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Calendar of Major Activities and Events 2010: The International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

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*This calendar (non-exhaustive) will be updated regularly with more information on the activities planned by UNESCO and our Strategic Partners.

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JANUARY Back to top ▲		
12 January	Launching of <i>Culture Counts: A UNESCO Poster Competition</i> devoted to 2010.	UNESCO Culture Sector & Design21: Social Design Network
27-28 January	Meeting of the Euro-Arab Dialogue Task Force	UNESCO Headquarters/ Euro-Arab Dialogue Project: a joint initiative of National Commissions from the Arab and European Regions,
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9 February	Sharjah Award Prize Ceremony for Arab culture and Forum on dialogues between Arab culture and other cultures, with the participation of eminent members of the International Jury and the 2009 laureates (CLT)	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
18 February	Official launching of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010) First meeting of the UNESCO High Level Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures (Gala Evening)	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO

18-19 February	Planning meeting for UN Agencies to discuss their inter-agency work including the approach to the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding commencing on 12 August 2010.	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector
22-23 February	International Mother Language Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International symposium on Translation and Intercultural Mediation (themes: "Bridging global and local languages", "Translation, mutual understanding and stereotypes", "Translation and cultural mediation") • International conference "The native language in modern society: young peoples' attitude" 	UNESCO HQ/ UNESCO Culture Sector Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages, with the support of UNESCO Office in Moscow
February	Tri-partite meeting to define common strategies and projects for the launching of the International Year 2010 (as a follow-up of the Kairouan conference, 2-4 June 2009 organized by OIF/ISESCO)	UNESCO, OIF, ISESCO
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3 - 5 March	Lugano IV : National Commissions for UNESCO : Strengthening Our Relations Considering the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures	Lugano, Switzerland/ Swiss Commission for UNESCO
16 – 18 March	Special Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and Development (SNAMMM)	Manila, Philippines/ Philippines Government
March	Production and Dissemination of a film on the UNESCO Histories in English, French and Spanish entitled "The UNESCO General and Regional Histories: a contribution to the dialogue between cultures."	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector

March-August	Regional meeting for exchange and dialogue among religious leaders (from Rwanda, D.R.C, Gabon, Congo Brazzaville and Burundi), with the participation of intellectuals and humanists from civil society of the five countries	UNESCO Office in Bujumbura
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23 April	World Book and Copyright Day Round Table of the Nobel Prize in Literature around the theme of the Rapprochement of Cultures (to be confirmed).	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
26 – 27 April	Forum of Religious Leaders	Baku, Azerbaijan/ Interreligious Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States
April	International Conference on <i>History, Memory and the Rapprochement of Cultures</i>	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
April	The 5th edition of the International Documentary Film Festival	Tunis, Tunisia/Tunisian Ministry of Culture and Heritage Preservation
April	International Conference entitled <i>Music as a Factor in the Rapprochement of Cultures</i>	Kazakhstan/ Kazakh National Academy of Music in cooperation with the National Commission of Kazakhstan for UNESCO
April-May	International Arts Festival: <i>Meet in Beijing</i>	Beijing, China/China Arts & Entertainment Group, China Performing Arts Agency (CPAA) in collaboration with other partners
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2 – 7 May	The IX Youth Delphic Games of Russia dedicated to the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures.	Russia/National Delphic Council of Russia
6 – 9 May	Second World Conference on Inter-Religious and Inter-Civilization Dialogue on “Religion and Culture – Substantial Relation among Nations”	Ohrid, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia / Ministry of Culture and National Commission for UNESCO of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

7 – 10 May	24 th Edition of the Black International Cinema Berlin on the theme “A COMPLEXION CHANGE – International & Intercultural Diplomacy”	Berlin/ Fountainhead® Tanz Theatre
21-28 May	<p>In the framework of the Festival of Cultural Diversity devoted to World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (21 May):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gala evening to celebrate the Rapprochement of Cultures through the performing arts • Presentation of an African-American/American dance performance dealing with issues of memory, history and contemporary African and diasporic African identity (HQ) • Poster exhibition on 2010 – 30 graphic design winners of the Poster competition 	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
25-28 May	In the framework of the World Conference on Arts Education in Seoul: a plenary session devoted to the Rapprochement of Cultures.	Seoul, Korea/UNESCO
28-29 May	<p>Third Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations: focus on 2010 In the framework of the Forum, the AoC proposes to:</p> <p>1) invite UNESCO to organize an activity to be included in the programme of the Forum showcasing its “acquis” in the field of promotion of intercultural dialogue;</p> <p>2) support the organization of a side event, i.e. an encounter with participants in musical groups/experiences/orchestras based on mixing diversity to reflect on the power of music to bridge divides and musical performance;</p> <p>3) organize the Rapprochement of cultures special award for civil society projects aimed at promoting a rapprochement of cultures.</p>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/ Alliance of Civilizations

28 – 29 May	In the framework of the third AoC Forum (Brazil), the organization (to be confirmed) of: 1) A seminar on intercultural citizenship. 2) A UNESCO seminar for youth of Latin America on interreligious dialogue: their experiences and needs (CLT/CPD). 3) Presentation of the Intercultural “Vademecum” program financed by the Spanish authorities. 4) Other projects to be identified and further developed.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/UNESCO
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9-11 June	International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity in the framework of the International Year of Biodiversity and the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures.	Montréal, Canada/ UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector
23 June	Eighth Regional Summit of Heads of State of South East Europe (Turkey): “ Music as a Metaphor of Cultural Dialogue”	Istanbul, Turkey/ UNESCO
28 June-1 July	2010 World Forum on Human Rights	Nantes, France/UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector
June	Event by the Windhoek Field Office during the World Cup for soccer in South Africa	South Africa/UNESCO Windhoek
June	The 2010 Global Forum on Civilization and Peace	Korea/Korean National Commission for UNESCO, in cooperation with the Academy of Korean Studies
JULY		Back to top ▲
18-29 July	<i>Art camp 2010</i> to assemble a large number of artists worldwide to encourage cooperation and mutual understanding amongst people through painting, gastronomy and music.	Andorra/Andorran National Commission of UNESCO, Comi d'Ordino Bomosa

July	International conference on “Cultural Heritage & Diversity of the Nomads”	International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations [IISNC], Mongolia
July-August	Vth International Handicraft Festival on Dialogue of Cultures “Oimo”	Kyrgyz Republic/ Public Foundation- Resource Center of the CACSA [Central Asian Craft Support Association]
AUGUST		
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9 August	International Day of Indigenous People Side event at the 9 th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (19-30 April) devoted to the theme <i>Development with Culture and Identity</i> (to be confirmed).	UNESCO Culture Sector
12 August	International Youth Day Launching of the International Youth Year (12 August 2010 – 11 August 2011)	UNESCO
22-31 August	Annual International Youth creative summer camp	UNESCO Center for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries, Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO, Hellenic Ministry of National Education & Parliament of Greece
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the first results of the Atlas of interactions and of the African Diaspora at the occasion of the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (23 August) • International Conference on <i>The Slave Route Project : 15 years Later</i> to mark its launching in Ouidah, Benin 	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector Ouidah, Benin/UNESCO Culture Sector

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18 – 25 September	The Drum Café 2010 Peace Festival/Conference	The Drum Café in collaboration with National Museums of Kenya	
September	Opening of the General Assembly: Special event to be organized in collaboration with the United Nations.	UNESCO/ UN	
September	The Fourth Festival <i>Woman Creators of the Two Seas, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea</i> on the theme <i>Connecting Cultures: Women and Intercultural Dialogue</i>	Thessaloniki, Greece/UNESCO Center for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries, Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO and Hellenic Ministry of National Education & Parliament of Greece	
September	<i>Le film des terres imaginées</i> - distribution by Canal+ of the film adapted from a book published by Seuil in 2009 (<i>Le livre des terres imaginées</i> by Guillaume Duprat) showing how different cultures at different times have imagined the Earth.	France/Cinquième Etage Productions	
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18 October-18 November	<i>China Shanghai International Arts Festival (CSIAF)</i> , including a <i>Forum Dialogues between European and Asian Festivals</i> .	Shanghai China / Center for China Shanghai International Arts Festival, Ministry of Culture of P.R.C., Shanghai People's Municipal Government	
22 October 2010- 7 January 2011	Universal Forum of Cultures 2010 on the themes of <i>Cultural Diversity, Sustainable Development, Culture of Peace and Creativity</i>	Valparaiso, Chile/ Chilean National Commission for UNESCO in cooperation with the Associated Schools Network, UNESCO Chairs in Chile, particular cultural institutions of the State and civil society and the municipality of Valparaiso and the UNESCO Office in Santiago.	
23-24 October	International Conference <i>Dialogue between Christianity and Islam in the Context of Contemporary Culture</i>	Russia/UNESCO Chair for Comparative Studies of Spiritual Traditions, their Specific Cultures and Interreligious Dialogue at St. Petersburg Branch of Russian Institute for Cultural Research	

October	UNESCO contest <i>Independences and Culture of Peace</i> open to young artists of the Academies and Schools of Arts of Brazzaville, Kinshasa, Libreville, Malabo et Sao Tomé et Principe.	UNESCO Libreville Cluster Office in collaboration with several UNESCO partners
Autumn 2010	<i>South East Europe World Heritage Youth Forum: World Heritage education as a factor for rebuilding trust and reconciliation</i>	Slovenia, Croatia /UNESCO World Heritage Center in cooperation with Slovenian and Croatian National Commissions
Autumn 2010	Second U40-World Forum "Cultural Diversity 2030"	Istanbul, Turkey/ National Commission of Germany for UNESCO and the International Federation of the Coalition for Cultural Diversity (IFCCD)
NOVEMBER		
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November	Organisation of an International Conference on the <i>Interactions Between Africa and Asia</i> (in particular China, India)	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
November	Forum of Civil society preceding the 5 th session of the Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on the theme of <i>The Role of Civil Society in the Rapprochement of Cultures</i> .	Kenya/ UNESCO Culture Sector
November	International seminar The Role of the Religious Communities in the Management of the World Heritage Properties	Kiev, Ukraine/UNESCO World Heritage Center
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Network of UNESCO Chairs of Interreligious Dialogue for Intercultural Understanding devoted to 2010 • Seminar on "Religious Roots of Phobias" 	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
November	Event to be organized for the Official Closing of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures	UNESCO HQ

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10 December	Human Rights Day Award Ceremony of the 2010 UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights	Bilbao, Spain/UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector
December	Photographic exhibition entitled "Reporters of Peace" on the holy sites embodying interfaith dialogue	UNESCO Culture Sector
December	Meeting on Water and Culture	Chile (to be confirmed) /UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector
December	Report to the UN General Assembly and key event at the UN Headquarters in New York	New York/UN
Dates to be fixed		
January 2009 - December 2011	<i>Africa Europe Youth Cooperation Programmes</i> providing training for Youth Organizations in and between Africa and Europe.	Council of Europe, European Commission, European Youth Forum, Pan African Youth Union
	UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists (Artists contributing to the rapprochement of cultures)	UNESCO Culture Sector
	Itinerant Photography Exhibit -“The Rapprochement of Cultures as seen by famous photographers “Culture to Culture -The World Heritage Sites as seen by photographers from diverse cultures	UNESCO Culture Sector
	International launching of the International Centre for the Advancement of Human Rights in Buenos Aires under the auspices of UNESCO	Buenos Aires, Argentina/ UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector

	The IHP project on water and cultural diversity: cooperation with the Culture Sector on the theme "Water and cultural heritage, source of inspiration and dialogue in Europe and Circum-Mediterranean region"	UNESCO Natural Science Sector
	Conduction of the Award of Excellence for Handicrafts programme in West-Central Asia in 2010 and holding the Jury meeting in Kazakhstan in cooperation with Central Asian Craft Support Association – CACSA and the Ministry of Culture of Kazakhstan	UNESCO Office in Almaty
	Regional meeting on the Intangible Heritage shared in the Asia-Pacific region (UNESCO Office in Bangkok)	UNESCO Office in Bangkok
	Fifth International Congress of the Spanish Language	Chile (host country)
	Establishment of a Euro-Mediterranean Network for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Biosphere Reserves (MAB BRs) and other specially designated areas	Greece and the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) with the support of UNESCO Venice Office
	International Conference to celebrate the International Year of the Rapprochement of Cultures by the Moscow International Regional Museum	Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, in cooperation with different partners
	IVth Forum of Interpreters, Writers and Publishers of the CIS and Baltic countries "Translation: Language and Culture"	Intergovernmental Foundation for Educational, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation (IFESCO)
	Central Asian Education Forum marking the year 2010, including the promotion of the Cultural Diversity Programming Lens Toolkit	Dushanbe, Tajikistan (to be confirmed) /UNESCO UNESCO Office in Almaty