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A new year: time for reflection and action

By Ingrid Srinath, CIVICUS Secretary General

Dear friends and colleagues,

When the CIVICUS community met at the World Assembly in June this year, the confluence of crises confronting humanity --- food, energy, climate -- on top of the ones we're all too familiar with -- extreme poverty, chronic hunger, gender disparities, the systemic abuse of human rights, threats to civil society itself and the exclusion of the voices of the marginalized in governance at every level -- seemed to already be reaching a global tipping point. Across civil society we have gasped in shock and awe at the sums demanded, and instantly delivered, to bail out the financial sector, when minuscule fractions of those trillions have been impossible to find for debt relief, aid commitments, poverty alleviation, AIDS programmes or climate justice. I cannot let the year end without expressing my thanks for all the support you have extended to CIVICUS and to me personally. As a relatively small team, working with very limited resources, across a wide range of demands, CIVICUS cannot survive or function without the goodwill and support of our members and partners. To each of you, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude. In 2009, as CIVICUS operationalises its new strategic directions, we hope we can count on your continued and growing support. *To read this week's column*, *click here*.

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2009: Not just another New Year!

Yes, another New Year has arrived. And what's 'new' about it is that each one of us, as individuals or parts of the organisations that we represent, have a fresh opportunity to act for change. It's time we contributed to solutions that improve life for ourselves and others around us. Make a donation, give of your time (volunteer), support voices in your community that are seeking change. Be one of many and join a community group or online community that is tackling an issue that you care about. Make 2009 a year of new beginnings. Because change has to start somewhere -- so why not with you! You can donate to CIVICUS…It's simple. To make an online donation to CIVICUS that can help us to improve our service to civil society organisations as they face greater challenges in 2009, please click here. Thank you for making a difference. We hope you have a great 'new' year!

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Civil Society Watch Monthly Bulletin
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Towards an inspired 2009 World Social Forum

By Henri Valot, CIVICUS Policy Advisor

The end of the year is for many of us the promise of a break, but is also the time to prepare for the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the World Social Forum (WSF), which are held at the end of January. For several years now, CIVICUS convenes the civil society participation at the World Economic Forum in snowy Davos. The draft agenda of the economic forum shows that real issues will be confronted. But because the challenges that will be tackled are huge, we can doubt the capacity and the legitimacy of the WEF to come up with real answers. Having said that, one should recognise that all convening spaces are important, as they contribute to the dialogue and to collective invention of solutions. The 2009 editions of the WSF and WEF might share some agenda items, but the WSF agenda is absolutely different in terms of process and inspiration! *For details, click here*.



AGNA learning from past experiences

By David E. Kode, Support Officer, CIVICUS Affinity Group of National Associations (AGNA)

The turn of the 21st century saw an expansion within the civil society movement, with campaigns focusing on a whole range of issues aimed at improving the lives of citizens across the world. From gender equality, climate change, aid, debt, poverty and HIV and Aids, global civil society has been at the forefront campaigning and advocating for positive and timely responses to these challenges confronting citizens. In spite of the great strides made by global civic movements in creating awareness and seeking joint responses to some of these crises, there still exists a deficit in dissemination of knowledge related to the work, activities and functions of civil society especially in the global south. AGNA was established to bring together national and regional umbrella associations of NGOs and NPOs to share knowledge and experiences on civil society issues and to enhance collaboration of national associations across national boundaries to further their collective interests. *For details, click here*.

CIVICUS Poll Question

This week's question:

In the New Year, will you be active in strengthening civil society?

a. I'll be even more active than previously
b. I'll maintain my role
c. Sorry, I'm unable to participate

To answer the question, *click here*.

Previous question:

Do you think that the global human rights situation has worsened in 2008?

a. Yes, it definitely has
b. No, I wouldn't say that
c. I just don't know

Results: a. - 63.6%, b. - 21.8%, c. - 14.5%

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Our first edition in 2009 will be made available to you on **14 January** to help e-CIVICUS deliver on its promise of a truly global and independent civil society e-publication. e-CIVICUS will be published every week by Wednesday in 2009.

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e-CIVICUS DIALOGUES



Civil society can be equally corrupt, says founder of Transparency International

Source: The Sunday Times, Financial Times

An estimated US$ 1 trillion is lost every year through corruption but Transparency International (TI) founder Peter Eigen said the fallout from this corruption which includes the destruction of the environment, climate change and human rights violations has a much greater cost. TI believes the current global financial crisis illustrates deficiencies in economic and financial governance, manifest in the lack of regulation, transparency, accountability and oversight. Speaking at a round table discussion in Colombo on the governance dimensions of the global financial crisis which also coincided with UN anti-corruption day, Dr. Eigen said TI partners sometimes participate with ulterior motives but this is the price TI has to pay. *For details, click here*.

Why fundraising may flourish while business flounders

Source: Janet Gadeski, Canadian FundRaiser

After months of stock market volatility, economists agree that developed economies are in or nearly in a recession. That prediction doesn't point to happy holidays or the usual fourth quarter gift surge. Yet a number of studies of previous economic downturns have surfaced, all showing that giving increased, albeit more slowly, during times like the dot-com bubble and the post 9/11 slump (CF October 31). Why should fundraising flourish while businesses flounder? When fewer people are willing to part with cash or assets in return for something as concrete as real estate, a new car or some mutual fund units, why are they still willing to part with cash or assets in return for nothing -- at least, nothing you could put on a net worth statement? *For details, click here*.

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CIVIL SOCIETY NEWS



Civil society organisations do what gov't can't in Turkey

Source: Today's Zaman

Grant programs and civil society organisations do what government cannot do on its own,

development experts have said, speaking at a seminar titled “Making a Difference Through Grant Programmes”. At the seminar, held at the Sabancı Center by the Hacı Ömer Sabancı Foundation last week, Sabancı Holding Chairwoman Güler Sabancı and two development experts, the Honorary President of the CIVICUS, Kumi Naidoo, and the chief executive officer of the Global Fund for Women, Kavita N. Ramdas, addressed the audience. “Everyday, 50,000 women and children die because of various reasons which may actually be prevented. This is a massacre and civil society organizations have a great role to undertake,” Naidoo said. *For details, click here*.

Civic movement looks to provinces for rejuvenation in South Korea
Source: The Hankyoreh Media Company
“The hope of the civil society movement lies at the local level and in everyday lives.” So began the comments of Park Won-soon, permanent trustee at the Hope Institute (Huimang Jesak So) during the 11th Hankyoreh Citizens’ Forum at the Seoul Press Center on Seoul’s Taepyeongno Boulevard on 17 December. “It was significant that the ‘candlelight protests’ were the result of civic participation, but by themselves the protests were a one-time expression,” he said. *For details, click here*.

Russian rights activists warn new treason law raises Stalinist spectre
By Jaclyn Belczyk, JURIST
Russian civil rights activists issued a statement on 17 December warning that a proposed law that would change the definition of treason would allow the government to arrest any government critic. The proposed legislation extends the definition of treason to include damage to Russia's constitutional order, sovereignty, or territorial integrity. Rights activists including Moscow Helsinki Group leader Lyudmila Alexeyeva and Civic Assistance leader Svetlana Gannushkina, called the move a "terrible blow" and a repetition of the Stalin regime. *For details, click here*.

CINEFOGO Network launches website for PhD students in civil society
Source: Wire CORDIS
The CINEFOGO Network launched a website targeted at Ph.D. students and master students in order to make information about civil society and third sector research. Most doctoral students have little or no systematic training in third sector theories and approaches. As a result of this, it may happen that students ‘reinvent the wheel’ and at last not do state of art research as they are supposed to do. *For details, click here*.

Global Witness calls for suspension of Zimbabwe from Kimberley Process
Source: IRIN Africa
Civil society is calling for suspension of Zimbabwe from the Kimberley Process, an international certification scheme to prevent conflict diamonds from entering the multibillion dollar market. Global Witness, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that led the campaign to set up the system, said in a statement on 12 December: "The perpetration of human rights abuses and indiscriminate extrajudicial killing by governments in pursuit of Kimberley Process objectives is little better than the problem the scheme seeks to end. The Kimberley Process should act to condemn and prevent such violence." *For details, click here*.

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

Poverty and Human Rights violations: two sides of the same coin
By Marivic Raquiza - GCAP Philippines
Poverty remains a significant cause of all human rights violations committed today. If only everyone had access to better nutrition, safe drinking water, mosquito nets, rehydration packs, vaccines and the like, then we would have averted a human death toll of 18 million annually, sixty percent of whom

are children. Around 2.5 billion people live in extreme poverty, most of whom are people of colour and women. The biggest moral scandal of our time is the fact that these poverty-related human rights violations are preventable. *For details, click here*.

UN Millennium Campaign reaction: British minister says UN unfit to lead poverty fight
Source: Reuters in London
A British minister sharply attacked the United Nations, saying the organisation was not fit to lead the world's drive to eradicate poverty. The criticism is telling because Britain is one of the biggest funders of the United Nations, spending $1 billion a year through the U.N. system. In reacting to this criticism, Salil Shetty, Director of the U.N.'s Millennium Campaign which has set goals to halve extreme poverty and boost life expectancy by 2015, told Reuters in Doha that many donor countries gave money "to the wrong places for the wrong things." "It's not going to the poorest countries for meeting the goals. Half of it goes for political interests, for opening up markets and other things," he said. *For details, click here*.

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

Protecting education gains vital says Ban Ki-moon
Source: Webnewswire.com, India
The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's video message to the High-Level Group on Education for All, in Oslo on 16 December calls to greet the High-Level Group on Education for All. "Your gathering can make an important contribution to our efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals and achieve sustainable development. I see reasons for hope and concern in this quest. Hope, because in Africa and Asia, there has been genuine progress in expanding access to education. Since the year 2000, an additional 40 million children have gained access to school. Strong political will, the right policy choices and international support made this possible", says Ki-moon. *For details, click here*.

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GET INVOLVED!

Publish What You Fund campaign
Source: Publish What You Fund (PWYF)
Launched on 1 September 2008 , the Publish What You Fund (PWYF) campaign brings together aid effectiveness advocates, Southern government officials, freedom of information advocates, and budget monitoring groups. Civil society groups from around the world, including organisations working on aid effectiveness and groups working on access to government information, embarked on this global campaign for aid transparency based on the belief that, for aid to be effective, accountable, and participatory, information must be available to recipient governments, affected communities, and other stakeholders. *For details, click here*.

An Appeal: Disabled women find their voice on a quest for justice
The Independent Appeals, www.independent.co.uk
They are among the most vulnerable of Bangladesh's marginalised people. Andrew Buncombe meets disabled rape victims seeking protection in the law. If you could see their faces you would weep. If you could see how young and frightened they look as they recount in whispers what happened to them you would be horrified. And yet you would also be amased by their bravery. *For details, click here*.

Endorse the Agenda for strengthening nation's democracy

Source: AmericaSpeaks, Everyday Democracy, Demos
You can endorse, in America, the Agenda for Strengthening Our Nation's Democracy. The Agenda was developed by a diverse group of American thinkers, advocates, and academics, who came together from across the fields of electoral reform, deliberative democracy and community development. The Agenda is comprised of an exciting set of recommendations to strengthen democracy in America, including a White House Office of Civic Engagement, a call for regular national discussions, and a unique set of policy reforms to increase participation in public life. The Agenda will build on the incredible participation of the recent federal election by providing a real voice for every American in the governance process. *For details, click here*.

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ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Business and civil society leaders call for better human rights disclosure

Source: joint initiative led by Global Reporting Initiave (GRI), UN Global Compact and Realizing Rights
On the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - corporate, trade union and civil society leaders have added their voices to the call by The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative (Realizing Rights) for better corporate reporting on human rights. "Our companies have an important role to play to promote and uphold human rights. We need businesses to show how they are managing their impact on human rights through transparent, meaningful and public disclosure. To get there we need business to come together with civil society and other stakeholders to develop a common understanding of what that disclosure should look like, and I therefore support this joint initiative by GRI , the Global Compact and Realizing Rights," said Kumi Naidoo , CIVICUS Honorary President. *Fro deatials, click here*.

Mobilising investors for international accounting standard on extractives

Source: Publish What You Pay
The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) is developing new rules for the extractives sector. Publish What You Pay, the Revenue Watch Institute and other coalition members have proposed standards that will produce new information about company payments, operations, costs and reserves in each country of operation. Investors are expressing support for our position, and accounting standards groups see investors as their primary “clients”. But companies’ initial response has been negative. As the IASB research group prepares a formal discussion paper, written input from investors will be crucial. *For details, click here*.

Azerbaijan civil society to improve transparency in extractive industries

By Rocío Campos and Source: International Budget Partnership
The Coalition of Azerbaijan NGOs worked with the government of Azerbaijan to draft a United Nations (UN) resolution asking member states to become part of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Although the UN resolution that was unanimously passed on 11 September 2008 did not incorporate the original language in the draft asking members to adopt the EITI, it nonetheless emphasised that transparency and accountability should be embraced and promoted by all its member states. *For details, click here*.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISM AND GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS

Oslo High Level Group on Education for All: High hopes for a big change
Source: Global Campaign for Education
Campaigners for education converged on the eighth High Level Group meeting on Education for All in Oslo during 16-18 December. Government ministers, UN agencies, private sector and civil society use this annual meeting to discuss the progress and future steps to achieving education for all. The Global Campaign for Education is calling for urgent reform of the international system to ensure that developing countries get the assistance they need. "Several trillion dollars have been committed by the governments in the past six weeks to reward the failures of the market place whereas only $16 billion is needed to fund Education for All," said Kailash Satyarthi, GCE President. *For details, click here*.

The Water Footprint network launched to address global water issues
Source: MaximsNews Network
The Water Footprint Network was launched by its global partners from business, civil society, multilateral organisations and academia. Derk Kuiper, Executive Director of the Water Footprint Network: "It is really exciting to see that during the last months, the Water Footprint Network has gained substantial traction from a wide range of strong global partners. With this solid partner base of businesses, civil society, UN, government and academic organisations, we have embarked on key pieces of the work on Water Footprint. And, looking at the partnership requests, we are confident that many more organisations will be joining us soon to develop and apply the Water Footprint. This is exactly the type of acceleration that is needed to deal with the imminent water risks to society, environment and economy." *For details, click here*.

Eurodad analysis of Doha UN Financing for Development outcome
Source: EURODAD (European Network on Debt and Development)
The UN conference on Financing for Development finished on 2 December in Doha , after four days of heated discussions and a good dose of excitement. Unfortunately, the excitement was not due to high expectations on the outcome of the conference. On the contrary the adrenaline came from a whole-hearted fight by civil society - and some progressive governments and officials -- to avoid a race-to-the-bottom to strip down an outcome document which already got to Doha with very little clothing. Eurodad has analysed the document in detail and provides a look ahead to what will be the outcomes in practice. *For details, click here.*

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CLIMATE JUSTICE

Calls for radical new agenda to achieve climate justice
Poznan statement from the Climate Justice Now!
Members of Climate Justice Now! -- a worldwide alliance of more than 160 organisations -- have been in Poznan for the past weeks closely following developments in the UN climate negotiations. This statement is the assessment of the Conference of Parties (COP) 14, and articulates principles for achieving climate justice. Climate Justice Now will not be able to stop climate change if society don't change the neo-liberal and corporate-based economy which stops people from achieving sustainable societies. *For details, click here*.

Talks and more climate change talks in 2009
Source: IRIN News
Maldives, an archipelago off the southeastern coast of India, told the climate change conference in Poznan , Poland , that even a 2℃ rise in temperatu re would take the world into the "danger zone" of irreversible climate change. The world's 50 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) -- some of which are among the most vulnerable to climate change -- urged a limit of 1.5℃ temperature rise and greenho use gas concentrations of no more than 350 parts

per million (ppm), as well as 40 per cent emission reductions by developed countries by 2020 compared to 1990 levels. *For details, click here*.

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PROFILES



DONOR: The Columbia Foundation

Columbia Foundation was established in 1940 "for the furtherance of the public welfare" by Madeleine Haas Russell and her brother, William Haas. The Foundation's mission is to fund catalytic work to improve the quality of life within nature's ability to sustain it. The foundation focuses on enhancing the quality of life through the arts, advancing the cause of human rights; and creating sustainable food and farming systems in California. Columbia Foundation awards programme grants of $25,000 to $100,000 per year, and will consider grant awards for up to three years on a single application. Annual deadlines and formats are available on their website. *For details, click here*.

MEMBER: Indraprastha Public Affairs Centre (IPAC)

Indraprastha Public Affairs Centre's (IPAC) mission is to facilitate and organise professional lobby & advocacy support for organisations/institutions in the not-for-profit sector, and work as an intermediary to influence decision makers in pursuit of a fairer and just world. Simultaneously, IPAC seeks to make social justice interventions effective by helping NGO leadership to be strategic and effective in its engagement with public sector. IPAC's work is divided into three programmes. The Professionalizing Non-profit lobbying programme to improve the position of social movements in India. The International Financial Institutions programme engages with institutions to promote social and economic justice and ecological sustainability. Finally, the Dalit Human Rights programme works within the framework of the ESCR and devotes it energies on strengthening affirmative action for the marginalised group, especially in the private sector. *For details, click here*.

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BOOKS, REPORTS & RESOURCES

Democracy's New Champions study

Source: PASOS Secretariat, Prague, Czech Republic

European Democracy Assistance after EU Enlargement is a ground-breaking new PASOS study by four leading Central European think-tanks into the democracy assistance policies, spending, and geographical priorities of the Visegrad Four countries. The publication provides an analysis of the record of four of Europe's new democracies in sharing their transition experience to promote democracy abroad and in keeping democracy promotion on the European political agenda. *For further details, click here*.

Public engagement is a condition for effective governance

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Governments alone cannot deal with complex global and domestic challenges, such as climate change or soaring obesity levels. They face hard trade-offs, such as responding to rising demands for better quality public services despite tight budgets. They need to work with their own citizens and other stakeholders to find solutions. At the same time, more educated, well-informed and less deferential citizens are judging their governments on their "democratic performance" (the degree to which government decision-making processes live up to democratic principles) and their "policy

New report on trade union action for migrants in Costa Rica
Protecting migrant workers from the fallout of the crisis
By International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
“The international trade union movement is keeping a close watch on the responses to the economic and financial crisis to ensure that they are not at the expense of the fundamental rights of migrant workers,” warned Guy Ryder, General Secretary of the ITUC. At a time of massive job losses, migrant workers, often confined to the most precarious and least protected jobs, are in the front line of the economic and financial crisis. Their families in their countries of origin could also be badly affected, as they often depend heavily for their survival on money sent home by the migrant workers. *For details, click here*.

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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

NCVO Annual Conference 2009 - Civil Society: Building trust in uncertain times
18 February 2009, LondonIn, UK
In NCVO (The National Council for Voluntary Organisations)'s 90th year, this flagship Annual Conference will examine how uncertain economic times and a potential change in government presents many challenges, but also with opportunities. Join to explore the voluntary and community sector’s role within civil society and to identify those issues which will matter most to the people and communities work with in the future. *For details, click here*.

The Global Fight Against HIV/AIDS Forum
19 February 2009, Georgetown University's Main Campus
The Global Fight Against HIV/AIDS Forum is part of the 2008-2009 Waldemar A. Nielsen Issue Forums in Philanthropy: The Role of Philanthropy in Shaping Public Policy. The Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership will be hosting this forum in conjunction with President John DeGioia's Office. This forum will focus on how philanthropy can play a critical role in shaping public policy to encourage development of lifesaving medical advances, scale-up effective interventions, and ensure services reach communities disproportionately affected by one of the world's largest killers. *For details, click here*.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Democracy Video Challenge
Application deadline: 31 January 2009
The Democracy Video Challenge invites citizens from around the world to create short videos that complete the phrase: "Democracy is..." in an effort to enhance the global dialogue on democracy. The Video Challenge is an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., New York and Hollywood which gives an exposure to filmmakers and the U.S. film and television industry. The Challenge semifinalists will be selected February - March 2009. *For details, click here*.

Fellowships for Threatened Academics: Professors, Researchers and Lecturers
Application Deadline: 31 January 2009
The Institute of International Education's (IIE) Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) provides fellowships for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships

and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work. During the fellowship, conditions in a scholar□s home country may improve, permitting safe return after the fellowship; if safe return is not possible, the scholar may use the fellowship period to identify a longer-term opportunity. *For details, click here*.

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WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Leadership for Sustainable Development: LEAD Europe Programme 2009
23-27 March 2009, London , United Kingdom
This programme is designed to strengthen individuals' understanding of key sustainable development challenges, and motivate participants to realise their potential as agents of change through challenging training with diverse international peers and inspiring interactions with experienced leaders. In 2009, associates will go on a learning journey from London – Brussels - China to view sustainability issues on national, regional, and international levels. This course will focus on climate change, international collaboration, the role of developing countries (such as China), low carbon solutions in our current economic climate, and core leadership skills. *For details, click here*.

Beyond the Tipping Point: Latin American Development in an Urban World
22 - 24 May 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Throughout history, cities have played a defining role in social, political and economic transformations. And yet in the past 50 years development research and policy has placed a primary emphasis on national development strategies and rural poverty alleviation. The UNU-WIDER Project Workshop will take stock of what urban world need to know about cities and development; to gather experiences of urbanization and urban growth from across the world; and to offer policy options for an inexorably urbanizing world. *For details, click here*.

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CALL FOR PAPERS, SUBMISSIONS, SURVEYS & NOMINATIONS

2009 World Water Week: Call for workshop abstracts and seminar proposals
Application Deadline: 1 February 2009
Responding to Global Change: Accessing Water for the Common Good
The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) hosts the World Water Week, the leading annual global meeting place for the planet's water issues. The First Announcement for the 2009 World Water Week in Stockholm, 16-22 August, provides information on the theme, structure, and special focus of the 2009 Week. It also provides guidelines for convening a seminar or side event or submitting an abstract for presentation during the 8 workshops. The theme for 2009 is Water -- Responding to Global Change: Accessing Water for the Common Good with Special Focus on Transboundary Waters. *For details, click here.*

Call for Applications: Open Society Justice Initiative Fellows Programme
Application Deadline: 26 January 2009
The Open Society Institute (OSI), together with Central European University (CEU), is calling for applications for its Justice Initiative Fellows Program for 2009-2011. The aim of this two-year programme is to support and further develop a network of lawyers and activists working internationally on human rights-related issues. Applicants from countries in the following regions are eligible: Central and Eastern Europe; the former Soviet Union; Africa; East, South, and Southeast Asia ; the Middle East ; and Central and South America . *For details, click here*

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JOBS OF THE WEEK

Program Director
Application Deadline: 1 January 2008
Foundation for Sustainable Development
Location: Tola, Nicaragua
For details, click here.

Africa Project Regional Coordinator
Application Deadline: 16 January 2009
Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation
Location: Johannesburg, South Africa
For details, click here.

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