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Poll question

This week's question: The focus in December's UN climate summit in Copenhagen should be...

- a. a strong and binding deal
- b. greenhouse gas reductions
- c. renewable energy
- d. reduction of Co2 emissions
- e. financial aid for impacted developing countries

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

Previous question: What form of representation is most important for the legitimacy of the CIVICUS Board of Directors?

- a. equal gender representation
- b. regional representation
- c. equal representation from the 'North' and 'South'
- d. representation from different sectors of civil society
- e. representation from the grassroots

Results: a. - 8%, b. - 24%, c. - 16%, d. - 28%, e. - 24%

Get involved

Participate in the HP Climate Change Photography Contest '09

The HP Climate Change Photography Contest, in association with Sanctuary Asia and WWF-India asks you to record these changes happening around you. A single, striking image has the power to tell a story that truly hits home. Through your photos, we hope to spread your message to the world and help bring about a change in the way we look at our planet. For details [click here](#).

We Welcome Contributions

e-CIVICUS is a useful channel through which you and your organisation can share your news, publicise your events and articulate the issues you face. Please send us your contributions by Monday for publication in the coming week to editor@civicus.org. To read the contribution guidelines,

From the Desk of the Secretary General



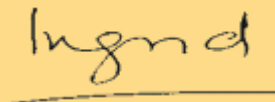
With less than two months to go until 2010, there are still many issues and events that require our attention before the end of the year. To start with, **International Volunteer Day** is fast approaching on 5 December 2009. The work of volunteers has a major impact on civil society and we'd like to you're your thoughts. Please send articles or commentary on volunteering to editor@civicus.org by 3 December 2009 for inclusion in our special e-CIVICUS edition.

Shortly after this day, the world's attention will be on Copenhagen for the **UN Climate Change Conference** from 7-18 December. Failure is not an option for the long term survival of our world. What are your views on this important issue? Let us know by emailing your articles and commentary to editor@civicus.org. Also check out this week's poll question and help CIVICUS develop its message for this key conference.

Finally, climate change can also impact on people's basic human rights. Occurring right in the middle of the Copenhagen conference, **International Human Rights Day**, on 10 December, gives us a chance to consider just what it takes to ensure Human Rights for All. e-CIVICUS will have a special issue to mark this day. Please send your articles to editor@civicus.org by 8 December for inclusion in this issue.

As 2009 draws to a close, these important dates should not be forgotten. We look forward to hearing from you on these issues.

With faith, gratitude and solidarity,



Help CIVICUS plan for 2010

Is there a theme close to your heart? A special day that represents the change you want to see in the world? An international meeting that you think has the potential to affect our lives and the lives of people around the world? Do you think CIVICUS needs to make it a priority for 2010? Help us plan for the year ahead by identifying the TOP 5 events and TOP 5 Global meetings that you think we need to focus on in 2010. Please complete [this short survey](#) by 12 November and make sure your voice is heard in our planning process.

News in brief

Special issue on International Volunteer Day (5 December 2009)

The first issue of e-CIVICUS in December will be dedicated to celebrating International Volunteer Day (5 December). Articles on the theme of volunteering, especially those that show the work of volunteers and their impact on civil society, should be sent to editor@civicus.org by 3 December 2009.

Special issue on Human Rights Day (10 December)

International Human Rights Day (10 Dec) will mark the 61st Anniversary of the Universal Declaration for Human. This year, the day will focus on non-discrimination. The famous first line of the declaration is "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". Yet today, the fight against discrimination remains a daily struggle for millions around the globe. To mark this day and support the fight for non-discrimination and human rights for all, e-CIVICUS will produce a special issue on 10 December. Please provide your articles and commentary on whatever moves you about the theme of human rights to editor@civicus.org by 8 December 2009.

Climate change: Sign a Real Deal

Source: CIVICUS

There will be a global mobilisation on 12 December 2009 called 'Sign A Real Deal' which is the third major moment in the Tck Tck Tck campaign. The first was the Global Wake Up Call on 21 Sept 2009 where CIVICUS members and partners actively participated during the programme meeting in Johannesburg. The second was [350.org's](#) International Day of Climate Action on 24 Oct 2009 with over 5,200 events in 181 countries. To get a better idea of what's happening for December visit <http://tckctck.org/events/major-moments/sign-real-deal-global-day-action>. For details, [click here](#).

The IFC Review Process: a critical opportunity for civil society to promote human rights

Source: CIVICUS

CIVICUS' CSW team caught up with Kirk Herbertson, who works with the Institutions and Governance Program, World Resources Institute in Washington D.C. For details, [click here](#).

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Events

The jobs trade off: Impacts of global Europe on decent work

18-19 November 2009, European Parliament, Brussels

Two weeks before world trade ministers meet at the WTO in Geneva, and in the wake of the global financial, food and energy crisis, what's the impact of the EU's Global Europe trade policy on decent work and development? Come and hear from labour leaders and activists from around the world about the situation on the ground for workers. Debate with decision makers, MEPs, European civil society and trade union representatives how to put European trade policy to work for decent work and decent lives for all. For details, [click here.](#)

Training on Proposal Development & Report Writing for Development Projects

4 - 5 December 2009, New Delhi, India

The training programme on Proposal Development and Report Writing is provide individuals with the skills for improving structure, content and format of proposals for funding, for business opportunities and for developing reports. The programme focus is on translating good proposals to "winning proposals" and good reports to "excellent reports". For details, [click here.](#)

COP-15 Copenhagen Climate Conference

7 - 18 December 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark

From 7-18 December, more than 15,000 people including Government officials and advisers from 192 nations, civil society and the media from nearly every country in the world, will come together in the Danish capital, Copenhagen in one of the most significant gatherings in history. It is being called the most complex and vital agreement the world has ever seen. For details, [click here.](#)

Book Reviews

People Power: Unarmed Resistance and Global Solidarity

Source: *Peace and Collaborative Development Network*

Transnational solidarity can be crucial for movements of nonviolent struggle – in helping them emerge, in accessing contacts and resources, and in applying leverage on a regime or corporation. However, some "transnational advocacy networks" have been criticised for "taking over" from local organisers and ultimately having a disempowering impact. The starting point of this book is that the prime role for transnational solidarity is to strengthen the counter-power of those resisting domination and oppression. For details, [click here.](#)

For more book reviews, [click here](#)

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CSO engagement in the UN Development Cooperation Forum : first High-level Symposium in Vienna, on 12-13 November 2009

Source: *CIVICUS*

The first High-level Symposium to prepare for the 2010 DCF will be organised by UN/DESA jointly with the Government of Austria in Vienna on 12-13 November 2009. As a true multi-stakeholder event, the Vienna Symposium on "Accountable and Transparent Development Cooperation: Towards a More Inclusive Framework" will bring together Southern and Northern stakeholders to identify key challenges in making mutual accountability mechanisms more effective at the global and at the country level and to discuss possible common standards in mutual accountability and aid transparency. The Vienna HLS will also include interactive discussions on how to improve information and analysis of South-South development cooperation flows, including how such cooperation can promote other types of financing for development from the perspective of developing countries. For details, [click here.](#)

G20: Climate finance now

Source: *Avaaz.org*

This Saturday, finance ministers of the world's 20 biggest economies are meeting in Scotland. To strike a new global climate deal at December's UN Copenhagen Summit, strong financing will be essential -- but there is still no global pledge of funds on the table and this isn't even on the agenda for Saturday's meeting. For details, [click here.](#)

Church leaders' statement on climate change and care for creation

Source: *All Africa Conference of Churches*

Church Leaders from Central Africa, West Africa and Indian Ocean Regions gathered from 28-29 September 2009 at the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Ecumenical Centre, All Africa Conference of Churches, around the topic "The climate change; its consequences and impact on the populations in Africa" For details, [click here.](#)

Argentina: Disappearing farmers, disappearing food

Source: *GlobalResearch.ca*

Worldwide, industrial mono-culture farming has displaced traditional food production and farmers, wreaking havoc on food prices and food sovereignty. This is particularly true for the global south, where land has been concentrated for crops destined for biodiesel and animal feed. In response, peasants and small farmers organised actions in more than 53 countries on October 15 for International Food Day as an initiative of Via Campesina, one of the largest independent social movement organisations, representing nearly 150 million people globally. The National Indigenous Campesino Movement of Argentina joined the protests taking place on around the world by organising a march in Buenos Aires for International Food Day. Argentina has often been described as South America's bread basket because it once produced grain and beef for much of the region. But with the transgenetic soy boom the nation has shifted to a mono culture production for export, displacing traditional food production and farmers. For details, [click here.](#)

Africa boycott UN climate talks, demands CO2 cuts

Source: *Reuters*

African nations boycotted U.N. climate talks in a protest to urge rich countries to set deeper 2020 cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. Meetings about extending the U.N.'s carbon-cutting Kyoto Protocol, one of two tracks for a new global climate deal due to be agreed in Copenhagen next month, were all cancelled by the protests at the Nov. 2-6 conference in Barcelona. For details, [click here.](#)

Donors uneasy about Mugabe's threat

Source: *IRIN News*

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's threat to appoint interim ministers to plug the gap left by the "disengagement" of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) from the unity government could lead to a review of donor funding, a highly placed official from a major donor country told IRIN. For details, [click here.](#)

"One Day One Struggle"

Source: *AWID Women's Rights*

On 9 November, 2009, a diverse group of nongovernmental organisations will stage bold actions in 11 countries to promote human rights. As part of the historic international campaign "One Day One Struggle" organised by the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), over 20 organisations will hold simultaneous public demonstrations and events to assert that sexual and reproductive rights are universal human rights based on the inherent freedom, dignity and equality of all human beings. For details, [click here.](#)

Ban Zimbabwe blood diamonds

Source: *Avaaz.org*

Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe has sent his brutal army to seize control of his country's diamond fields. 200 civilians have been murdered and profits from our wedding rings are used to fuel violent political conflict. The group of countries that regulate the global diamond trade are right now meeting in Namibia to decide whether to suspend Mugabe and stop him selling his blood diamonds on the world market. For details, [click here.](#)

Annan upbeat about Copenhagen summit

Source: *China.org.cn*

Former United Nations secretary-general Kofi Annan said the climate change conference in Copenhagen, with or without a groundbreaking deal, will be a success despite media reports that an agreement is unlikely. Annan, UN officials, dignitaries and celebrities called for the Copenhagen conference's participating nations to reach a deal in December. For details, [click here.](#)

Students investigate intersection of poverty, climate change

Source: *United Nations Foundation*

This fall students from more than 90 countries are addressing the reality of the world we live in and expanding their global mindset to tackle the intersection of poverty and climate change. For the past two years, the Global Debates has focused on several climate change issues - water rights, carbon emissions, action plans, obligation of developed nations and more. However, we cannot combat these issues apart from the impact that global warming has on international development and our ability to end extreme poverty. For details, [click here.](#)

Appointments

This week, new civil society job openings have been added to the CIVICUS website. Please [click here](#). Should you wish to publish a New Vacancy, please click on [Add job](#). Please add an expiry date for applications.

DevNetJobs: International Development Jobs Network

<http://www.devnetjobs.org>

DevNetJobs.org lists jobs and consulting opportunities arising within NGOs and CSOs globally free of charge. The objective is to enable these organisations to attract qualified human resources for their projects and activities. Over 9000 NGOs currently benefit from its services at no cost. To post jobs within your non-profit organisation, simply email them to jobs@devnetjobs.org

Civil Society Index Programme Officer

(Application Deadline: 13 November 2009)

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

For details, [click here](#).

Legitimacy, Transparency and Accountability (LTA) Programme Officer

(Application Deadline: 20 November 2009)

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

For details, [click here](#).

Resident Director

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

Location: Khartoum, Sudan

For details, [click here](#).

Resident Director

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

Location: Juba, Sudan

For details, [click here](#).

Internship Programme

Africa in Democracy and Good Governance (ADG)

Location: The Gambia, West Africa

For details, [click here](#).

Civil Society Advisory Committee Member

(Application Deadline: 30 November 2009)

Commonwealth Foundation

Location: International

For details, [click here](#).

CIVICUS Member profile

People's Movement for Human Rights Education (PDHRE)

PDHRE was founded in 1989 as a non-profit, international service organisation with a deep belief in the power of human rights learning for economic and social transformation. PDHRE has worked directly and indirectly with its network of affiliates and partners in over 60 countries around the world to develop and advance the learning about human rights as way of life. It enables women and men to re-imagine their lives and discover their own power to define the destiny of their community. Participating in the planning of their future, the human rights framework provides them with the guideline to pursue their hopes. In pursuing its work in the field, PDHRE is constantly revitalised by actions being taken in the community to create a space for a meaningful change as a result of internalising the praxis of human rights. Assuming social responsibility, people move away from humiliation to belong in their community in dignity with others. For details, [click here](#).

Resources

Jobs – the Path to Recovery: How employment is central to ending the global crisis

Source: ITUC

As part of the ITUC's work on the global crisis and its impact on decent work, sustainable development and growth, the ITUC has produced a new publication that highlights trade union actions to fight the crisis in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe and explains the steps needed to achieve a decent work-led recovery and build a fairer and more sustainable world economy for future generations. For details, [click here](#).

Opportunities

Funding for The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) fifty-fourth session

Deadline: 18 November 2009

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will hold its fifty-fourth session from 1 to 12 March 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. The Commission will undertake a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. Emphasis will be placed on the sharing of experiences and good practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals. Thanks to a contribution made by the late Ms. Yvonne M.T. Hebert, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) can provide funding (travel and Daily Subsistence Allowance) for between eight and ten members ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organisations to attend as observers during the first week of CSW54, i.e., from 1-5 March 2010. [Click here](#) to view the invitation and [click here](#) to download the nomination form.

International Internship Programme 2010

Deadline: 30 November 2009

The May 18 Memorial Foundation was founded by Gwangju citizens, sympathetic Koreans overseas and individuals who believe it's important to keep the ideas and memories of the 1980 May 18 Gwangju Democratic Uprising alive. 2 interns (one male, one female) who will serve for 10 months from March-December 2010. The annual internship program is a crucial part of the Foundation's mandate to promote international solidarity and further the cause of human rights in Asia. For details, [click here](#).

Call for Proposals, United Nations Democracy Fund

Deadline: 31 December 2009

United Nations Democracy Fund invites civil society organisations to apply for funding for projects to advance and support democracy. Only on-line applications in either English or French will be accepted. This is the Fourth Round of Funding to be launched by UNDEF, which was established by the UN Secretary-General in 2005 as a United Nations General Trust Fund. UNDEF funds projects that strengthen the voice of civil society and help ensure the participation of all groups in democratic processes. For details, [click here](#).

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