

# Selected UN Events in 2000

**The following lists some of the UN meetings and events that are due to take place in 2000. Please note that dates may be subject to change. Not all meetings listed below are open to NGO participation.**

## DISARMAMENT

- n *Conference on Disarmament*  
–1st part, 17 January-24 March, Geneva  
–2nd part, 22 May-7 June, Geneva  
–3rd part, 7 August-22 September, Geneva  
Contact: V. Bogomolov, Conference on Disarmament, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/907 3441, fax +41-22/917 0034
- n *Preparatory Committee for the 2001 conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects, 1st session, 28 February-3 March, New York*  
Contact: Nazir Kamal, Coordinating Action on Small Arms, UN Department for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, Room S-3170, New York NY 10017, United States, fax +1-212/963 1121, website ([www.un.org/Depts/dda](http://www.un.org/Depts/dda))
- n *Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Small Arms*  
–6-10 March, New York  
–22 May-2 June, New York  
–24 July-4 August, New York  
Contact: Coordinating Action on Small Arms, UN Department for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, fax +1-212/963 1121, website ([www.un.org/Depts/dda](http://www.un.org/Depts/dda))
- n *Disarmament Commission, 3-20 April, New York*  
–Organizational session, December (2 days), New York  
Contact: K.C. Lin, Disarmament Commission, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 5595, fax +1-212/963 1121
- n *2000 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 24 April-19 May, New York*  
Contact: Hannelore Hoppe, Centre for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 5540, fax +1-212/963 1121

## ECOSOC/GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- n *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*  
–Resumed 1999 session, 17-28 January, New York  
–15-19 May, New York  
–12-23 June, New York  
Composed of 19 members, this committee reviews NGO applications for consultative status with ECOSOC and reviews the reports of NGOs already in consultative status.  
Contact: NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations, Room DC1-1480, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 4842, fax +1-212/963 9248, e-mail <[mezoui@un.org](mailto:mezoui@un.org)>, website ([www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/frame.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/frame.htm))
- n *Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)*  
–Organizational session, 1-4 February, New York  
–Resumed organizational session, 3-4 May, New York  
–Substantive session, 5 July-1 August, New York
- n *Committee for Development Policy (CDP), 2nd session, 3-7 April, New York*

Contact: J. Van Brabant, DESA, United Nations, Room DC2-2150, New York NY 10017, United States, fax +1-212/963 1061

- n *Special High-Level Meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods Institutions, April, New York*
- n *General Assembly, 55th session, Millennium Assembly, September-December, New York*
- n *Millennium Summit, September, New York*
- n *High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (date to be determined), New York*

## FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ISSUES

- n *Committee on World Food Security, 26th session, September, Rome*  
Contact: UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, I-00100 Rome, Italy, telephone +39-06/57051, website ([www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org))

## HUMAN RIGHTS

- n *States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 18th meeting, 18 January, New York*
- n *Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on a Permanent Forum for Indigenous People within the United Nations System, 14-23 February, Geneva*
- n *Open-Ended Working Group established to Elaborate Policy Guidelines on Structural Adjustment Programmes and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 7th session, 28 February-10 March, Geneva*
- n *Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*  
–56th session, 6-24 March, Geneva  
–57th session, 31 July-25 August, Geneva
- n *Human Rights Committee*  
–68th session, 13-31 March, New York  
–69th session, 10-28 July, Geneva  
–70th session, 16 October-3 November, Geneva
- n *Commission on Human Rights, 56th session, 20 March-28 April, Geneva*
- n *Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances*  
–60th session, 24-27 April, New York  
–61st session, August/September (1 week), Geneva  
–62nd session, November/December (3 weeks), Geneva
- n *Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*  
–22nd session, 24 April-12 May, Geneva  
–Extraordinary session, September, Geneva  
–23rd session, 13 November-1 December, Geneva
- n *Committee Against Torture*  
–24th session, 1-19 May, Geneva  
–25th session, 13-24 November, Geneva

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n Working Group on Minorities, 6th session, 22-26 May, Geneva

n Working Group on Indigenous Populations, 18th session, 19-28 July, Geneva

n Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, 52nd session, 31 July-25 August, Geneva

n States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 20th meeting, September (1 day), New York

n Open-Ended Working Group on the Right to Development, 18-22 September, Geneva

n Working Group on the Declaration of Indigenous Peoples, 16-27 October, Geneva

Contact: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 9000, fax +41-22/917 9012, website (www.unhchr.ch)

**RACISM**

n First Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, 1-5 May, Geneva

n World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, 2001

Contact: Robert Husbands, Human Rights Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 9290, fax +41-22/917 9022, website (www.unhchr.ch)

**RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

n Committee on the Rights of the Child  
 -23rd session, 10-28 January, Geneva  
 -24th session, 15 May-2 June, Geneva  
 -25th session, 18 September-6 October, Geneva

Contact: S. Raadi-Azarakhchi or P. David, OHCHR, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 9252 or 917 9301, fax +41-22/917 9022

n Working Group on the elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, 24 January-4 February, Geneva

Contact: M. Tebourbi, OHCHR, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 9330, fax +41-22/917 9010

n Working Group on the elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts, January (2 weeks), Geneva

Contact: G. Lebakine, OHCHR, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 9328, fax +41-22/917 9011

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

**COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

n 18th Commission on Human Settlements, 12-16 February, Nairobi

n Commission on Human Settlements, acting as the First Preparatory Committee for the GA special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, first substantive session on follow-up to the Second UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul+5, 8-12 May, Nairobi

Contact: Information and External Relations, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), PO Box 30030, Nairobi, Kenya, telephone +254-2/623067, fax +254-2/624060, website (www.unchs.org)

**HEALTH**

n Executive Board of WHO, 105th meeting, 24-29 January, Geneva

n World Health Assembly, 53rd meeting, 15-20 May, Geneva

Contact: World Health Organization, 20 avenue Appia, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/791 2111, website (www.who.int)

**HIV/AIDS**

n AIDS 2000: XIIIth International AIDS Conference, 9-14 July, Durban

Contact: AIDS 2000, PO Box 74798, Lynnwood Ridge 0040, South Africa, telephone +27-12/481 2033, fax +27-12/481 2083, e-mail <aids2000@samedical.co.za>, website (196.25.46.13/sub/aids2000)

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

n Non-Aligned Movement, Ministerial Meeting, 7-9 April, Cartagena

n Group of 77 (G-77)  
 - South Summit, 10-14 April, Havana  
 -24th Annual Ministerial Meeting, September, New York

Contact: Office of the Chair of the Group of 77, United Nations, Room S-3959, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 0192, fax +1-212/963 0050, e-mail <g77\_office@together.org>, website (www.g77.org)

n Organization of African Unity, 36th Assembly of Heads of State and Government, June, Lomé

n Organization of American States, General Assembly, 4-6 June, Windsor, Ontario

n OECD Council Meeting at Ministerial Level, 26-27 June, Paris

n G-7/8 Meeting, Okinawa Summit, 21-23 July, Okinawa

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**

n Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court  
 -4th session, March (3 weeks), New York  
 -5th session, June (3 weeks), New York  
 -6th session, November (2 weeks), New York

Contact: NGO Liaison, Office of the Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 1942, fax +1-212/963 3386, website (www.un.org/law/icc/index.htm)

n Meeting of the States Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, 22-26 May, New York

Contact: UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, Room DC2-0450, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 3968, fax +1-212/963 5847, e-mail <doalos@un.org>, website (www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm)

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## **NARCOTIC DRUGS**

- n *Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 43rd session, 6-15 March, Vienna*
- n *Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific region (dates to be determined), Bangkok*  
Contact: Jonathan Lucas, Commission on Narcotic Drugs, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, Vienna International Centre, PO Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria, telephone +43-1/26060 3400, fax +43-1/26060 5885
- n *International Narcotics Control Board*  
–68th session, 15-26 May, Vienna  
–69th session, 30 October-16 November, Vienna  
Contact: International Narcotics Control Board, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, Vienna International Centre, Room E-1339, PO Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria, telephone +43-1/260600, fax +43-1/26060 5867, e-mail <secretariat@incb.org>, website (www.incb.org)

## **POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

- n *Commission on Population and Development, 33rd session, 27-31 March, New York*  
Contact: Joseph Chamie, Population Division, DESA, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 3179, fax +1-212/963 2147

## **REFUGEES**

- n *Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Executive Committee, 51st session, October (1 week), Geneva*  
Contact: Arnulv Torbjornsen, NGO Coordinator, Division of Communication and Information, UNHCR, Case postale 2500, CH-1211 Geneva 2 Dépôt, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/739 8290, fax +41-22/739 7302, website (www.unhcr.org)

## **REGIONAL COMMISSIONS**

- n *Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), 28th session, 3-7 April, Mexico City*  
Contact: ECLAC, Casilla 179D, Santiago, Chile, telephone +56-2/210 2000, fax +56-2/208 0252, e-mail <dpisantiago@eclac.cl>, website (www.eclac.cl)
- n *Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), 56th session, April (7 days), Bangkok*  
Contact: ESCAP, United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand, telephone +66-2/288 1234, fax +66-2/288 1000, website (www.unescap.org)
- n *Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), 55th session, 3-5 May, Geneva*  
Contact: Information Unit, ECE, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 4444, fax +41-22/917 0505, e-mail <info.ece@unece.org>, website (www.unece.org)

## **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

- n *Commission for Social Development, 38th session, 8-17 February, New York*
- n *Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the United*

*Nations General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (WSSD+5)*  
– Intersessional meetings, 22-25 February, New York  
– 2nd substantive session, 3-14 April, New York

- n *Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, 26-30 June, Geneva*  
Contact: Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, United Nations, Room DC2-1362, New York NY 10017, United States, fax +1-212/963 3062, e-mail <ngoran@un.org>, website (www.un.org/esa/socdev)

## **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO)**

- n *ILO General Conference, 88th session, 6-22 June, Geneva*  
Contact: Bureau of Public Information, ILO, 4 route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/799 7940, fax +41-22/799 8577, website (www.ilo.org)

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CSD)**

- n *Inter-governmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development, 22-25 February, New York*
- n *Ad Hoc Inter-sessional Working Groups on the themes of the sectoral cluster (land resources including sustainable agriculture) and the cross-sectoral cluster (trade, finance, investment and economic growth), 22 February-3 March, New York*
- n *Orientation meeting for NGOs, 20 April, New York*
- n *CSD, 8th session, 25 April-5 May, New York*  
Contact: Zehra Aydin-Sipos, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Room DC2-2262, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, telephone +1-212/963 8811, fax +1-212/963 1267, e-mail <aydin@un.org>, website (www.un.org/esa/sustdev)

### **CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD)**

- n *Resumed session of the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of Parties to Finalize and Adopt the Biosafety Protocol, 24-28 January, Montreal*
- n *Conference of the Parties, 5th session, 15-26 May, Nairobi*  
Contact: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, World Trade Centre, 393 St. Jacques Street, Office 300, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 1N9, Canada, telephone +1-514/288 2220, fax +1-514/288 6588, e-mail <secretariat@biodiv.org>, website (www.biodiv.org)

### **CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES)**

- n *Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, 11th session, 10-20 April, Nairobi*  
Contact: CITES Secretariat, Geneva Executive Centre, 15 chemin de Anémones, CP 456, CH-1219 Châtellaine (Geneva), Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 8139, fax +41-22/797 3417, e-mail <cites@unep.ch>, website (www.cites.org)

### **CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (CCD)**

- n *Conference of Parties, fourth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies (date and venue to be determined)*  
Contact: CCD Secretariat, Geneva Executive Centre, 11-13 chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtellaine (Geneva),

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Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 8111, fax +41-22/917 8030, e-mail <secretariat@unccd.ch>, website (www.unccd.ch)

**FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

n 6th session of the Conference of the Parties, and meetings of subsidiary bodies (date and venue to be determined)

Contact: Secretariat, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, PO Box 260124, D-53153 Bonn, Germany, telephone +49-228/815 1000, fax +49-228/815 1999, e-mail <secretariat@unfccc.de>, website (www.unfccc.de)

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS**

n Ad Hoc Open-Ended Inter-governmental Forum on Forests, 4th session, 31 January-11 February, New York

The forum was set up to promote implementation of the UN Conference on Environment and Development decisions related to forests at the national and international level, and to examine questions of international cooperation, science, trade and environment, and institutional and legal mechanisms.

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**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)**

n NGO Consultation

-8 May, Washington DC

-14 November, Washington DC

n GEF Council Meeting

-9-11 May, Washington DC

-15-17 November, Washington DC

Contact: GEF Secretariat, 1818 H Street NW, Washington DC 20433, United States, telephone +1-202/473 0508, fax +1-202/522 3240 or 522 3245, website (www.gefweb.org)

**PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPS)**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE**

n 4th session, 20-25 March, Bonn

n 5th session, November (tentative), South Africa

Contact: UNEP Chemicals, 11-13 chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine (Geneva), Switzerland, telephone +41-22/917 8193, fax +41-22/797 3460, e-mail <pops@unep.ch>, website (www.chem.unep.ch/pops)

**TOBACCO**

n The Global Tobacco Control Law: Towards a WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 7-9 January, New Delhi

n Working Group on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 2nd meeting, 6-17 March

Contact: Derek Yach, Tobacco-Free Initiative, World Health Organization, 20 avenue Appia, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/791 2108, fax +41-22/791 4832, e-mail <tfi@who.int>, website (www.who.int/toh)

**TRADE, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**

**FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT**

n Preparatory Process, starting in January 2000

The General Assembly is preparing to convene a high-level international inter-governmental forum on financing for development, to be held before the end of 2001. Details of the preparatory process are currently under negotiation in the GA.

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**INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) AND WORLD BANK**

n IMF/World Bank Joint Annual Meeting of the Boards of Governors, 28-30 September, Washington DC  
Contact: IMF, 700 19th Street NW, Washington DC 20431, United States, website (www.imf.org) or World Bank, 1818 H Street NW, Washington DC 20433, United States, website (www.worldbank.org)

**UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)**

n Tenth UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD X), 12-19 February, Bangkok

n Expert Meeting on International Investment Agreements, 22-24 March, Geneva

n Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, 7-9 June, Geneva

n Trade and Development Board, 47th session, 9-20 October, Geneva

Contact: Chief, Public Affairs Unit, Public Information and Outreach Service, UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/907 5048, fax +41-22/907 0043, website (www.unctad.org)

n Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee, 12-16 June, Geneva

**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM**

n World Economic Forum, 27 January-1 February, Davos

**WOMEN**

n Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

-22nd session, 17 January-4 February, New York

-23rd session, 12-30 June, New York

n 11th Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, August or September (1 day), New York

Contact: CEDAW Secretariat, Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, Room DC2-1226, United Nations, New York NY 10017, United States, fax +1-212/963 3463, e-mail <connorsj@un.org>, website (www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/committ.htm)

n Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 44th session, 28 February-2 March, New York

n CSW acting as the Preparatory Committee for the GA Special Session, Women 2000: Gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century, 3-17 March, New York

n Women 2000: a Special Session of the General Assembly to Review the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (Beijing+5), 5-9 June, New York

Contact: Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, United Nations, Room DC2-1204, New York NY 10017, United States, fax +1-212/963 3463, e-mail <daw@un.org>, website (www.un.org/womenwatch/daw)

n Inter-Agency Symposium on Violence against Women, May

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