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Poll question

This week's question: What kind of a 'real deal' do you expect at the COP 15 in Copenhagen?

- Politically -binding deal
- Legally -binding deal
- A funding agreement
- CO2 reduction agreement
- No deal!

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

Previous question: Which of these is most impacted by climate change?

- Gender equality
- Human rights
- Poverty
- Health
- Developing countries

Results: a. - 5.6%, b. - 0%, c. - 41.7%, d. - 8.3%, e. - 44.4%

facebook

Below are some of our facebook

responses:

Ainur Nurtay: Everything mentioned above is impacted...
Ntokozo Dlamini: All the above! It's sad that Africa is the one badly affected and yet the western worlds r the ones doing most of the damage to the environment.
Kananelo Sexwale: developing countries r most affected yet pollute the least. rest of yr list also extremely relevant.
Rodney Scholtz: its a compounding effect involving all mentioned...running out of excuses...

Get involved

Donate to Help small islands
Source: *Avaaz*

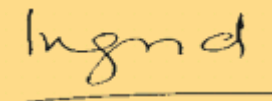
With the biggest climate summit in history just weeks away, leaders are backing off from their promises for a deal to stop catastrophic climate change. So Avaaz is launching a critical effort to build the capacity of negotiating teams from vulnerable islands like Nauru and Palau at the Copenhagen

From the Desk of the Secretary General

Civil society is facing the greatest opportunity of my lifetime

It is hard for me to find the appropriate words to describe the delight and honour I felt at visiting Cambodia to commemorate 30 years of NGO partnership with civil society there. It was an honour to celebrate with them their achievements over the last three decades and to share with them the expressions of gratitude for those who sacrificed so much to get them there. While we reflected on the past, concern about how we would grapple with the future was clearly present. A year has passed since the world was overwhelmed by the financial crisis that imploded on Wall Street. In a few days world leaders will meet in Copenhagen to decide the future of our species and the planet we call home. Across the developing world we have watched in shock and awe as the great edifices of free-market capitalism have crumbled before our eyes. And tried to cope with their ripple effects. It can be hard, amidst these mounting and converging crises to maintain hope. Yet the sheer scale and severity of their impact represents, I believe, the greatest opportunity for civil society of my lifetime. To read my speech on this, [click here](#).

With faith, gratitude and solidarity,



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\(at\)civicus.org](mailto:editor(at)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 of Human Rights. This year, the day will focus on non-discrimination. 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\(at\)civicus.org](mailto:editor(at)civicus.org) by 8 December 2009.

News in brief

This week's issue is a Special Issue on climate change

Africa: The evidence of climate injustice

By Duduzile Mathebula, Communications Intern, CIVICUS

Just a couple of days before Copenhagen, the situation worsens - whether or not the conference progresses or not. World leaders need not look further than Africa for motivation as climate change continues to devastate the continent's natural resources. The evidence of climate injustice is not only visible throughout Africa but every day wasted towards a solution continues to be a day where lives are lost unnecessarily. Africa is the smallest contributor of carbon emissions in the world but suffers greatly from the effects of climate change. This is evident from the receding glaciers of Mount Kilimanjaro and other mountain peaks within the continent, lack of seasonal rains and the increase of malaria cases, poor agricultural production and a serious lack of domestic water supplies. For details, [click here](#).

Climate: A question of justice

By Kumi Naidoo, Greenpeace

Lifelong human rights activist Kumi Naidoo takes over as international executive director of Greenpeace. Here he explains why he is making the jump to a mainstream environmental organisation, and what role he sees for organisations such as Greenpeace in the modern world. For details, [click here](#).

Adding human rights as a critical dimension to the discussions about and solution for changing the course of Global Warming

Source: *Shulamith Koenig, PDHRE, People's Movement for Human Rights Learning*

Learning and examining even the little we know about global warming one does not have to overstress the impacts which are becoming more and more threatening without relief in sight, season after season. Without compromise it is our obligation to demand serious deliberations that will lead to the protection of the well-being of future generations. As a result of yet unfolded tragedies that climate change holds for humanity, these new generations will be born into a world that will be in shambles, environmentally and

climate talks - and gearing up to support their message with intensive on-the-ground advocacy for a strong treaty. For details, [click here](#).

'Sign a Real Deal' global day of action

Just as the climate negotiations start to heat up, the world needs to rise up and tell our leaders that it's time to Sign a Real Deal. At the 12th hour of the 12th day of the 12th month the world will come together in the massive Sign a Real Deal action – the most important global signing event for the future of the world. This massive action will send a simple, clear message to their leaders: It is time to sign a fair, ambitious and binding climate treaty. For details [click here](#).

Action-Pact: Demand a pact to act on climate change

Source: *Greenpeace*

This December the world's leaders hope to agree on a deal at the UN climate summit in Copenhagen. But the world needs more than just a deal - it needs a firm pact for change that packages together 3 clear actions: 1) Big cuts in emissions from rich countries. 2) A fund to save our forests. 3) Funds to help developing countries. Help us make sure they deliver. Create a slogan, vote for your favourites, and we'll make sure the best ones get seen, Greenpeace style, in Copenhagen. 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, [click here](#).

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Events

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](#).

Communication strategy for behaviour & social change

11-20 December, 2009, Deolali, Maharashtra, India

Media Matters presents a 10 day residential workshop on communication strategy for behaviour & social change. The workshop will cover topics such as: how to Plan, Implement & Monitor Need Based & Area Specific Interventions and how to Design & Develop Communication & Facilitation Resources. For details, [click here](#).

Climate change rock show

5 December, 2009, Palace Grounds, Bangalore, India

An international rock show is being organised with the theme Global Warming and Climate change. The idea is also to bring focus on the Copenhagen talks happening at the same time. For details, [click here](#).

Book Reviews

No Impact Man

Source: *Amazon.com*

Beavan chronicles his year long effort to leave as little impact on the environment as possible. Realising that he had erred in thinking that condemning other people's misdeeds somehow

economically. For details, [click here](#).

Ban says Obama's presence adds momentum to Copenhagen climate summit

Source: *UN News Centre*

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today welcomed the announcement that President Barack Obama of the United States will attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen next month, and he will urge Commonwealth leaders to do the same when he meets them later this week in Trinidad and Tobago. For details, [click here](#).

UN disaster expert knows first hand what Copenhagen failure could entail

Source: *UN News Centre*

Among those keeping a close eye on the outcome of next month's climate summit in Copenhagen is the head of the United Nations body dealing with disaster risk reduction, who has seen first hand the devastation wrought by increasingly frequent and severe natural disasters aggravated by climate change. For details, [click here](#).

Naomi Klein on climate debt: Why rich countries should pay reparations to poor countries for the climate crisis

Source: *Truthout*

With the Copenhagen climate summit in two weeks, best-selling journalist Naomi Klein examines the grass-roots movement behind the climate debate proposal that argues that all the costs associated with adapting to a more hostile ecology—everything from building stronger sea walls to switching to cleaner, more expensive technologies—are the responsibility of the countries that created the crisis. Klein also discusses the 10th anniversary of the Seattle WTO protests and the 10th anniversary of her first book, "No Logo." For details, [click here](#).

Revolt against climate change!

Source: *Counter Currents*

Next month at the climate change summit in Copenhagen, the wealthy nations that produce most of the excess carbon in our atmosphere will almost certainly fail to embrace measures adequate to ward off the devastation of our planet by heat and chaotic weather. Their leaders will probably promise us teaspoons with which to put out the firestorm and insist that springing for fire hoses would be far too onerous a burden for business to bear. They have already backed off from any binding deals at this global summit. For details, [click here](#).

Climate change sceptics and lobbyists put world at risk, says top adviser

Source: *tcktcktck*

Climate change sceptics and fossil fuel companies that have lobbied against action on greenhouse gas emissions have squandered the world's chance to avoid dangerous global warming, a key adviser to the UK government has said. For details, [click here](#).

Oxfam documentary highlights climate change impacts happening today

Source: *tcktcktck*

TckTckTck partner Oxfam has released a startling interactive online documentary about a village in Bangladesh devastated by Cyclone Aila, a massive storm that affected millions of people and caused widespread destruction across India and Bangladesh. The Oxfam project, created in partnership with the Guardian (UK), shows in vivid detail how, "in places like Gabura in south-west Bangladesh, climate change is costing lives – now, today." For details, [click here](#).

Obama brings his A-list to Copenhagen summit

Source: *tcktcktck*

Great news today out of the White House. President Obama has announced that not only will he be attending the climate summit in Copenhagen, he will also be bringing some of the biggest players in his administration. For details, [click here](#).

Untold Stories: A long road to violence elimination against women

Source: *Sifiso Dube, Gender Equality Team, CIVICUS*

'Helen sat on the doorstep gently feeling her sore eye. She gazed at the packed bag next to her in deep thought. In front of her was a small path from her home that led to the main road. As she stood up to pick up her bag, a throbbing pain entered her right arm. She had become oblivious of last night's beating. All she could think of was that she was finally able to walk away from her abusive husband. Her crime had been selling produce from her garden to her neighbours. Where she would walk away to was another challenge facing her. She thought of going to her aunt but quickly erased the thought from her mind as she remembered how abusive her aunt's husband was. She finally set herself to go to the local NGO which worked with local women, empowering them and providing counselling to abused women.' To read more, [click here](#).

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Source: *Human Rights Education Associates*

In December 1999, the 54th session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 54/134 declaring November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The origins of November 25th go back to 1960, when the three Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic were violently assassinated for their political activism. The sisters, known as the "Unforgettable Butterflies", became a symbol of the crisis of violence against women in Latin America. November 25th was the date chosen to commemorate their lives and promote global recognition of gender violence, and has been observed in Latin America since the 1980s. For details, [click here](#).

Trying to give sex workers safer alternatives

Source: *IRIN News*

A plan by Malawi to offer prostitutes low-interest loans to start small businesses in return for abandoning sex work is generating controversy in a country where women are disproportionately affected by high rates of poverty and HIV. "Most [sex workers] leave school at an early age, get pregnant, and then have to provide for a child, so they end up on the streets as a way to earn a bit of money," said Ayam Maeresa, special assistant to the Minister of Gender, Children and Community Development, Patricia Kaliati, who proposed the plan after discussions with sex workers, most of whom said they had been driven into prostitution by poverty. For details, [click here](#).

made him virtuous, he makes a stab at genuine and radical virtue: foregoing toilet paper and electricity, relinquishing motorised transportation, becoming a locavore and volunteering with environmental organisations. Beavan captures his own shortcomings with candour and wit and offers surprising revelations: lower resource use won't fill the empty spaces in my life, but it is just possible that a world in which we already suffer so much loss could be made a little bit better if husbands were kinder to their wives. While few readers will be tempted to go to Beavan's extremes, most will mull over his thought-provoking reflections and hopefully reconsider their own lifestyles. For details, [click here](#).

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

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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.

Research and Monitoring Manager (Application Deadline: 11 December 2009)

Publish What You Fund
Location: London, England
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](#).

Subcontract Manager

CARE USA
Location: Atlanta or Washington, DC, USA
For details, [click here](#).

Chief of Party – Civic Education

Mercy Corps
Location: Tbilisi, Georgia
For details, [click here](#).

US Research Internship: Communicating Our Vision

Mercy Corps
Location: Cambridge, MA or Portland, OR
For details, [click here](#).

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

CIVICUS Member profile

Ser Familia

Ser Familia is a nonprofit organisation that has carried out activities for over 6 years in Bolivia, with intervention (human, economic and productive development) targeting women, youth, children, teenagers and persons with disabilities. The institution's mission is: Ser Familia will contribute to the ample development of the families living in social exclusion, through designing and developing projects and programmes improving the quality of life for Bolivian families. The services and programmes are for families and communities of the suburban and rural areas especially living in poverty, exclusion and suffering from discrimination, with projects related to: human development (human trafficking, reproductive and sexual health, leadership, education and violence), economic and productive development (initial financing of entrepreneurs, technical assistance and support for project development). For details, www.serfamilia-bolivia.org.

Resources

A humanitarian's guide to Copenhagen

Source: IRIN News

The humanitarian aid community will not only be keeping tabs on the conversations about "who will cut how much [greenhouse gas emissions]" at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (COP15), but will also have their antennae tuned to talks on issues already affecting their constituencies. For details, [click here](#).

Future directions in International NGO structures: Decentralised management, alliances and the recession (Executive Summary)

Source: INTRAC

INTRAC ran a one-day seminar on 'Future Directions in International NGO Structures: Decentralised Management, Alliances and the Recession', attended by around 60 participants from major INGOs in November 2009. This is the executive summary of the seminar presentations and discussions. For details, [click here](#).

Opportunities

Developing country scholarships to participate in international courses and training programmes, Belgium

Source: Peace and Collaborative Development Network

The CUD (Cutting-edge International Trainings and Courses for Development) Scholarship Programme for the year 2010-2011 offers support to undertake international courses and trainings such as the European Masters in Microfinance, Master in Public Health – Guidance Health and Development, Master in International Economics and Development, Master in Development, Environment and Societies, Master in Public Health Methodology etc and courses like Internship in Management Systems Health Services – economics and resource management / planning in Belgium-based institutions. Some of these courses and trainings are in French and candidates should be familiar with the language before applying for them. Nevertheless, selected candidates also need to learn French while participating in the programme. Only applicants from developing countries can apply for the programme. For details, [click here](#).

UN democracy fund for strengthening NGOs and civil society

Deadline: 31 December 2009

The United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) is open to accepting applications from NGOs around the world under its fourth round of funding. UNDEF provides grant support primarily for strengthening NGOs and increasing the participation of all groups in democratic practices. "The Fund complements current UN efforts to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide and funds projects that enhance democratic dialogue and support for constitutional processes, civil society empowerment, including the empowerment of women, civic education and voter registration, citizen's access to information, participation rights and the rule of law in support of civil society, and transparency and integrity." For details, [click here](#).

Call for applications, Sauvé Scholars programme

Deadline: 30 November, 2009

A unique programme designed to nurture the skills of young leaders from across the globe who want to change the world, the Sauvé Scholars Programme has welcomed 87 Scholars from 44 different countries. Launched in 2003, the Sauvé Scholars Programme has evolved from the Jeanne Sauvé Youth Foundation, created in 1991 by the late Jeanne Sauvé, the first woman to serve as Governor General of Canada, the country's Head of State and Commander-in-Chief. For details, [click here](#).

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