop on national climate actions and the Bali Action Plan. For details, please download the project flyer in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) or [Russian](#). *For details on Bali Action Plan, [click here](#).*

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Established by Sir Elton John in 1992, the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) is one of the world's leading nonprofit organisations supporting innovative HIV prevention programmes, efforts to eliminate stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS, and direct care and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. EJAF supports its work through proceeds from special events, cause-related marketing projects, and voluntary contributions (large and small) from individuals, corporations, and foundations. EJAF reviews and awards grants to worthy projects in the Americas and the Caribbean . The Foundation's sister organisation in Great Britain, EJAF-UK, focuses its grant making on grassroots HIV prevention and care efforts in Africa, Asia and Europe. *For details, [click here](#) or [click here](#).*



MEMBER: Centre for Community Economics & Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON)

The Development Consultants Society is located in India and aims "to build the capacities of Cecoecon's partner communities -- scheduled castes and tribes, small and marginal farmers, the landless, and deprived women and children -- to ensure that they are able to take action independently and effectively to secure their long term well being, thereby promoting their empowerment and self-reliance". At present Cecoecon is working on its Institutional Development Programme (IDP), Natural Resource Management (NRM) Programme, Child Development Programme (CDP) and its Health Programme (HP). *For details, [click here](#).*

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BOOKS, REPORTS & RESOURCES

Publication: Volunteering and Social Activism: Pathways for participation in human development

NOW available in Russian, and soon to be available in Spanish and Portuguese, [click here to download](#)

The paper is based on a study undertaken by CIVICUS, the International Association of Volunteer Effort (IAVE) and United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme in 2007-2008. The background study finds that both volunteering and social activism is important strategies for fostering people's participation in social change and human development. CIVICUS Secretary General, Ingrid Srinath , expressed hopes that, "this paper will help promote greater dialogue and engagement between volunteering and social activist organisations around shared development objectives -- and in so doing, strengthen citizen participation aimed at reducing poverty and inequality around the world". *For details, [click here](#).* The press release is also available in [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#).

Launch of new CIVICUS webpages: Hear from the CIVICUS Team

Launch of new CIVICUS webpages: Hear from the CIVICUS Team Learn from CIVICUS staff, interns and volunteers about their experience with CIVICUS and what it is like to live in Johannesburg . You can read about why they decided to come to CIVICUS, and why they have chosen to stay. You can also find their perspectives on the pros and cons of living in Johannesburg . Lastly, the CIVICUS Team offers new staff, interns and volunteers advice how to make the most of living in Johannesburg and working with CIVICUS. *For details, [click here](#).*

GFI Survey: Designing a future global finance system

Source: Global Finance Initiative (GFI)

Over a year ago, well before the magnitude of the financial system problems was popularly suspected, the Global Finance Initiative (GFI) began as an inquiry into the governance and organisation of the global financial "system". Its original belief that we need to deeply rethink a long-term approach appears validated by recent events. In a survey GFI is asking people to help define how to move ahead in the medium-long term, and who should be engaged in deciding how to move ahead. It also asks you to help describe current and potential relationships to better define a strategy for moving ahead. *For details, [click here](#).*

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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

3rd Sustainability Summit: Asia 2008

11 - 12 December 2008, New Delhi , India

The current financial crisis and economic slowdown has left businesses and governments scrambling for solutions to remain afloat, redraw plans, redo strategies, and redirect resources. With this backdrop, the CII- ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development and Development Alternatives embarked on an annual Sustainability Summit to seek to answer a fundamentally universal question: what should businesses and governments do to remain competitive and emerge stronger towards the end of the current economic and environmental crisis? *For details, [click here](#).*

World Creative Youth Forum 2009

5-10 May 2009, Baliuag, Philippines

The World Creative Youth Forum (WCYF) 2009 is a gathering of the youth with the objective to mainstream sustainable development and encourage united effort and involvement towards this. Main focuses of the conference are Peace and Human Rights, Climate Change, Sustainable Lifestyle, Entrepreneurship, Education and Technology and Advocacy for Sustainable Development. *For details, [click here](#).*

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health & Human Rights

Application Deadline: 15 January 2009

The Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health & Human Rights was established in 1999 to honor Dr. Jonathan Mann and highlight the vital link between health and human rights. Sponsored in 2007 by four organisations, Association François-Xavier Bagnoud, Doctors of the World, John Snow, Inc. and the Global Health Council, the award is bestowed annually to a leading practitioner in health and human rights and comes with a substantial financial reward. The Award will be presented in Washington, D.C. at a special Awards Ceremony during the Global Health Council's Annual International Conference, May 26 - 30, 2009. *For details, [click here](#).*

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WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Developing Joint UK Policy Responses to the Financial and Economic Crisis

15 December 2008, London, UK

A previous UK seminar on "A coherent civil society response to the financial crisis" was held on 28 October, organised by the Bretton Woods Project.. A workshop on 15 December is now aiming at assembling those organisations (from NGOs, academia, trade unions and environmental groups) committed to work together. It will provide an opportunity to share the latest research findings, plan priority areas and jointly develop key policy messages and political strategies for 2009. *For details, [click here](#).*

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CALL FOR PAPERS, SUBMISSIONS, SURVEYS & NOMINATIONS

Human rights: a Call to Action

Encouraging companies to commit to improve their reporting on Human Rights

Deadline commitments: 15 December 2008

Source: Global Reporting Initiative, United Nations Global Compact and Realizing Rights

The Call to Action is a challenge to companies to identify an area of their reporting on human rights that they want to improve in 2009. In responding to the Call to Action companies become part of a growing number of organisations seeking to take practical steps to integrate human rights issues into their policies and operations and thereby contribute to broader learning on how best to approach what can appear to be a complex subject. *For details, [click here](#).*

Call for NGO applications for OHCHR travel support to attend the Durban Review Conference

Extended Deadline for Reviewing Applications: 15 December 2009

Resolution 61/49 of the United Nations General Assembly called for the organisation of Review Conference on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. The Review Conference is scheduled to take place in Palais des Nations, Geneva/Switzerland from 20 - 24 April 2009 with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is providing funding to support the travel of selected NGO representatives to the Durban Review Conference. Applications forms are available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). *For details, [click here](#).*

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JOBS OF THE WEEK

Programme Development Manager (Europe and Central Asia)

Application Deadline: 13 January 2009

Habitat for Humanity International

Location: Bratislava, Slovakia

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Grants & Business Associate

Application Deadline: 14 January 2009

The Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation
Location: Hague, Netherlands
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