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**(10 December 2007 – 2008/2009)**

**Introduction:**

This document presents for information the list of activities placed under the banner of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights undertaken by UNESCO Programme Sectors and Field Offices throughout 2008. The list includes mainly activities to be implemented within Regular Programme and Budget (34 C/5). The list is available on UNESCO's website and will be updated regularly\*.

Brief description of the activity	Proposed date and venue	Division/Section responsible
<b><u>The Right to Education</u></b>		
<b>Education for all (EFA)</b>		
<p>"Quality Education for All: End Exclusion now" was the topic of <b>2008 EFA Global Action Week</b> which mobilized 9 million people for the World's Biggest Lesson on quality education. Children, adults, teachers joined politicians in over 100 countries to learn about the importance of everyone having the chance for a quality education, especially the 72 million children and 774 million adults who are currently missing out. All over the world Politicians and Ministers went back to school, were taught the lesson by children before being asked what they planned to do to make sure everyone gets a quality education.</p>	<p>April 2008</p>	<p>For the event, UNESCO is partnered with the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Education International.</p>

\* The document includes contributions received as at June 2009. We apologize for any involuntary omission or mistake which may have occurred inadvertently despite our efforts to present the most accurate information possible.

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<p>Celebration of the 2008 EFA Global Action week in Afghanistan with cooperation with the UN partners</p> <p>UNESCO Kabul supported this event, celebrated all over the world, to raise awareness about increasing access to education, and remind governments of their promise to achieve Education for All by 2015. During a press conference organized by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), UNESCO and UNICEF reaffirmed their commitment to support Education for All movement through the promotion of inclusive education. Together with other UN agencies, UNESCO and UNICEF are supporting the Ministry of Education to establish inclusive pilot schools that offer children with learning friendly environment, particularly integrating more disabled children into schools. The UN press conference was also an opportunity to present and disseminate the 2008 EFA Global Monitoring Report 'Education for All by 2015. Will we make it?'</p> <p>As part of the celebration of the Global Action Week, UNESCO together with UN agencies also joined the 'Big Lesson' organized by a consortium of Afghan organizations, in close cooperation with other active organizations, Media sector and the Government of Afghanistan. The 'Big Lesson' was held in Amani High School in Kabul in the presence of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative and Head of UNAMA. It was an opportunity to reaffirm UN commitment to Education for All as fundamental right for every human being. The right to education for all children (girls, disabled, kuchi children) is integrated in the five year National Education Strategic Plan for Afghanistan (NESP) developed with the support of UNESCO-IIEP. UNESCO Kabul is supporting the Ministry of Education to link inclusion in education to broader development goals in order to contribute to the reform of education system, to poverty alleviation and to the achievement of</p>	<p>21 – 27 April 2008</p>	<p>UNESCO Kabul Office</p>

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the Afghanistan Millennium Development Goals.		
<p>Celebration of the EFA Global Action week in Jordan</p> <p>In 2008, the Global EFA Action week was observed from 22-28 April in Jordan. It was held under the patronage of the Minister of Education. Over 100 experts and educators participated in the event. The Global EFA Week highlights the fundamental right to education and attainment of the EFA Dakar Goals by 2015. The national and regional EFA Mid-Decade Assessment reports were launched on the occasion. The event was extensively covered by the local media. The final report of the workshop was submitted by the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>Within the framework of Education for All Initiative, a capacity building workshop related to special needs education and inclusive education is organized in collaboration with the Higher Council for Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>UNESCO disseminates special needs education documents, tools and publications to raise awareness on the right to education for persons with disabilities.</p>	22 – 28 April 2008, Amman, Jordan	UNESCO Amman Office
2008 EFA Global Action Week Celebrations – Right to Education	April 2008 New Delhi, India	UNESCO New Delhi Office
Seminar on The Right to Education during 2008 EFA Week: Meeting of specialists on Article 26 UDHR in constitutions, the domestic legal order and enforcement*	April 2008 Islamabad, Pakistan	UNESCO/Islamabad in collaboration with the Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO
Re-printing of an updated version of the UNESCO publication entitled “Right to Free and Compulsory Primary Education” (2006)	April – July 2008, Islamabad, Pakistan	UNESCO Islamabad Office
“Annual event to recall the EFA goals”. The focus of the week for this year is on the theme of “Quality Education to End Exclusion”	21-27 April Cairo, Egypt	UNESCO Cairo ED in coordination with EFA focal point in each country

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<p>Celebration of the 2008 World Teachers' Day (5 October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint message of UNESCO, ILO, UNDP, UNICEF and Education International on the occasion of the 2008 World Teachers' Day</li> <li>- Ceremony and expert panel discussions at UNESCO Headquarters on 3 October 2008</li> <li>- celebrations worldwide</li> </ul>	<p>3 October 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France and worldwide</p>	<p>For the event, UNESCO is partnered with the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Education International</p>
<b>Literacy</b>		
<p>Global conference on Multilingual Education in Ethnolinguistic Minority Communities</p> <p>Discussion on issues of 'Language development and language revitalization of non-dominant languages', 'Community-centered efforts to preserve intangible cultural heritage,' 'Information and communication technology that supports language development'</p>	<p>1-3 July 2008 Bangkok, Thailand</p>	<p>UNESCO Bangkok Office</p>
<p>Wide dissemination of a users' guide on the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (1966) and the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (1997).</p>	<p>Throughout 2008</p>	<p>ED</p>
<p>National Literacy Workshop on disabilities and creating inclusive communities in the framework of the International Literacy Day Celebration under the slogan of "creating learning societies"</p>	<p>8 September 2008 New Delhi, India</p>	<p>UNESCO New Delhi Office</p>
<p>International Literacy Day Celebration</p>	<p>8 September 2008 Kabul, Afghanistan</p>	<p>UNESCO Kabul Office</p>
<p>International Literacy Day 2008 is observed by the Government of Jordan. The event is celebrated with participation of Ministry of Education (MOE) staff, students and teachers and non-formal education (NFE) institutions</p>	<p>8 September 2008 Amman, Jordan</p>	<p>ED, UNESCO Amman Jordan,  Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5</p>
<p>The Mid-Decade Review of the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD),</p>	<p>October 2008</p>	<p>ED</p>

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submitted to the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly in October 2008 and distilled into a reader-friendly publication entitled <i>The global literacy challenge</i> , emphasized the central role of literacy in preventing exclusion.		
<b>HIV/AIDS and education</b>		
UNESCO has contributed to the development of national <b>education HIV and AIDS</b> strategies and plans in Ethiopia, Mongolia, Sudan and several regions in China. HIV and AIDS has been integrated into the primary, secondary and/or tertiary curricula of 12 countries. Related curriculum training has been conducted for teachers and teacher trainers, along with booklets for university and science curricula in Africa. Additionally, media training has been organized on communicating messages on HIV and AIDS. UNESCO has produced several tools and publications, mainly through the ongoing development of the EDUCAIDS Resource Pack, a toolkit on the use of arts in HIV and AIDS education and materials for the United Nations-wide “Women and HIV/AIDS” course.	2008	ED Sector
UNESCO Windhoek in close cooperation with Ministries of Education of Angola, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland is addressing the educational needs of HIV-positive children and young people and school-centred HIV and AIDS care and support through the application of a holistic and rights-based approach (East and Southern Africa).	2008/2009, Angola, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland	ED/UNP/HIV and UNESCO Windhoek in close cooperation with Ministries of Education of Angola, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland
HIV & AIDS prevention education, in particular among HIV/AIDS positives, orphans and vulnerable population, taking a holistic and rights-based approach*	March – June 2008 Islamabad, Pakistan	UNESCO Islamabad Office in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the World Population Foundation (WPF)
World AIDS Day (1 December) to be dedicated to the theme “Human Rights and HIV & AIDS”	1 December 2008, UNESCO HQ, Paris, and Member States	ED/UNP/HIV and Field Offices

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National Seminar on AIDS Prevention Education	1 December 2008, Islamabad, Pakistan	UNESCO Islamabad Office in cooperation with UNAIDS, UNICEF and Ministry of Education of Pakistan
Round table on human rights for people affected by HIV&AIDS (right to education, treatment and access to services) to ensure National HIV&AIDS Strategy and Programs to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV&AIDS	1 December 2008 Brasilia, Brazil	ED, HIV&AIDS Project  Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5 and extrabudgetary resources
Andean Meeting on "Human Rights Education and HIV/AIDS"	12-15 December 2008 Quito, Ecuador	Director UNESCO Quito Office

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<p>UNESCO Nairobi Office - fighting HIV/AIDS-related discrimination</p> <p>In all cluster countries (namely Burundi, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda), the demand, provision and quality of education have been affected greatly by the impact of HIV and AIDS. Management and mitigation of the effects of the AIDS pandemic are faced with such challenges as lack of teaching and learning materials on HIV and AIDS, lack of teachers with adequate training in preventive education to enable them implement the HIV and AIDS curriculum in schools and lack of a curriculum on life-skills to facilitate life-skills based teaching and peer education. Another very serious challenge has been the lack of policy frameworks that guide strategic response to the impact of the AIDS pandemic within the education sector.</p> <p>At the Nairobi Cluster, the interventions on HIV and AIDS preventive education mainly focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How Ministries of Education should address the impact of HIV and AIDS on educators, learners, institutions and the education system itself.</li> <li>- The development of policy frameworks that are needed for ministries of education to guide strategic planning and implementation of programmes.</li> <li>- Ways in which ministries of education can mount effective prevention programmes in order to protect learners and educators from vulnerability to infection including the principles of safe and healthy learning environments.</li> <li>- How ministries of education can ensure access to quality education even in the face of HIV and AIDS, and the retention of Orphans and Vulnerable Children in a safe and friendly learning environment.</li> <li>- Data collection through impact assessment studies to establish</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout 2008</p>	<p>UNESCO Nairobi Office</p>



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<p>the extent to which HIV and AIDS has impacted on the education sectors in our cluster countries and the Eastern Africa region at large with particular emphasis on teacher mortality and increased number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children.</p> <p>In 2008, the UNESCO Nairobi Office worked on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community actions in support of AIDS orphans in Kombura Location (Nyando District, Kenya) in the framework of UNESCO programmes aimed at fighting HIV-related discrimination and promoting education of children in need;</li> <li>- Overview report on legal and other frameworks concerning the rights (economic, social and cultural) of AIDS orphans and other children and youth affected by HIV/AIDS to safeguard them against being withdrawn from school or subjected to risk behaviours (hazardous labour, domestic and sexual violence, becoming street children or engaging in child prostitution).</li> </ul>		
<b>Gender dimension of the right to education</b>		
<p>Promoting equality in education for girls and boys, women and men was an integral part of Major Programme I. The focus was therefore on weaving a <b>gender dimension</b> into the design of all activities. In addition to this mainstreaming, activities specifically targeting girls and women were implemented in areas of particular need. This ranged from policy support, such as the integration of girls' education and gender issues into all priority programmes of the National Education Strategic Plan for Afghanistan, to comprehensive capacity development on analysing the gender dimension in educational strategies, projects and programmes</p>	2008	ED

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<p>(Africa); pilot testing of literacy and skills training programmes for adolescent girls and young women in dedicated Community Learning Centres and Community Resource Centres (Bangladesh and Jordan); the development of resource materials for teacher training (Tajikistan); and the production of a pedagogical kit for analysing sexist stereotypes in mathematics textbooks in Africa. Many of these activities were implemented in close collaboration with relevant agencies such as UNICEF and the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE).</p>		
<p>Round-Table on women participation in education:</p> <p>The round-table was held under the Patronage of the Minister of Education, with the participation of women educators, female personnel at the Ministry of Education. It was devoted to the topic of the role of women in the education sector and their participation in senior management positions in the Ministry of Education. Head of UNESCO Amman stressed in her opening remarks the need to mainstream gender in all educational programmes and the right of every child to have access to education as a fundamental universal human right. UNESCO's right-based approach to education and United Nations human rights legal instruments, tool-kits and publications were disseminated at the event. 50 women educators and experts attended the round-table. Final report completed.</p>	<p>8 – 11 March 2008 Amman, Jordan</p>	<p>UNESCO Amman Office</p>
<p>Round table focusing on the right of women with disabilities to access social services organized on the occasion of International Women's Day</p> <p>Round –Table on the Rights of Women with Disabilities and their access to services was held under the patronage of Prince Raad and was very successful in highlighting the difficulties and challenges faced by women with disabilities. Head of UNESCO Amman Office stressed during the opening</p>	<p>8 – 11 March 2008 Amman, Jordan</p>	<p>UNESCO Amman Office</p>

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<p>speech the need to defend the women with disabilities. Thirty experts from NGOs and governmental institutions participated at the event. Some of the critical issues discussed included such as cultural sensitivities, legal framework and awareness programme focusing on women with disabilities. UNESCO's rights-based approach to education and United Nations legal human rights instruments were promoted, and tool-kits and publications were disseminated at the event. The event was widely covered in local media. Final report completed and submitted to Gender Unit at Headquarters.</p>		
<b>Human Rights Education</b>		
<p>Education conference on combating trafficking in humans</p> <p>Within the framework of the UNESCO policy aimed at promoting human rights education and value education in its Member States, UNESCO Doha Office provided financial support for the organization by the National Office for Combating Trafficking in Humans of the educational conference on combating trafficking in humans. It was held in Doha, Qatar, on 12-13 March 2008.</p>	<p>12-13 March 2008. Doha, Qatar</p>	<p>ED/ UNESCO Doha Office in collaboration with the National Office for Combating Trafficking in Humans</p>
<p>Launching of the National Action Plan of Human Rights Education</p> <p>Within the framework of the United Nations World Programme on Human Rights Education (WPHRE), situational analysis of the Human Rights Education in Jordan completed, the National Action Plan on Human Rights Education developed and capacity building and institutionalization of HRE strengthened, as well as the Joint inter-ministerial committee established to implement the recommendations of the World Programme on Human Rights Education. The National Action Plan on Human Rights Education launched by the Minister of Education and President of National Centre for Human Rights. 25 government officials attended the event. The implementation of this</p>	<p>January – October 2008 Amman, Jordan</p>	<p>UNESCO Amman Office</p>

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activity is coordinated by the UNESCO Amman Office.		
Within the framework of the International Decades on Culture of Peace, Education for Sustainable Development, various activities are organized, especially on: capacity building, raising awareness on global issues and challenges such as water, solidarity and culture of peace, cultural diversity, World Heritage Education through the UNESCO Associated Schools Project (ASPnet)	Throughout 2008 Amman, Jordan	ED, UNESCO Amman Jordan,  Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5
<p>Capacity Building workshop for ASPnet teachers and Coordinators focusing on the four Themes including Human Rights as the major theme</p> <p>An international conference was held in Petra, Jordan, from 2 to 7 June 2008 for ASPnet Coordinators and Teachers from the Arab States and countries from outside the region. 80 participants attended the international ASPnet Conference. The ASPnet project themes are Human Rights, UN issues, Education for Sustainable Development and Cultural Diversity. The conference evaluated the “Culture of Care” and “Water for life” pilot projects. The conference was supported by the ED/ESD Section, ASPnet Section at UNESCO Headquarters and the Swedish Life-Link Organization (NGO), as well as by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. The project will be extended for another three years (2008-2010) supported by the Swedish SIDA. The country presentations highlighted various themes which are part of school education, including Human Rights. The final report has been prepared.</p>	2 to 7 June 2008 Petra, Jordan	UNESCO Amman Office
Production and distribution among public schools of 6,000 commemorative posters with the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which can be used as complementary teaching resource materials in classrooms	June 2008, State of São Paulo, Brazil	UNESCO Brasilia Office (UBO) in partnership with the Press Service of the State of São Paulo

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<p>Launching of a publication on the theoretical and methodological aspects related to human rights education in connection with the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</p>	<p>2008 Brasilia, Brazil</p>	<p>UNESCO Brasilia Office (UBO) in partnership with the Brazilian National Secretariat for Human Rights, the Brazilian Committee for Human Rights Education and the Federal University of Paraiba.</p>
<p>Regional Seminar on Education in Human Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>The UNESCO Santiago Office, jointly with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) and with the financial support of the Spanish Cooperation, organizes a Regional Seminar on Education in Human Rights in LAC with participation of Focal Points and specialized technical staff from the ministries of education of the Latin America and Caribbean Region. The main objective of the seminar is to share successful experiences, educational materials and methodological proposals and to design cooperation activities to implement the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education. The proposal to create a regional network of UNESCO Chairs on human rights education is to be discussed.</p>	<p>June 2008 San Salvador, El Salvador</p>	<p>UNESCO Santiago Office, jointly with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) and with the financial support of the Spanish cooperation.</p>
<p>Preparation of the state-of-the-art of human rights education in the Latin American region as part of a bigger project on school coexistence to be finalized in September 2008.</p> <p>The national reports have been received and the UNESCO Santiago Regional Office synthesized the information, extremely useful in order to design a regional strategy to support the national plans of action on Human Rights Education. The research is carried out along with the national and cluster offices of Mexico, Brasilia, Guatemala, San Jose, Quito, Lima and Havana.</p>	<p>September 2008 Santiago, Chile</p>	<p>UNESCO Santiago Office.</p> <p>Mostly financed by extra-budgetary funds (Government of Spain) with limited regular budget funds</p>

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<p>Workshop-seminar on culture of peace and human rights education</p> <p>The seminar is addressed to the people in charge of the units concerning human rights, school coexistence, citizenship and related areas. Along with the relevance of the issues and contents shared by participants, the seminar is an occasion to advance in the development of the national plans of action on Human Rights Education.</p>	<p>October – December 2008 Santiago, Chile</p>	<p>UNESCO Santiago Office. As in the previous years, the meeting is supported by the Government of Spain with limited regular programme funds</p>
<p>The International Meeting on the Culture of Peace Education and Teacher Training: Exchange of Experiences on Education for Human Rights and Culture of Peace</p>	<p>29-30 April 2008 Quito, Ecuador</p>	<p>UNESCO-OREALC and UNESCO Ecuador Office</p>
<p>Education for a culture of peace in Latin America and the Caribbean: Contribution of the sciences to the construction of a culture of peace</p> <p>On 16 September, in the Auditorium Franklin Ramírez of the Ministry of Education of Ecuador, the Director of the Regional Office of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALC) and the UNESCO Cluster Office in Quito and the Minister of Education of Ecuador, announced the results of the national and regional competitions “Contribution of the sciences to the construction of a culture of peace”. This regional competition of drawings and essays was part of the activities carried out in the framework of the project “Education for a culture of peace in Latin America and the Caribbean”, whose major aim is to contribute to the design and implementation of educational politics that strengthen the democratic coexistence and the culture of peace in the schools of the region.</p>	<p>16 September 2008 Quito, Ecuador</p>	<p>UNESCO-OREALC and UNESCO Ecuador Office</p>
<p>Teachers’ Competition for the best plan of a human rights education lesson</p>	<p>May-December 2008 Thailand</p> <p>July - December Lao PDR</p>	<p>UNESCO Bangkok Office in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.</p>
<p><b>Activities linked to the Plan of Action for the first phase (2005-2009) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (2005-ongoing)</b></p>		

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<p>A side-event on human rights education entitled “The World Programme for Human Rights Education (2005-ongoing): UN system to support national implementation of human rights education in the school system” was held on 26 November 2008 during the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the International Conference on Education (25-28 November 2008, Geneva, Switzerland). The event was organized the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System (UNIACC). The side event provided the updated information on the current status of the implementation of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (WPHRE) and showed several examples of work carried out by UN agencies, including UNESCO, to support national implementation of the WPHRE. It was also an occasion to provide some visibility for the UNIACC. More information is available on Internet:  <a href="http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/ice/48th-session-2008/events/side-events.html">http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/ice/48th-session-2008/events/side-events.html</a>.</p>	<p>26 November 2008 Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>UNESCO, ED/BAS/RVE, in cooperation with the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System (UNIACC)</p>
<p>Exhibition of posters on human rights to be displayed on UNESCO fence</p> <p>The exhibition “UNESCO speaks out for human rights” presented human rights-related posters created by UNESCO over the last sixty years (around UNESCO HQ, 2 December 2008 - 27 February 2009) (<a href="http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12547&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12547&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a>).</p>	<p>8 December 2008 – 27 February 2009</p>	<p>ED/BAS/RVE in cooperation with other sectors and FOs</p>
<p>Exhibition of human rights learning materials in the framework of the round table on “Putting Human Rights into Practice: Role of Education”. The exhibition demonstrated the diverse ways in which Member States are carrying out human rights education in their countries.</p>	<p>2–10 December 2008 UNESCO HQ, Paris, France</p>	<p>ED/BAS/RVE</p>
<p>A round table on “Putting Human Rights into Practice: Role of Education” was organized within the first phase of the World Programme for Human</p>	<p>10 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France</p>	<p>ED/BAS/RVE</p>

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Rights Education (2005-2009). More information is available on Internet: <a href="http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/e.v.php-URL_ID=58242&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/e.v.php-URL_ID=58242&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a> .		
<b>Human Rights-Based Approach in Education</b>		
A policy and programme framework for a human rights-based approach to and within education	Published end of 2007, to be launched at regional level throughout 2008	ED/BAS/RVE
Regional workshop for dissemination of lessons learned and research findings from the inter-agency project: Lessons learned on implementing a HRBA to development programming	August 2008	UNESCO Bangkok Office
Workshop on the International Conventions on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence Against Women and the Extent of their Impact on Qatari National Legislation  Organized in the framework of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.	25 November 2008 Doha, Qatar	UNESCO Doha Office in collaboration with the National Committee for Human Rights in Qatar
The workshop on the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Impact on the Qatar Legislation  The workshop is organized in the framework of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.	21 December 2008 Doha, Qatar	UNESCO Doha Office
<b>UNESCO's procedure set out in 104 EX/Decision 3.3</b>		
Presentation of UNESCO's procedure for the examination of the communications concerning alleged violations of human rights in UNESCO's fields of competence (104 EX/Decision 3.3 of 1978) by Ambassador Günter Overfeld, Permanent Delegate of Germany to UNESCO and Chairman of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) to the participants of the 61 <sup>st</sup> annual DPI/NGO conference entitled "Reaffirming Human Rights for All: the Universal Declaration at 60". More information is available on Internet:	3-5 September 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)



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<a href="http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=43360&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=43360&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a> and <a href="http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12196&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12196&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a>		
Special meeting to celebrate the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the procedure laid down in 104 EX/Decision 3.3. More information is available on Internet: <a href="http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12366&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12366&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a> .	30 September 2008 180th session of the Executive Board UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board and LA/CR
Publication about the work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations from 1978 to 1988, in the framework of the procedure set out in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 of the Executive Board, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 30th anniversary of the procedure	Autumn 2008	LA/CR in partnership with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Sweden)
Updated brochure for the public on the procedure set out in 104 EX/Decision 3.3 of the Executive Board	Spring 2008	LA/CR
<b>Promoting the ethics of science and technology and bioethics and human rights:</b>		
International Forum on Asian Cultures and Bioethics	29-30 July 2008 Seoul, Republic of Korea	UNESCO Bangkok Office and Korean National Commission for UNESCO and the Bioethics Policy Research Center/Ewha Women's University in Korea
1st Meeting for the Eastern Mediterranean and Arab Forum on Bioethics in Research The Forum will discuss the challenges to the application and contribution of bioethics in the region and on the promotion of bioethical principles as a whole of the reception and development of International Scientific Research in the Region, with respect to Human Dignity and Human Rights.  The suggested topic for this first meeting of the forum is: "Challenges to Ethical Considerations in Research in	12 – 14 August 2008 Cairo, Egypt	UNESCO Cairo Office (SHS) in cooperation with the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) of the WHO, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Middle East Research Ethics

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the East Mediterranean and Arab Region: Research Subjects, Researchers and Research Ethics Committees Perspectives".		Training Initiative (MERETI), University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA
Regional Bioethics Conference "Bioethical Perspectives and Practices in Research, Medicine, Life Sciences and Related Technologies in sub-Saharan Africa" to reflect on the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights from an African perspective, among other subjects	12 – 14 August 2008 Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya	SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office, in collaboration with Egerton University, with Regular Programme and extrabudgetary funds
<p>"Ethics of Energy Technologies and Human Rights"</p> <p>UNESCO Bangkok Office organized this conference to discuss the ethics of energy technologies with a particular focus on the impact of these technologies on human rights. Since the September 2007 launch conference of the UNESCO Ethics of Energy Technologies Project, 14 working groups have been set up to work on specific reports. This conference, and the project, calls for developing dialogues throughout Asia the Pacific on future research needs and policy recommendations in regard to the ethical issues of energy-related technologies and related environmental, human security and human rights issues.</p>	19 August 2008 UNESCO Bangkok, Thailand	RUSHSAP, UNESCO Bangkok Office
The Congress «Bioethics and Human Rights»	26-27 September 2008 Kazan, the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation	UNESCO Moscow Office
<p>Workshops for Journalists on "Bioethics, Human Rights and Mass Media" devoted to the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</p> <p>Intersectoral project (SHS/CI) "Bioethics, Human Rights and Mass Media" foresees a series of events and training workshops for Armenian journalists:</p> <p>- a training workshop "Bioethics, Human Rights and Mass Media" with the main goals to promote human rights, popularize ethical norms, standards and the main principles of</p>	7 – 10 October 2008 Yerevan, Armenia	The events are jointly organized by the Social and Human Sciences Sector and Communication and Information Sector of UNESCO, as well as the UNESCO Moscow Office in cooperation with the Armenian National Commission for UNESCO, National Bioethics

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<p>the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights adopted by UNESCO among the journalists' community in Armenia, as well as initiate a public debate on bioethical issues and integrate bioethics in the agenda of mass media in the country.</p> <p>- a series of roundtables in a form of 3-4 hours discussions on the universal importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the significance of realization of its principles, as well as different aspects of human rights, including Gender Equality, Press Freedom, Ethics and Tolerance in Mass Media.</p>		<p>Committee of the Republic of Armenia and Armenian Union of Journalists and the Yerevan Press Club</p>
<p>International Conference on "The ethics of science and technology: problems and decisions"</p>	<p>9-10 October 2008 Kiev, Ukraine</p>	<p>SHS in cooperation with the National Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education named after P.L. Shupyk (NMAPE), the Ukrainian Association on Bioethics, the National Scientific Center for Medical and Biotechnical Research of National Academy of Science of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Association on Psychiatry, and the All-Ukrainian Council for Patients' Rights and Security</p>
<p>15th (Ordinary) Session of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO, dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR</p> <p>As the unique global forum for promoting bioethical reflection, the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) continues to contribute to the promotion and dissemination of UNESCO's <i>Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights</i>.</p> <p>To this end, the Committee's work is</p>	<p>28-29 October 2008, UNESCO HQ, Paris</p>	<p>SHS/EST/BIO</p>

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<p>focus on two important principles contained in the Declaration: social responsibility and health, and the respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity.</p> <p>The IBC also examined the report by the United Nations University entitled <i>"Is Human Reproductive Cloning Inevitable? Future Options for UN Governance"</i>, in order to explore the needs and possibilities for new international initiatives in this area, and to submit its analysis to the Director-General of UNESCO before the end of the biennium.</p>		
<p>World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) Extraordinary Session dedicated to the 10 years of COMEST and the 60th anniversary of the UDHR</p> <p>During this session, COMEST members discussed the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental ethics, including ethical implications of climate change;</li> <li>- Science ethics, including particularly the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers;</li> <li>- Nanotechnology ethics, and;</li> <li>- Information ethics.</li> </ul> <p>Pierre Sané, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences addressed the opening session on behalf of the UNESCO Director-General. Alain Pompidou, the Acting President of COMEST, introduced the objectives and modalities of COMEST for 2008-2009.</p> <p>The COMEST is an advisory body and forum of reflection composed of 18 independent experts. It is mandated to formulate ethical principles that could provide decision-makers with criteria other than purely economic.</p>	<p>12-14 November 2008 UNESCO HQ, Paris</p>	<p>SHS/EST/ST</p>
<p><b>Policy-oriented research in the social sciences- strengthening research-policy linkages in the social sciences and national research systems</b></p>		
<p>2nd Regional Forum of Ministers of Social Development from South Asia</p>	<p>5 and 6 March 2008 Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (India)</p>	<p>organized within the framework of</p>

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The Forum brought together Ministers of Social Development of South Asian countries, members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation – SAARC (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka).		UNESCO's programme for the Management of Social Transformations (MOST)
Meeting of the network "Rethinking Latin America"  The aim of the project "Rethinking Latin America", initiated in 2002 by the UNESCO Mexico Office in collaboration with the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), is to analyse the political, economical and social situation of the region, and its perspectives in the international system.	24 – 26 March 2008 Quito, Ecuador	UNESCO Mexico Office in collaboration with the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)
Colloquium on HIV and AIDS in Africa: Getting Research/Evidence into Policy and Practice (GRIPP)	26-27 March 2008 Limpopo, South Africa	SHS/MOST and the UNESCO-MOST National Liaison Committee in South Africa
3rd Forum "Espacio Vanguardia Latina"	29 April 29 -2 May 2008 Headquarters of the Inter-Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, DC, USA	This annual meeting, organized by the association of Espacio de Victulación, brings together 150 of the brightest students from Latin America and the USA. It supports student projects on the theme "Rethinking the Americas", to contribute to the transformation of Ibero-America into a society inclusive to humanistic values.
South East Asian Social Forum	20-22 August 2008 Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, Thailand	RUSHSAP, UNESCO Bangkok Office
The first meeting of the Forum of Ministers for Social Development of the East African Community (EAC)	15 - 19 September 2008 Kigali, Rwanda	SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office
The 2nd Forum of Ministers of Social Development of the Economic Community of West African States	25-26 September 2008 Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	SHS/UNESCO MOST Programme

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<p>(ECOWAS)</p> <p>The Forum was opened on 25 September 2008 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), gathering together representatives from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo. Collectively, they will try to identify common lines of action of solidarity and social development in order to establish a "regional social agenda" within the context of regional integration in West Africa. It was opened by Sékou Diakité, current Chairman of the Forum, Zola S. Skweyiya, President of the MOST Programme, Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, representatives of ECOWAS and the African Union, Guillaume Kigbafori Soro, Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire and Louis André Dacoury-Tabley, Ivorian Minister for Solidarity and War Victims.</p> <p>For two days, ministers of the Member States of ECOWAS tried to identify common lines of action of solidarity and social development in order to establish a "regional social agenda". They also exchanged their experiences and sought to identify possible cooperation projects between themselves. Finally, they discussed ways to strengthen the dialogue which is the aim of this Forum, created on UNESCO's initiative, notably by increasing links with social scientists and actors in economic and social development.</p> <p>To prepare this 2nd edition, a group of experts, composed of researchers and representatives of member countries of ECOWAS, met on 28 and 29 August in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire).</p> <p>Three papers on solidarity and social development within the context of regional integration were presented. The first dealt with "The reconstruction of capital solidarity for sustainable human development in Côte d'Ivoire in post-crisis situations", the second</p>		<p>The Forum is organized by the Ministry of Solidarity and War Victims of Côte d'Ivoire and the UNESCO Programme for Management of Social Transformations (MOST).</p>

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<p>proposed an "Evaluation of policies and social priorities in Mali", while the third enabled the sharing of experiences in Tunisia in public policies for solidarity and social development, to meet the needs expressed by many people.</p> <p>At the closing of the Forum, Friday 26 September, the Ministers adopted a Joint Declaration. They also elected the new President of the Forum and selected the country that will host the 3rd Forum of Ministers of Social Development of ECOWAS.</p>		
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Forum of Ministers for Social Development from the Maghreb Region, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon</p> <p>The Forum organized in the framework of the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</p>	<p>12 – 14 November 2008 Amman, Jordan</p>	<p>SHS, UNESCO Amman Office, Within regular Programme and Budget 34 C/5 and extrabudgetary resources</p>
<p>Free information magazine for young people in Africa on social and human science themes, dedicated to the anniversary of the UDHR (one or more special issues)</p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>SHS/SRP/YSPE</p>
<p>Virtual-space activities for young people (for example, drawing and writing competitions), linked to the anniversary of the UDHR</p>	<p>15 March 2008 – launch of the contest 15 September 2008 – publication of the results.</p>	<p>SHS/SRP/YSPE</p>
<p>UNESCO - BNP Paribas Cup - Youth tennis tournament Cup UNESCO village and interactive workshops on sustainable development, anti-doping, poverty eradication, human rights, struggle against discrimination, gender equality and non-violence</p>	<p>7 July 2008 Stade Roland Garros, Paris, France</p>	<p>SHS/SRP/YSPE</p>
<p><b>Migrants' rights</b></p>		
<p>Celebration of International Migrants' Day (18 December) through a Radio Marathon (in partnership with an international NGO)</p>	<p>18 December 2008 The event to be organized in a number of countries willing to participate in the Radio Marathon (in 2007, 35 countries took part)</p>	<p>SHS/SRP/MIG and NGOs</p>
<p>Publication of a first volume on the origins and implementation of the International Convention on the</p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>SHS/SRP/MIG in cooperation with UNESCO</p>

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Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families		Publishing and Cambridge University Press
Publication of a study on international migration in 10 Latin American countries	2008	SHS/San Jose or Mexico Office
Publication of a Manual on Follow-up and Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	2008	SHS/San Jose or Mexico Office
Restitution workshops on "Implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families" in Latin America and the Caribbean	Throughout 2008, various countries in Latin America	SHS/San Jose or Mexico Office
Workshop on labour migration to Kazakhstan, to present results of first countrywide research/survey on Kazakhstan as a destination country for labour migrants, to include discussion on social, economic and cultural rights of migrants in Kazakhstan.	29-30 May 2008 Almaty, Kazakhstan	UNESCO Almaty Office/SHS
International Conference on "The First Great Migrations of People"	19 June 2008 UNESCO House, Paris, France	Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to UNESCO, with the French National Museum of Natural History, the French National Institute for Eastern Languages and Civilizations, under the auspices of the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO
Conference on "Migration and Development" to promote migrants' contributions and protection and preparation of the concept paper on "Cultural Contributions of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Contemporary Kazakhstan"	20-21 October 2008 Almaty Kazakhstan	UNESCO Almaty Office/SHS and UNESCO Almaty Office/CLT
<b>Philosophy and the human sciences</b>		



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<p>UNESCO Asia-Arab Interregional Philosophical Dialogues on the Roles of Philosophy in War and Peace</p> <p>The second meeting of the Asia-Arab Interregional Philosophical Dialogues working group on the Roles of Philosophy in War and Peace, following the first meeting held in 2006 in Rabat, was organized by the UNESCO Bangkok Office together with the UNITAR Hiroshima on 25-27 July 2008 at the Hiroshima International Conference Centre, Hiroshima, Japan. This meeting was also held overlapping with a meeting of Working Group on Nuclear Dialogues and Nuclear Energy Technologies, in the Ethics of Energy Technologies in Asia and the Pacific Project, and Hiroshima was chosen for its linkages to promotion of peace following its experience as the site of the first bombing of a city by a nuclear weapon. More than 50 experts from Australia, Canada, France, India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Morocco, New Zealand, Switzerland and USA took part in the debates.</p>	<p>25-27 July 2008 Hiroshima, Japan</p>	<p>UNESCO Bangkok Office together with the UNITAR Hiroshima</p>
<p>Award ceremony of the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education 2008</p> <p>On 18 September 2008, the Director-General of UNESCO presented the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education 2008 to the <i>Institute for Justice and Reconciliation</i> (South Africa), in recognition of its outstanding efforts in building sustainable reconciliation through education and in addressing systemic injustice in Africa. The prize-giving ceremony was preceded by the projection of the documentary "Truth, Justice, Memory: South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Process". The event was organized within the framework of the celebrations of the International Day of Peace (21 September), and of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</p>	<p>18 September 2008 UNESCO HQ, Paris</p>	<p>SHS/RSP/PHS</p>
<p>Symposium "Olympe de Gouges, a 21st Century Woman"</p>	<p>14-15 November 2008 Paris, France</p>	<p><i>Le Monde diplomatique</i> with the support of</p>

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		Sector for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, the French National Commission for UNESCO, the town of Montreuil, the <i>Conseil régional d'Île-de-France</i> (Regional Council) and <i>TV5 Monde</i>
8th Colloquium on the New Philosophical Practices	19-20 November 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	UNESCO SHS/RSP/PHS, Association Philolab and IUFM of Creteil
2008 World Philosophy Day (16 November): International Celebration in Italy	20-21 November 2008 Palermo, Italy	SHS/RSP/PHS The celebration of World Philosophy Day in Palermo is co-organized by UNESCO, the Italian National Commission for UNESCO and the Permanent Delegation of Italy to UNESCO, with the support of the <i>Fondazione Banco di Sicilia</i> .
2008 World Philosophy Day (16 November)	On the occasion of 16 November activities around the world	UNESCO Field Office
A high-level roundtable on philosophical issues behind human rights. Brazilian philosophers and intellectuals will be invited to discuss the relevance and impact of the UDHR after 60 years.	November 2008 Brasilia, Brazil	UNESCO Brasilia Office
Symposium "Centenary of the birth of Françoise Dolto, the contemporary relevance of her ideas"	12 to 14 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	SHS/RSP/PHS in partnership with the French National Commission for UNESCO and the DOLTO Foundation
<b>The Right to Enjoy the Benefits of Scientific Progress and Its Applications</b>		
Second Experts' meeting to further elucidate the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications	23 – 23 November 2008, Galway, Ireland	SHS/RSP/HR-GED in cooperation with SC, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Amsterdam Center of International Law D

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<p>In 2008-2009, UNESCO is supporting the preparation of a comprehensive review of the National Science and Technology Policy for Sustainable Development through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNESCO Science and Policy Section fact-finding mission to Jordan for review of S &amp; T Policy completed;</li> <li>• Discussion with stakeholder institutions on review of S &amp; T policy of Jordan;</li> <li>• Capacity building on S &amp; T policy review being planned;</li> <li>• UNESCO Global Report on Science and Gender was disseminated to several stakeholder institutions at country level;</li> <li>• Awareness raised over the Global Report on Science and Gender and participation of women in Science.</li> </ul>	2008-2009	SC, UNESCO Amman Office, Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5 and Extra-Budgetary resources
<b>Advancement of human rights, including awareness-raising activities to transmit the message of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to mobilize UNESCO's partners</b>		
Coordination of UNESCO's involvement in the activities within the UN system for the commemoration of the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Throughout 2008	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Publication entitled "Human Rights in Education, Science and Culture: Legal Developments and Challenges" dedicated to the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR	December 2007	SHS/RSP/HR-GED in cooperation with UNESCO Publishing and the publishing house Ashgate
Two posters dedicated to the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR	December 2007 and March 2008	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Launching ceremony of UNESCO's commemorative activities for the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR by the Director-General of UNESCO	10 December 2007	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
<p>Subregional Experts' Meeting on Human Rights within UNESCO's Competence dedicated to 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</p> <p>The main aim of the meeting was the discussion of problems related to the implementation of human rights within UNESCO's competence as well as analysis of obstacles to the</p>	28 May 2008 Moscow, Russian Federation	UNESCO Moscow Office/SHS in partnership with the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), United Nations Association of Russia (UNAR), Representative of

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<p>implementation of these rights in the countries of subregion, with particular emphasis on the right to education including human rights education, gender equality, prevention and elimination of all forms of discrimination. The meeting gathered human rights experts and representatives of UNESCO Chairs from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine), representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Association of Russia, the UNESCO Office in Moscow, UNESCO Secretariat in Paris, the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO, the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Representative of the Office of the Commissioner on Human Rights in the Russian Federation, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and the Moscow-city Government as well as non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>During the meeting it was emphasized that there is a need to strengthen links between scientific research and the adoption and the implementation of political decisions, and therefore it is important to continue efforts with a view to create a policy-research network aimed at identification and analysis of obstacles to the enjoyment of human rights and the elaboration of recommendations to improve policies in this field in the countries of the subregion.</p> <p>More information and the Final document are available at the UNESCO Moscow Office's website: <a href="http://www.unesco.ru/eng/articles/2004/ampar30052008173017.php">http://www.unesco.ru/eng/articles/2004/ampar30052008173017.php</a></p>		OHCHR in the Russian Federation, the National Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO
Special event dedicated to the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights organized by the UNESCO Chair for Human	28 May 2008, Montevideo, Uruguay	UNESCO Montevideo Office and the UNESCO Chair for Human

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<p>Rights of the University of the Republic in cooperation with the UNESCO Montevideo Office.</p> <p>The programme included a lecture presented by Ambassador Gross Espiell about the origins and the history of the Universal Declaration, as well as public debates. The meeting was held at the main auditorium of the University of the Republic with participation of governmental officials dealing with human rights, students of the school for police officers, professors and students of the University, as well as human rights activists and civil society organizations. It also marked the opening session of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual cycle of the educational course on "Human Rights Education" provided by the UNESCO Chair.</p>		Rights of the University of the Republic
<p>3rd International Salon for Peace Initiatives organized in the framework of the "International Decade for the Promotion of a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)"</p>	<p>30 May – 1 June 2008 Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Paris, France</p>	<p>French Coalition for the Decade, under the auspices of UNESCO</p>
<p>Publication and wide dissemination of the annual brochure entitled "Major International Instruments: Status as at 31 May 2008" dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR</p>	<p>June - August 2008</p>	<p>SHS/RSP/HR-GED</p>
<p>The International Conference on the topic of "Human Rights in the Globalizing World" devoted to the 60th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights and celebration of the first National Human Rights Day in Azerbaijan was held in Baku on 18-19 June 2008.</p> <p>The Conference was organized by the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan in cooperation with UNESCO. The aim of the Conference was to discuss modern problems in the field of human rights as well as the rights of detained persons and prisoners, as well as people related to the high risk groups, including people living with HIV/AIDS.</p>	<p>18-19 June 2008 Baku, Azerbaijan,</p>	<p>Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan in cooperation with UNESCO Moscow Office</p>

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<p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Human Rights</p> <p>The Forum was dedicated to the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was held from 30 June to 3 July 2008 and gathered more than 2500 stakeholders and delegates of more than 100 different nationalities and 1300 pupils of Nantes and its region. The participants discussed the issues of: “60 years after: the current status on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”, “Human Rights - between economic globalisation and international solidarity”, “Which Europe for human rights? and Which human rights for Europe?”, “Local Governance and Human Rights: efficacy within the reach of citizens?”. The Nantes World Forum on Human Rights is recognized as a valuable platform which supports and develops the networks of actors involved in the protection, the respect and the implementation of human rights by strengthening the solidarity between these different actors among whom are political leaders, activists, academics and international experts, representatives of international organisations, etc.</p> <p>One of the major events of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum was the launching of the International Coalition of Cities, gathering the six already existing regional coalitions. UNESCO organized a round table on "Municipalities for promoting inclusive societies" under the leadership of the Vice-President of the European Coalition theme. The main participants in the round table were representatives of the regional coalitions who introduced the national and regional challenges, the reasons of their membership in the coalition, the actions and activities they developed, and their expectations towards the brand new International Coalition.</p>	<p>30 June - 3 July 2008 Nantes, France</p>	<p>City of Nantes in cooperation with the French National Commission for UNESCO and SHS</p>
<p>International Congress on Global Governance, Global Justice: Africa as a Symbol and a Reality to debate issues concerning poverty and human rights during the plenary session</p>	<p>20-21 July 2008 Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>PAX ROMANA (non-governmental organization which has a consultative status with</p>

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entitled "Challenges and Perspectives for a New World Order"		UNESCO) and the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. in cooperation with SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office
Sub-regional training workshop on peace, human security and rights to be held on 5 August at the 6 <sup>th</sup> Malaysian Studies Conference. 5-7 August 2008.	5 August 2008 Malaysia	RUSHSAP, UNESCO Bangkok Office, with the University Kebangsaan Malaysia and the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO
<p>2008 Asia Pacific Mural Contest for Sustainable Development</p> <p>The competition was aimed at depicting one of the three issues: sustainable urbanization, action for Climate Change, or preservation of indigenous and traditional knowledge. The contest is open to youth as individuals or groups (e.g. UNESCO clubs, school classes) in the Asia Pacific region. The winner of the 2008 Mural Contest is the entry submitted by the Ateneo Environmental Science Society from Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines. The title of their mural is "Let Hands Shine to Breathe Better" submitted for the theme of Action for Climate Change.</p>	August – September 2008 (Submission deadline for entries is 5 August, judging to take place from 10 to 20 August, and the announcement of winners 25 August, 2008)	UNESCO Bangkok Office in cooperation with ASPnet
<p>UNESCO hosted the 61<sup>st</sup> annual DPI/NGO conference entitled "Reaffirming Human Rights for All: the Universal Declaration at 60".</p> <p>UNESCO contributed substantially to the preparation of the Conference. About 2000 representatives of NGOs attended the conference which for the first time in its history was held outside New York.</p> <p><a href="http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=43360&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=43360&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a> and <a href="http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12196&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html">http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12196&amp;URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&amp;URL_SECTION=201.html</a>.</p>	3-5 September 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	<p>organized by the United Nations with support and in cooperation with the Government of France, UNESCO and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO actively participated in the conference and midday workshops.</p>
Regional Conference on "Media,	8-11 September 2008	Colombian

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Education and Culture in Human Rights”	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	Government with UNESCO’s support, SHS/RSP/HR-GED
National training workshops on Peace, Human Security and Rights in Asia and the Pacific	18-19 September 2008 Thailand	RUSHSAP, UNESCO Bangkok Office, with Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, Thailand
Cultural event - concert by the Chamber Orchestra <i>El Nour Wal Amal</i> (Light & Hope) of young visually handicapped women musicians was organized to mark the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR and the entry into force on 3 May 2008 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	24 September 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	Permanent Delegation of Egypt and the El Nour Wal amal Association, Egyptian NGO active in education and professional training of sightless girls, in cooperation with SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Round Table “Reporting Human Rights through Documentaries” and the Parisian premiere of <i>Citizen Havel</i>	25 September 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	Permanent Delegation of the Czech Republic, One World Film Festival with support of SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Conference of UNESCO Clubs in the Africa region, addressing human rights issues particularly in the fields of UNESCO ‘s competence, as well as the fight against racism, achieving universal education in rural areas, and combating HIV/AIDS. The conference is also to reflect upon how UNESCO Clubs can assist the Organization at the grass-roots level. UNESCO Clubs’ leaders from 36 African countries that have established UNESCO’s Clubs are to take part.	November 2008	ERC/RPO/PTS
Publication of 10 studies on the right to education, in its dimensions of acceptability and adaptability, in Latin America in the framework of activities of the Latin American Research Network of Ombudspersons (LARN) on economic, social and cultural rights	2008 Latin America	UNESCO San José Office
The UNESCO Mexico Office implemented the following activities to commemorate the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary:  - educational and information materials, including promotional	- 10 December 2007, city of Mexico, Mexico  - February 2008, city of Mexico, Mexico (visit of the UN High Commissioner for Human	UNESCO Mexico Office as part of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) implements the Inter-Agency



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<p>video films, posters, etc. produced, in particular in the framework of the joint UNESCO – Government of the City of Mexico project “Educative City” and the promotional video campaign on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR (<a href="http://pl/youtube.com/watch?v=DEY2jstH4MM">http://pl/youtube.com/watch?v=DEY2jstH4MM</a>);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the campaign for the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights launched on 10 December 2007 in the City of Mexico in the framework of the joint UNESCO – Government of the City of Mexico project “Educative City”;</li> <li>- international days celebrated in cooperation with various UNESCO’s partners;</li> <li>- In April 2008, the award ceremony of the illustration children’s competition about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, organized by UNESCO Mexico, OHCHR Mexico and “Memoria y Tolerancia” held;</li> <li>- Seminars on the topic of “Mexican Human Rights Constitutional Reform” to reinforce the legislative capacity to fulfil its international obligations in the realm of human rights organized from March to July 2008;</li> <li>- training workshops on “Human Rights and the UN System” for human rights institutions of the states of Chiapas, Sonora and Morelos organized from March to July 2008 ;</li> <li>- Updating of the website: <a href="http://www.derechoshumanosunesco.org.mx">www.derechoshumanosunesco.org.mx</a> regularly carried out;</li> <li>- The use of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR commemorative logo, accompanied by some art-</li> </ul>	<p>Rights)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 March 2008, International Women’s Day in cooperation with the Office of the Defender of Academic Rights of the National Autonomous University of Mexico;</li> <li>- 3 May – World Press Freedom Day;</li> <li>- 21 May - World Day for Cultural Diversity in cooperation with the Secretariat of Education of the Federal District ;</li> <li>- 9 August – International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples in cooperation with the Mexican Academy of Human Rights ;</li> <li>- 12 August – International Youth Day in cooperation with the Government of the Federal District);</li> <li>- 15 September – International Day of Democracy in cooperation with the Election Institution of the Federal District;</li> <li>- 21 September – International Day of Peace in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights of the National Autonomous University of Mexico ;</li> <li>- 2 October – International Day of Non-Violence in cooperation with the NGO “OraWorld Mandala”;</li> <li>- 16 November – International Day for Tolerance in cooperation with the NGO “Memorya y Tolerancia, A.C.”;</li> <li>- 10 December – International Day of Human Rights in cooperation with the Human</li> </ul>	<p>campaign for commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR in co-operation with 11 Mexican institutions, including NGOs, ombudsman Office and academic circles. UNESCO Mexico Office was annual Co-ordinator of the UNCT Inter-Agency Human Rights Group</p>

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<p>object pictures that illustrate each article of the UDHR, promoted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CD ROM with training materials on human rights for UNCT Mexico staff prepared;</li> <li>- Thematic reports of UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to education published</li> </ul>	<p>Rights Commission of the Federal District</p>	
<p>UNESCO Office in Brasilia commemorates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Various activities agreed upon between UBO and the Brazilian National Secretariat for Human Rights, including organization of a national human rights poster contest for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR, as well as a national human rights video contest – short cartoons/animations on the articles of UDHR, and of the award ceremony and exhibition in Brasilia on 10 December 2008;</li> <li>- The Director of the UNESCO Brasilia Office took part in the roundtable entitled “60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR: current and future challenges’ which was held on 1 October 2008 in Brasilia as part of the VIII Extension Week at the University of Brasilia (29 September - 3 October 2008).</li> <li>- UNESCO Brasilia Office participates actively in the activities implemented under the umbrella of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) which were held on 24 October 2008. SHS/UBO has been working with the Embassies of European Union countries in Brazil in order to mobilize and support public secondary schools for organizing children’s performances (poetry, theatre, dances) as special events celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 September 2008 Award Ceremony of the competitions and exhibition, Ministry of Justice, Brasilia, Brazil</li> <li>- 1 October 2008 University of Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil</li> <li>- 24 October (UN Day) 2008 Museu Nacional (National Museum), Brasilia, Brazil;</li> </ul>	<p>UNESCO Office in Brasilia under the umbrella of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in cooperation with the Brazilian National Secretariat for Human Rights, Ministry of Justice,</p>

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<p>of the UDHR;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening speech and participation of the UBO Director in the “National Congress on the Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UDHR: Dreams and Realities” organized at the Faculty of Law, University of São Paulo on 8-10 December 2008;</li> <li>- Short animation video dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR prepared for the UBO webpage. The video is available on Internet as from 10 December 2008 and is designed to be shared with other UN agencies in Brazil for online dissemination.</li> <li>- UNESCO Brasilia Office assists in the implementation of the project “Oliraxé Awards 2008” which is an initiative of the AfroReggae Group, a non-governmental organization well-known for its involvement in activities in favour of vulnerable youth, especially young people living in slums. The project is devoted to the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights under the motto “Human Dignity and Justice for All of Us”.</li> <li>- Criança Esperança Show 2008 (Children’s Hope), a TV show broadcasted by national TV channel “Globo”, is being organized within the framework of the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with participation of the UNESCO Brasilia Office;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8-10 December 2008 University of Sao Paulo, Brazil</li> <li>- 10 December 2008 Brasilia, Brazil</li> <li>- 25 June 2008 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</li> <li>- August 2008 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</li> </ul>	
<p>Printing and distribution of 2,000 copies of book <i>Direitos Humanos</i> (Human Rights) by Marco Mondaini.</p>	<p>November – December 2008 Brasilia, Brazil</p>	<p>SHS/UBO in partnership with Editora Contexto</p>
<p>Third International Conference of Cairo: "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 60 Years After: Between Rhetoric and Reality" aimed to discuss the role of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in a building a culture of human rights in a</p>	<p>1-2 December 2008 Cairo, Egypt</p>	<p>SHS/RSP/PHS</p>

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global world		
Exhibition "Condamnés et rescapés", dedicated to the 65 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rescue of Bulgarian Jews from deportation.	2-4 December 2008 UNESCO HQ, Paris, France	Permanent Delegation of Bulgaria
Symposium dedicated to the events of "Spring 1968" to recall the significance of the movements of students and intellectuals in Czechoslovakia and Poland in spring 1968	2 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	Permanent Delegation of Poland to UNESCO jointly with the Permanent Delegations of the Czech Republic and of the Slovak Republic with support of SHS/RSP/HR-GED
<p>Round Table entitled "Human Rights and Cultural Diversity"</p> <p>The round table pursued the aim of promoting reflection on the specific responsibilities and competences of UNESCO in the field of human rights and cultural diversity. The meeting brought together eminent experts from various countries. It encompassed a number of important subjects, among them: dialogue and cooperation for enriching the universality of human rights; the contributions of civilizations to the promotion of the concept of human rights and its application in the context of cultural diversity; the role of the media in the framework of human rights and cultural diversity. UNESCO was also informed that several other events were organized by the Non-Aligned Movement countries within the framework of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular a regional conference on "Media, Education and Culture of Human Rights" in Colombia, a national conference on Africa cultural practices and human rights in South Africa, a conference on interfaith dialogue in the Philippines.</p>	3 December 2008 UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France	The Permanent Delegation of Cuba on behalf of NAM countries
9th International Film Festival against exclusion and for tolerance (FIFET)	5-13 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	FIFET and the UNESCO Division of Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue, CLT
Screening of the documentary "René	8 December 2008	SHS/RSP/HR-GED

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Cassin, a life at the service of Mankind”	UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	In co-operation with the Office of the Ambassador for Human Rights of France and other relevant partners
Presentation of the book “ <i>Humains doués de conscience</i> ” and a photographic exhibition, presenting 30 eminent sportsmen speaking for each of the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration	9 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	SHS/RSP/HR-GED In partnership with the French National Commission for UNESCO
Award Ceremony for the 2008 UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights – Official commemoration of the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR by UNESCO  The award was given by the Director-General to Stéphane Hessel (France) for his life-long contribution to the promotion of a culture of human rights, and the International Movement ATD Fourth World received an Honourable Mention for its activities for combating poverty.	10 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	SHS/RSP/HR-GED in co-operation with the City of Bilbao, Spain, and the UNESCO Etxea – UNESCO Centre of the Basque Country
Radio campaign and a commemorative event	10 December 2008 Santiago, Chile	UNESCO Santiago Office in partnership with UNCT
National conference to commemorate the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR in order to promote the rule of law, gender equality and respect for human rights in the country	10 December 2008 and 21 July 2009 Kabul, Afghanistan	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, SHS/RSP/HR-GED and UNESCO Kabul Office
Public discussion on “Voices of Youths on Ethics and Human Rights”	10 December 2008 Bangkok, Thailand	Bangkok UNESCO Office, International Movement ATD Fourth World
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNESCO Quito Office participated in the translation and the edition of the UDRH into the indigenous languages of Ecuador;</li> <li>- A CD on the Human Rights was prepared and distributed to the national medias and to the participants of the Human Rights Day’s Event organized at the UN House;</li> <li>- 200 posters of the UDRH were distributed to the participants of the</li> </ul>	10 December 2008 UN House, Quito, Ecuador	UNESCP Quito Office in cooperation with the UN country team

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Human Rights Day's Event in the UN House and to the national medias; - Participation of the SHS Consultant as judge in a international competition organized by the Office of the Resident Coordinator about the link between cultural rights and human rights.		
International Conference entitled "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: New Ethical and Social Challenges" was organized by the in Bratislava. The conference was devoted to the challenges of implementation of human rights within UNESCO's fields of competence, in particular the right to freedom of opinion and expression and to the issues of bioethics and human rights	11 December 2008 Bratislava, Slovak Republic	National Commission of the Slovak Republic for UNESCO in cooperation with SHS and CI
Meeting of UNESCO Clubs "Justice and Dignity for All" dedicated to the celebration of the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR	13 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	
The First Arab Conference on Human Rights in the Middle East with a special view on the issues of family violence, violence against children, and violence against prisoners	14-15 December 2008 Doha, Qatar	SHS/ UNESCO Doha office in collaboration with The National Human Rights Committee and League of Arab States in Qatar.
Creation and exhibition of a fresco about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the framework of commemorative activities for the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR organized by the UN Team in Morocco. The fresco was presented on 16 December 2008 in Rabat to launch the Human Rights Village, organized by the UN country Team	15-18 December 2008 Rabat, Morocco	UNESCO Rabat Office in cooperation with the National Commission of Morocco for UNESCO and the Ibn Battuta College (Temara)
Meeting of the UNESCO/ISESCO Arab Research-Policy Network on economic, social and cultural rights (ARADESC) dedicated to cultural rights in Arab region	18-19 December 2008 Rabat, Morocco	UNESCO Rabat Office in cooperation with ISESCO and the Arab Institute of Human Rights, Francophonie, Swiss Embassy in Rabat and SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Poetry recital entitled "Francophone Poetry and Human Rights"	18 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	SHS/RSP/HR-GED in partnership with the French

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		Consultative Commission for Human Rights, the Association of Human Rights Commissions of the International Organization of <i>Francophonie</i> and other partners
Public screening of the film “Human Rights Stories” produced at the initiative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	18 December 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	
Radio spots on human rights	December 2008 Rabat, Morocco	UNESCO Rabat Office in eventual cooperation with human rights associations
Translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in at least two African languages to be selected to contribute to the International Year of Languages (2008) and the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR. The documents translated will be available on AFR Web-site and also, upon request, could be published by interested institutions	2008	AFR in co-operation with ACALAN (African Academy of Languages)
Translation of the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into three indigenous populations’ languages (mapudungun, rapa nui and aymara) in order to distribute it to schools with students of different ethnic backgrounds.	2008 Chile	UNESCO Santiago Office in cooperation with UNCT.
Publication of e-bulletin of National Commissions for UNESCO in order to make visible the activities of the National Commissions, including special activities undertaken in the framework of the celebration of the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights	Two issues in 2008	ERC/RSC/NAC
Activities under the theme “Dignity and Justice for All of Us” with special emphasis on minority groups, women in rural areas and extreme poverty.	Around 10 December 2008	UNESCO Burundi as part of the “One UN” Country Team
Awareness-raising in the Pacific of the rights enshrined in and reasons for supporting the UDHR.	Throughout 2008 Different sites throughout the Pacific	UNESCO Apia Office in cooperation with OHCHR

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinate a Human Rights poster competition in primary schools, secondary schools and the wider community</li> <li>- In cooperation with Pacific countries, poster entries will be displayed in public on the Anniversary of the Declaration</li> <li>- Where possible, small functions involving Government, community and UN agencies will be held to mark the anniversary and announce prizes for the poster competition (eg this may be in cooperation with RRRT function in Suva)</li> <li>- The winning poster will be reproduced and distributed to schools, community learning centres, Government Ministries and NGOs throughout the region.</li> </ul>		
<p>Awareness-raising activities on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR, including an issue of the UNESCO Courier dedicated to the anniversary, a timeline of major events, feature stories and interviews.</p>	2008	<p>BPI/editorial, press relations and UNESCO Courier section in cooperation with SHS/RSP/GED and SHS/EO/CIP</p>
<p>Establishment of the International Centre for the Advancement of Human Rights in Buenos Aires, Argentina, under the auspices of UNESCO</p> <p>A ceremony of the signature of the Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of Argentina on the Establishment of the Centre dedicated to the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR took place in the building that belonged to the ESMA (Escuela de Mecánica de la Armada – the location of the military dictatorship’s clandestine centre for detention and torture between 1976 and 1983) with the participation of the Director-General and President of Argentina</p>	13 February 2009 Buenos Aires, Argentina	<p>SHS/RSP/HR-GED and UNESCO Montevideo Office in cooperation with the Government of Argentina and its National Commission for UNESCO</p>
<p>Round Table on “Memory and Human Rights” dedicated to the establishment of the International Centre for the Advancement of Human Rights in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It concluded UNESCO’s commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR.</p>	14 April 2009 UNESCO Headquarters in Paris	<p>Permanent Delegation of Argentina to UNESCO and the Social and Human Sciences Sector</p>
<p>Round table on “Human Rights and</p>	30 June 2009	<p>It was convened by</p>



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<p>Social Justice” was organized as a follow-up to UNESCO’s commemoration activities of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR.</p> <p>The main objective of the Round Table was to advance respect for human dignity, rights and justice in the context of on-going global economic and financial crises that may increase social injustice, the gap between the rich and the poor people and countries and jeopardize international cooperation in education, science, culture and communications. The participants of the round table reflected on the role that UNESCO should play in building a universal culture of peace and human rights and guaranteeing the implementation of human rights within the Organization’s mandate, of the most vulnerable groups of populations, taking into consideration the emerging ethical and social challenges.</p>	UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France	the Permanent Delegation of Venezuela to UNESCO with support of SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Conference on “Universality of human rights and the Haitian revolution” as follow-up to the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR	August 2009 Port-au-Prince, Haiti	SHS
<b>Gender equality and women’s rights</b>		
UNESCO’s active participation in the Seventh session of the Inter-Agency Network on Gender Equality	19-21 February 2008 The United Nations, New York, USA	BSP/GE and UNESCO New York Office
UNESCO’s active participation in the 52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, including panel discussions and side event debates, launching the Inter-Agency Appeal to Eliminate Female Genital Mutilation, as well as and the display of UNESCO publications, posters, and other materials	25 February - 7 March 2008 The United Nations, New York, USA	BSP/GE and UNESCO New York Office
Public awareness raising to end female genital mutilation	25 March 2008	BSP/GE in the context of the International Women’s Day Programme of 2008

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Publication of the brochure "International Round Table on Women Peacemakers". Proceedings of the International RT on the occasion of IWD, 8 March 2007	Published in March 2008.	BSP/GE
Awareness-raising and training workshops for UNESCO staff on the CEDAW and women's rights, human rights treaties, conventions and declarations within the framework of the UNESCO Capacity Development and Training Programme for Gender Mainstreaming" for professional staff at UNESCO HQ and Field Offices	Started in September 2005 and to continue throughout 2008-2009	BSP/GE in collaboration with Programme sectors, central services and field offices
UNESCO's active participation in the session of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	Geneva, Switzerland, January 2008	BSP/GE and UNESCO Geneva Liaison Office
<p>The launch of the "Science and Technology and Gender" project focusing on empowerment and participation of women in science</p> <p>UNESCO participated in the organization of the International conference on "The Arab women in Academic Sciences and Technology towards Sustainable Development" held in Amman, Jordan, on 28-30 April 2008. The conference highlighted the role of women in science and technology and the issues related to women in academic sciences and technology. A UNESCO expert presented the overview and findings of the UNESCO Global Report on Science, Technology and Gender. Over 100 participants attended the conference, representing countries from around the world. The conference was held with the participation of UNIFEM.</p>	28-30 April 2008 Amman, Jordan	SC, UNESCO Amman Office, Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5 and Extrabudgetary resources
<p>Creation of a Women's Rights Research and Documentation Centre for the Great Lakes Region – Conference of Ministers of Women's Rights of the 11 countries of the Great Lakes Region</p> <p>One of the significant projects which is being implemented by the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO</p>	24-25 July 2008 Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo	SHS/RSP/HR-GED

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for development in Africa, is the project of the Women's Rights Research and Documentation Centre for the Great Lakes Region. On 24 and 25 July 2008, a Conference of Ministers of Women's Rights of the 11 countries of the Great Lakes Region (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia) was held in Kinshasa, in order to make progress in the creation of this centre.		
Public awareness-raising activities to end violence against women and support the victims of violence	8 August 2008 (Fathers' day) Zavkhan and South Gobi province, Mongolia	SHS/RSP/HR-GED and UNESCO Beijing
Thematic workshops: - Restitution workshop on "Women's rights, peace and security in post-conflict democracies in Africa";  - Restitution workshop on "Women in the judiciary in the Middle East and North Africa" women's access to justice; - Restitution workshops on a "Gender analysis of the Palestinian system of basic education", - "Palestinian women's empowerment" and "Women and poverty in the occupied Palestinian Territories"	September 2008 Pretoria, South Africa  2008 Rabat, Morocco  2008 Ramallah, Palestine  2008 Ramallah, Palestine	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Awareness-raising and training workshops for women on the CEDAW and human rights treaties, conventions and declarations	2008 Ramallah, Palestine	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
Subregional Conference on "Women's political participation in the Caucasus"	10-11 November 2008 Derbent, the Republic of Dagestan, Russian Federation	UNESCO Moscow Office
Publication of research papers on "Women's rights, peace and security in post-conflict democracies in Africa"	2008 UNESCO HQ, Paris	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
To mark the World Day to End Violence Against Women, a one-day workshop on the international conventions on the Elimination of all forms of violence against women and the extent of their impact on Qatari National Legislation	25 November 2008 Doha, Qatar	SHS/UNESCO Doha Office in collaboration with Qatar Foundation for Child & women Protection

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<b>Elimination of poverty</b>		
National consultations on “Human rights and poverty”	Throughout 2008, various countries in Latin America	SHS/San Jose or Mexico Office
Seminar on the cost of poverty in the Caribbean	17 to 19 March 2008 Kingston, Jamaica	the International Institute for Social, Political and Economic Change (IISPEC), UNESCO Office in Kingston and SHS
Fight against poverty: Publication of the results of 39 research projects  Voluminous publication compiling the results of 39 research projects supported by UNESCO within the framework of Small Grants Programme on Poverty Eradication is now available online and in printed version.	July 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	SHS/RSP/HR-GED
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  A large gathering took place in the business district of <i>La Défense</i> , near Paris. The International Day was organized under the banner of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year's main theme was "Human Rights and Dignity of People Living in Poverty".	15 – 17 October 2008 Parvis de La Défense, Puteaux, France	SHS/RSP/HR-GED  UNESCO supported the initiative of the collective " <i>L'Arche et la Dalle</i> ".
Inclusive Society: Human Rights-Based Approaches to the Eradication of Poverty / Sociétés intégratives : l'approche fondée sur les droits de l'homme pour l'éradication de la pauvreté	17 October 2008 Bangkok, Thailand	SHS/Bangkok, Thailand
<b>Fight against discrimination</b>		
Celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March)  UNESCO in partnership with “Pari(s) du Vivre-Ensemble” organized a series of events on 19 March 2008 in Paris, on the topic of “School and immigration”, including the exhibition “D’un visage à l’autre. Regards croisés sur l’histoire de France et d’Algérie,	19 March 2008 UNESCO HQs	SHS/RSP/RAC

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<p>d'hier et d'aujourd'hui " (From one face to the other. Intersecting perspectives on French and Algerian history, past and present). The exhibition presented photos by Guillaume Lecoque, captioned by students of a 9th grade class at the Collège Léon Blum in Villiers-le-Bel, France (95). It was awarded the Evens Prize for intercultural education.</p> <p>The event also included the screening of the documentary film "La Vie avant la mienne" (The life before mine), produced by 8th grade students who interviewed their parents about their origins, their reasons for taking the path of exile and their experiences in France. The screening of the film was followed by a debate, moderated by Patricia Sitruk, General Director of the Cité nationale de l'histoire de l'immigration (national museum of immigration history in Paris). The event provided an opportunity for notable personalities from different backgrounds and field-based practitioners to brainstorm together. They examined issues related to cultural diversity at school, the transmission of history and experience, and the role that can be played by parents, teachers, scientists and civil society to ensure that schools, which are such special meeting places, can help safeguard and promote the diversity of 21st century societies.</p>		
<u>Activities within the framework of the regional coalitions of cities against racism and discrimination:</u>		
General assemblies of some of the coalitions (LAC, AFR, ASPAC, EUR, CDN)	February – November 2008	SHS/RSP/RAC in cooperation with UNESCO Field Offices
<p>Meeting of the Steering Committee of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism</p> <p>The European Coalition of Cities against Racism was launched on the occasion of the 4th European Conference of Cities for Human Rights which was held in Nuremberg (Germany) on 9-10 December 2004. 69 municipalities from 15 countries of Europe (as of September 2007) have</p>	24-26 April 2008 Botkyrka, Sweden	SHS/RSP/RAC

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already joined this initiative since its launching.		
Various projects of regional coalitions (campaign against ghettos in LAC cities 2008, partnerships against HIV/AIDS in African cities 2008, etc.)	2008, Latin America, Africa and other regions	SHS/RSP/RAC
<p>Participation in the XIII Cumbre de MERCOCIUDADES</p> <p>A special statement was presented by the SHS Regional Adviser at the plenary meeting of the MERCOCIUDADES composed of mayors from more than 50 cities from MERCOSUR. The SHS Regional Adviser explained the Programme of the International Coalition of Cities Against Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia and its relation to the defence of Human Rights, particularly within the framework of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration</p>	16 - 19 June 2008 Canelones, Uruguay	UNESCO Montevideo Office
Launching of a coalition of cities in the Arab region	25 June 2008 Casablanca, Morocco	SHS/RSP/RAC
International conference with the six regional coalitions on the occasion of the Nantes Human Rights Forum in July 2008	30 June – 3 July 2008 Nantes, France	SHS/RSP/RAC
<p>2nd United Cities and Local Governments, Asia Pacific Regional Section (UCLG ASPAC) Congress: “Sustainable Cities and Local Governments for a Sustainable World”, divided into 4 topics: Effective Decentralization: The way that Sustainable Development can be achieved; Building Public Trust: A Challenge for Local Government in the 21st Century; Sustainable City Management; Dismantling the barriers: Towards an Inclusive Society</p> <p>UNESCO/Bangkok presented a stand to exhibit UNESCO programme activities.</p>	15-18 July 2008 Pattaya, Thailand.	SHS UNESCO Bangkok
2nd General Conference of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR)	18-20 September 2008 Bologna, Italy	SHS/RSP/RAC in cooperation with ECCAR and the City of Bologna

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2nd Annual Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Coalition of Cities against Racism	17-19 November 2008 São Paulo, Brazil	SHS/RSP/RAC
A comprehensive publication on UNESCO's overall work on fighting racism and discrimination	2008	SHS/RSP/RAC
<p>Research programme on indicators on racism and discrimination;</p> <p>Comparative studies on the municipal actions against racism in different regions and regional workshops to discuss the results of research</p>	2008	SHS/RSP/RAC
Publication of new issues under the online "Discussion Paper Series"	2008	SHS/RSP/RAC
Celebration of the International Day for Promotion of Tolerance	16 November 2008	SHS/RSP/RAC and UNESCO Field Offices
Round Table on the Fight against Racism and all Forms of Discrimination in the framework of the European Fair of Education	27 – 30 November 2008 Salon <i>Condorcet</i> , Porte de Versailles, Paris, France	French Commission for UNESCO and SHS/RSP/RAC
<b>HIV/AIDS-related discrimination</b>		
Research on gaps and opportunities in African and Asian cities (field work, consultations with cities, publication)	2008	SHS/RSP/RAC
A session on responses to HIV aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination at the Youth force of the International AIDS Conference in Mexico	2-8 August 2008, City of Mexico, Mexico	SHS/RSP/RAC and UNESCO Mexico Office
<p>Regional Conference "HIV and Human Rights" (to reduce HIV related stigma and discrimination)</p> <p>The International Conference titled the "Human Rights in the globalizing world" devoted to the 60th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights and celebration of the first National Human Rights Day in Azerbaijan was held on June 18-19, 2008 in Baku.</p> <p>The Conference was organized by the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of</p>	Azerbaijan, 18-19 June 2008	UNESCO Moscow Office/SHS In partnership with the Azerbaijan Ombudsman's Office, Azerbaijani National Commission for UNESCO, local NGOs, National HIV Centre, etc.

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Azerbaijan in cooperation with UNESCO. The aim of the Conference was to discuss modern problems in the field of human rights as well as the rights of detained persons and prisoners as well as people related to the high risk groups, including people living with HIV/AIDS.		
Preparation of the HIV/AIDS publication on "The Fourth Wave: an Assault on Women. Gender, Culture and HIV and AIDS in the 21st Century" as follow-up to the 2007 conference on "Gender, Culture, HIV and AIDS". The publication deals with an important analysis of the HIV and AIDS pandemic which is both fuelling and being fuelled by inequalities across gender, race, ethnicity, class and age. It is aimed at better understanding the deeply rooted social and cultural norms which increase risks for girls and young women in order to ensure the real and sustainable impact of HIV prevention policies and concrete activities.	The World AIDS Day, 1 December 2008, dedicated to the theme "Human Rights and HIV & AIDS"	BSP Division for Gender Equality (BSP/GE) in collaboration with the Culture Sector and the Social Science Research Council. SHS is also involved in this initiative without a financial contribution
Community actions in support of AIDS orphans in Kombura Location (Nyando District, Kenya) in the framework of UNESCO programmes aimed at fighting HIV-related discrimination and promoting education of children in need	August – September 2008 Rabour, Nyando District, Kenya	SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office, with extrabudgetary funds
Overview report on legal and other frameworks concerning the rights (economic, social and cultural) of AIDS orphans and other children and youth affected by HIV/AIDS to safeguard them against being withdrawn from school or subjected to risk behaviours (hazardous labour, domestic and sexual violence, becoming street children or engaging in child prostitution)	August – September 2008 Nairobi, Kenya	SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office, with extrabudgetary funds
Overview report on strengthening community responses to increasing numbers of young people affected by HIV/AIDS	August – September 2008 Nairobi, Kenya	SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office, with extrabudgetary funds
"HIV-related discrimination: Mapping out responses, gaps and opportunities in African cities": UNESCO workshop for Mayors, CEOs and senior officials of selected Kenyan municipalities and County Councils	14-15 August 2008 Nairobi, Kenya	SHS, UNESCO Nairobi Office, with extrabudgetary funds
"HIV-related discrimination: Mapping	21-22 August 2008	SHS, UNESCO



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out responses, gaps and opportunities in African cities”: UNESCO workshop for Mayors of selected Rwandan municipalities	Kigali, Rwanda	Nairobi Office, and UNESCO Bujumbura Office with Extra-budgetary funds
<b>Promotion and protection of children’s rights through the programme “Children in Need”:</b>		
A press campaign to inform the general public and raise awareness on the reality of the living conditions of children in need	Throughout 2008	SHS/RSP/RAC
“World Day Against Child Labour,” roundtable discussion and press conference, "Education - the Right Response to Child Labour”	12 June 2008, Almaty, Kazakhstan	UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office Ed Sector, UNV, ILO, local partners.
International Interdisciplinary Course: Children’s Rights in a Globalized World: From Principles to Practice	8-19 September 2008 Antwerp and Ghent, Belgium	SC/EES and SHS/RSP/HR-GED, in collaboration with University of Antwerp and University of Ghent
Preparation of a new guide for teachers on the Rights of the Child as follow-up to the project of the UNESCO Doha Office concerning the promotion of the Rights of the Child in Qatari Schools, implemented jointly with the Ministry of Education	2008	ED/UNESCO Doha Office in collaboration with the Supreme Council for Family Affairs
Roundtable on Family violence in the State of Qatar	30 October 2008 Doha, Qatar	SHS/UNESCO Doha Office in collaboration with the National Human Rights body in Qatar & the Supreme Council for Family Affairs and Qatar University
<b><u>Cultural Rights, the Right to Take Part in Cultural Life, Memory of the Slave Trade</u></b>		
Series of events to commemorate the abolition of slavery and celebrate the International Day against Racism:  - Premiere of Route Project’s DVD addressing the tragedy of the slave trade and its legacy  - Panel Discussion On Slavery and its consequences	25-27 March 2008 UN HQs, New York, USA	UNESCO-New York and UN-DPI and CLT/CPD/DIA  The challenge of human rights is at the heart of most of events on the slave trade and its legacy

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- Video Youth Dialogue		
Project "Development of Handicrafts for the Poorest Youth in Egypt" which aims at promoting human sustainable development for underprivileged youth (especially females). A six-month's workshop on Palm Tree Handicrafts is organized in Abu Sir. The themes discussed include the issues of cultural rights, the right to take part in cultural life, memory of the slave trade and others.	The project was launched in March 2008. The second training workshop is to be organized from October 2008 till March 2009. Cairo, Egypt	UNESCO Cairo Office in partnership with an Egyptian NGO Endurance riders Association
UNESCO Amman Office assists in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Safeguarding of Bedu Cultural Space in Jordan. The Plan foresees a community based safeguarding policy and launching of Community Cultural Centers in 2008;	April/May 2008	CLT, UNESCO Amman Office, Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5
Launching Event on the Human Bondage Project, within the INPUT 2008	8 May 2008, Johannesburg, South Africa	SABC (South Africa Broadcasting Corporation) and CLT/CPD/DIA  This event is to be accompanied by a seminar on "Slavery, Memory and Cinema"
Commemoration in France of the National Day dedicated to the memory of the slave trade, slavery and their abolition	10 May 2008, in different cities in France (Paris, Maubeuge, Nancy, Nantes, Le Havre, Lyon etc)	CLT/CPD/DIA Support to different partners (Municipalities, local authorities; NGOs, Universities etc.)
"Pathways of thought" Meeting Debate on Living Cultures and Democracy. Organized on the occasion of the publication of the special issue of the international journal <i>Diogenes</i> : "Reinventing Democracy? Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion.	10 June 2008 UNESCO Headquarters, Paris	CLT/CPD/CPO
The development of teacher's pedagogical material (Understanding Slavery Initiative)	June 2009	CLT/CPD/DIA in partnership with the UK National Maritime Museum
Publication of comparatives studies between the slave trade and contemporary forms of slavery	June 2008	CPT/CPD/DIA

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The promotion of culture tourism along the African Diaspora Heritage Trail	July 2008 Bermudas	CLT/CPD/DIA in partnership with ADHT
Publication of pedagogic material for Central America countries	July 2008	CLT/CPD/DIA and UNESCO-San José in partnership with the University of Costa Rica
Production of informative material on Cultural Rights, with a focus on the minority groups of the Kalash Valley and its endangered indigenous languages.	After the World Indigenous Day, 9 August 2008	UNESCO Islamabad, Culture Sector with the support of C&I and SHS
UNESCO Round Table entitled “Development with Culture and Identity” was organized on the occasion of the first official visit of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Organization on 15-17 September 2008. The Forum presented its work on education, culture, environment and gender and women’s issues. The Round Table also coincided with the annual meeting of the UN Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues, which is chaired by UNESCO for the period 2008-2009. The Round Table discussed the ways of supporting the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the indigenous peoples’ development-with-identity approach in the context of climate change. It was underlined that indigenous peoples rights are part of human rights and need to be acknowledged and promoted as such; a special focus was given to indigenous peoples’ rights in the context of UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments on protecting and promoting cultural diversity and dialogue for sustainable development.	15-17 September 2008 UNESCO Headquarters	CLT/CPD with Science Sector
Jordanian Module of National Seminar applied in Syria within the framework of Copyright as development tool for cultural industries. Empowerment of the protection of diversity of cultural expressions through awareness and law enforcement	October 2008	CLT, UNESCO Amman Office, Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5

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<p>“The Image of the Other in European and Arab-Islamic Textbooks”</p> <p>The main objective of this activity is to combat negative stereotypes and vilification of the other in the minds of pupils</p>	<p>21 November 2008 – meeting in order to finalize guidebook for history textbook authors. Braunschweig, Germany</p> <p>Arab/Europe (Mediterranean Programme)</p> <p>Planned for 2009 in cooperation with IRoots (HQ, EDU)</p>	<p>UNESCO Cairo CL (Mediterranean Programme) in partnership with League of Arab States, ISESCO, ALECSO, Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, Swedish Institute in Alexandria, Georg Eckert Institute (Braunschweig, Germany).</p>
<p>Elaboration of an “Atlas of interactions” of the African presence (2008-2012)</p> <p>These activities aim at helping communities that have been deprived of their culture of origin to rediscover and appreciate their culture and create a sense of pride to their culture and identity.</p>	<p>Launching in 2008</p>	<p>CLT/CPD/DIA in close cooperation with the members of the International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project</p>
<p>Study on the psychological impact of the slave trade and slavery</p>	<p>December 2008</p>	<p>CLT/CPD/DIA</p>
<p>The transatlantic slave trade educational kit for students</p>	<p>December 2008, in Liverpool, UK</p>	<p>CLT/CPD/DIA in partnership with the International Slavery Museum of Liverpool</p>
<p>Survey of best practices of inter-cultural and interfaith dialogue in Jordan</p>	<p>Survey to be completed by December 2008</p>	<p>CLT, UNESCO Amman Office, Within regular Programme and Budget 34/C5</p>
<p>The project “Museums as Knowledge gateways for Nubian culture” aims at protecting and promoting the threatened Nubian culture in Egypt and Sudan. Wadi Halfa Museum is under construction.</p>	<p>2008 Wadi Halfa, Sudan</p>	<p>UNESCO Cairo Office implements this project in partnership with Nubia Museum of Aswan, Governorate of Wadi Halfa, National Museum</p>

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		of Khartoum, Nubian Language Society in Khartoum, TRAVCO (Egyptian international tour operator)
The project "Development versus Conservation in Zabid" aims at including human sustainable development in the preservation projects concerning this World Heritage Site in Danger in Yemen.	2008 Zabid, Yemen	UNESCO Cairo Office implements this project in partnership with Majed Al Waru, Arafat Al hadrami GOPHCY, Social Fund for Development in Yemen.
Implementation of the National Plan of Culture: series of activities aiming at training on cultural rights, in particular for minority groups	Throughout 2008 Ecuador	UNESCO Quito Office in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture of Ecuador
Yasuni Project: series of activities aiming at promoting human rights among isolated populations of the Yasuni Biosphere Area (Ecuador)	2008-2009 Quito, Ecuador	UNESCO/QUITO – SC
Publication of a new abridged edition of the book Birthright of man: World Anthology of Liberty. The book was first published in 1968 to commemorate the 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and was re-issued in 1984 and 1990	December 2008	CLT/CPD/CPO
<b><u>The Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, including the Right to Seek, Receive and Impart Information</u></b>		
Publication on the Medellin Declaration adopted at the conference on "Press Freedom, Safety of Journalists and Impunity" held in 2007	February 2008	CI/FED
In March 2008 a special preface was dedicated to the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR, to the new edition of the Practical Guide for Journalists working in conflict zones issued first time in 1998 in cooperation with Reporters Without Borders.	March 2008	CI/FED
The 2008 World Press Freedom Day	3 May 2008	CI/FED

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<p>was held on 3 May in Maputo, Mozambique, addressing the issues of Freedom of Expression, Access to Information and Empowerment of People, underscoring the importance of article 19 of the UDHR ensuring the right to freedom of expression. The conference was closed by the adoption of the Maputo declaration</p> <p>During the celebration of World Press Freedom Day the UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize was awarded Mexican journalist Lidia Cacho in a ceremony with the participation of the President of Mozambique and UNESCO's Director General.</p>	Maputo; Mozambique	
<p>Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which proclaims the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, was in the focus of commemorative activities organized in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia with support of the UNESCO Harare Cluster Office.</p>	<p>The 2008 World Press Freedom Day May 2008 Botswana, Malawi, Zambia</p>	<p>with support of the UNESCO Harare Cluster Office</p>
<p>Symposium on "Freedom of the Press, Empowerment And Participation of the People"</p>	<p>The 2008 World Press Freedom Day May 2008 Accra, Ghana</p>	<p>UNESCO Accra Office in co-operation with UNDP and the Ministry of Information and National Orientation, as well as with the International Press Centre (Accra), the Ghana Journalists Association, the National Media Commission, Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, Network of Community Radio Stations, Institute of Public Relations, Private Newspapers Publishers Association of Ghana, and Ghana Independent</p>

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		Broadcasters Association.
<p>The UNESCO Windhoek Cluster Office assisted in the organization of workshops on freedom of expression as a human right, among other human rights issues that affect young people, which were held by the South Africa's Bush Radio and the NCRN Namibia's community radio stations in cooperation with the ASPNET schools in these countries. A live debate on human rights between young people of a Western Cape community and another community in Namibia were broadcasted live on community radio – stations, accompanied with rap recordings of songs on human rights that were prepared during the workshops with the adolescents and young people. A CD-Rom will be released presenting all activities of the Bush radio station for distribution and use in schools.</p>	<p>The 2008 World Press Freedom Day May 2008 Namibia and South Africa</p>	<p>UNESCO Windhoek Cluster Office in cooperation with the South Africa's Bush Radio and the NCRN Namibia's community radio stations</p>
<p><b>Honouring 3 journalists for their contribution to empowerment of the disadvantaged with focus on women</b></p> <p>- The United Nations agencies in Jordan, led by the UNESCO Office in Amman, celebrated the World Press Freedom Day. The event, which was held under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Nasser Joudeh, Minister of State for Media Affairs &amp; Communication, involved well-concerted efforts of the UN Media &amp; Communication Group in Jordan, who were pro-active and very supportive in all the preparatory and logistic arrangements. Few days prior to the celebration, a brief Press Release was run in the local media outlets, as a curtain raiser, to alert the general public to the upcoming event. Three veteran Jordanian journalists were honoured for their contribution to this year's WPFDF theme. An estimated 150 attendants were present at the celebration.</p> <p>- The second session, a panel discussion on press freedom in the country, witnessed lively and frank discussions between the panellists and</p>	<p>The 2008 World Press Freedom Day 5 May 2008 Amman, Jordan</p>	<p>UNESCO Amman Office in cooperation with the Ministry of State for Media Affairs &amp; Communication of Jordan</p>

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<p>the audience, which comprised 60 journalists, academics, journalism students, NGO representatives, etc. The issues addressed revealed a need for follow up awareness-raising sessions, seminars and tailored training activities in the field of freedom of expression, especially concerning investigative reporting and access to information as a means for sustainable development and empowerment of the disadvantaged. The event received wide media coverage</p>		
<p><b>An interactive dialogue on access to information and people's empowerment was organized in UNESCO Bangkok in observance of the World Press Freedom Day</b></p> <p>Some 50 participants included academics, journalists, media activists, human rights activities, students and interested public. The dialogue was animated by Melinda Quintos de Jesus, Executive Director of the Centre for Media Freedom and Responsibility based in the Philippines, Steven Gan, Editor-in-Chief of the independent online Malaysiakini, and Roby Alampay, SEAPA's Executive Director. The lively interactive dialogue covered the importance of media literacy, the new information tools resulted from technological advancement, and the critical situation of freedom of expression. The meeting was held by the UNESCO Bangkok Office in cooperation with the UNDP Regional Centre, UN Office for Human Rights and the South East Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA) on 2 May 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand.</p> <p>On this occasion, a broadcaster's manual "Your Right to Know" aimed at promoting access to information and freedom of expression, prepared in collaboration with the South East Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA) was launched. It is now available to be downloaded from <a href="http://www.seapabkk.org">www.seapabkk.org</a>. The manual provides a brief explanation about the right to know and a guide for radio commentators to help them to produce a few days' worth of hour-long</p>	<p>The 2008 World Press Freedom Day 5 May Bangkok, Thailand</p>	<p>UNESCO Bangkok Office</p>



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programmes discussing access to information. Included in the guide are talking points concerning the importance of access to information, barriers to access to information, sources of information, and enabling environment.		
World Press Freedom Day celebration, "Access to Information as a tool for Development"	2008 World Press Freedom Day 5 May 2008 Almaty, Kazakhstan	UNESCO Almaty Office/SHS/CI
Three-day workshop on the issues of Press Freedom and Freedom of Expression was organized by the Higher Media Council (HMC) from 22 to 24 June 2008. The meeting discussed the reports on Freedom of Expression in Jordan which have already been produced by HMC, as well as two other professional bodies, namely the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies and the Center for the Freedom & Protection of Journalists. The conclusions of the workshop will serve for the preparation of a report on the right on freedom of expression in Jordan which is to be finalized in 2009.	22 to 24 June 2008 Amman, Jordan	UNESCO Amman Office in cooperation with the Higher Media Council of Jordan
A regional conference was held in Cartagena Colombia on "Media, Education and Culture in Human Rights". The conference focused on the Universal Declaration's commitment to dignity and justice for all.	9-11 September 2008 Cartagena, Colombia	The conference was organized by the Colombian Government with UNESCO's support
<p>The symposium on "Freedom of Expression: Development, Democracy and Dialogue" took place at UNESCO headquarters. The conference was held in observance of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR and its article 19 enshrining freedom of expression. The symposium brought together around 400 different stakeholders; government officials, policymakers, World Press Freedom Prize laureates, and representatives of major non-governmental organizations and media professionals.</p> <p>In the framework of the Symposium a two-day photo exhibition sponsored by Sweden was showed at the UNESCO headquarters on Freedom of Expression and the Safety of</p>	29 October 2008 UNESCO HQs, Paris, France	CI/FED

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Journalists. This exhibition will make a world tour during the following year starting with Qatar for the 2009 celebration of the World Press freedom Day.		
III Multidisciplinary Symposium on Communication for Development – UNESCOM 2008 Methodist University of São Paulo	11 November 2008 São Paulo, Brazil	UNESCO Chair in Communication for Regional Development in partnership with the Methodist University
<p><b>The Media Development Indicators (MDIs)</b> were unanimously endorsed by the Intergovernmental Council of International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) in March 2008 as a diagnostic tool for assessing <b>media landscapes and development in a national context and identifying the areas where assistance is most needed. Freedom of opinion and freedom of expression are central elements of the MDIs.</b> The MDIs have been translated into French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic languages as well as in Sinhala and Tamil and widely distributed. UNESCO has already carried out a first assessment of the media landscape on the application of the MDIs in Mozambique, based on the MDIs. With UNESCO's support, Croatia is in the process of carrying out an assessment of its national media sector. In Kirgizstan, UNESCO has conducted a preliminary study for the application of the MDIs in the country.</p>	26-28 March 2008, UNESCO HQ, Paris, France and throughout the second half of 2008.	CI/COM
Follow-up to Decision on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of impunity adopted by the IPDC Intergovernmental Council at its 26 <sup>th</sup> session. The <b>IPDC</b> Council urged Member States to comply with the relevant obligations under international law to end impunity for crimes against journalists. It called on governments to report on their investigations into the <b>assassinations of journalists and other intentional crimes against media personnel</b> denounced by the UNESCO DG.	Throughout the second half of 2008	CI/COM

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<p>Protection of journalists persecuted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- activities linked to the Media in Danger programme of the World Association of Newspapers;</li> <li>- support to the International Federation of Journalists in relation to risk-awareness training for journalists working in dangerous conditions;</li> <li>- support to various national initiatives;</li> <li>- actions relating to the Charter for the Safety of Journalists Working in War Zones or Dangerous Areas;</li> <li>- close cooperation with regional and international media organizations and press freedom advocacy groups, notably through an Electronic Clearing House and Alert Network, IFEX</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout 2008</p>	<p>CI/FED</p>
<p>In the field of <b>Media and Information literacy and civic participation in media</b>, which include important aspects of freedom of expression and freedom of information, UNESCO pioneered the development of a universal model of teacher training curriculum for media and information literacy. An international Expert Group meeting was organized in June 2008 at UNESCO HQ to elaborate such a curriculum and enrich material to be introduced in the school teachers training worldwide.</p> <p>In partnership with the UN Alliance of Civilisations and the European Commission UNESCO has also produced and distributed a <b>publication “Mapping World Media Education Policies”</b>, which goes beyond the definitions of media education to underscoring its importance and analyzing the regulatory and legal environment required for wide scale media education programmes. UNESCO published a training manual for media professionals to promote</p>	<p>16-18 June 2008 UNESCO HQ, Paris, France Throughout 2008</p>	<p>CI/COM</p>

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civic awareness, based on fundamental principles of democracy and human rights. The publication entitled 'Civic Education for Media Professionals: A Training Manual' analyzes the relationship between media functions and active citizenship, highlighting the fundamental right to freedom of opinion and information to facilitate full citizen participation in civic life, politics and governance.		
Organization of seminars, workshops, etc., designed to enhance media's ability to communicate on press freedom and freedom of expression as fundamental human rights, as well as activities targeted to the public itself and public officials	Throughout 2008	CI/San Jose and media organizations in the San Jose cluster for Central America and Mexico
Op-Ed (opinion/editorial) pieces in newspapers on access to information, freedom of expression, the right to know, media literacy	May-December 2008, South East Asian countries	CI Bangkok together with SEAPA; Regular Programme
Access to documentary heritage  Will be discussed with partners for celebration of the World AV Heritage Day.	26 October 2008 Bangkok, Thailand	CI Bangkok together with the National Films Archives of Thailand and the Thai Film Foundation, Regular Programme
Actions and events related to the topic "Archives and Human Rights"	2008	ADM/DIR/ISS/ARC in partnership with CI/INF, IFAP and the International Council on Archives
On-line publication "Ethical implications of emerging technologies: a survey" ( <a href="http://undesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001499/149992E.pdf">http://undesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001499/149992E.pdf</a> )	2008	CI/INF
A series of roundtables and a workshop devoted to the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was organized for Armenian journalists in October 2008.	October 2008 Yerevan, Armenia	The above mentioned events were jointly organized by the Social and Human Sciences Sector

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<p>Round tables provided a public platform for Armenian journalists, politicians and civil society representatives to discuss the universal importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the significance of realization of its principles as well as different aspects of human rights, including Gender Equality, Press Freedom, Ethics and Tolerance in Mass Media. A training workshop “Bioethics, Human Rights and Mass Media” aimed to promote human rights in Armenia, empowered journalists to go in depth, while organizing public debate on human rights and bioethical issues.</p>		<p>and Communication and Information Sector of the UNESCO Moscow Office in cooperation with the Armenian National Commission for UNESCO, National Bioethics Committee of the Republic of Armenia and Armenian Union of Journalists.</p>
<p>The Advisor for Communication and Information of the Addis Ababa Office submitted the national report and informed that on 20-29 March 2009, UNESCO and UNHCR will be participating in the final activity linked to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the form of a film festival, where UNESCO is sponsoring a workshop looking at how development and human rights issues can be incorporated into popular films.</p>	<p>20-29 March 2009 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</p>	<p>UNESCO Addis Ababa Office</p>
<p>35 journalists from independent newspapers, TV and radio companies in Sogd, Khatlon regions, and in the capital of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, were trained in human rights by the Tajik Association of Independent Electronic Mass Media Organization, TAIEMM, and supported by the UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communication, IPDC. Training materials were developed in Tajik and Russian.</p>	<p>2008 Dushanbe, Tajikistan,</p>	<p>the Tajik Association of Independent Electronic Mass Media Organization, TAIEMM, and supported by the UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communication, IPDC</p>
<p>The Municipal Human Rights Digital Library was Launched in Almaty and Taraz city in Kazakhstan. It is the second phase of a joint project of UNDP, UNESCO, the Human Rights Commission under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the National Academic Library.</p>	<p>2008 Almaty, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>UNDP, UNESCO, the Human Rights Commission under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the National Academic Library</p>