

# Summary

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## UN / UN Secretary-General's Message on World Tuberculosis Day

The theme of this year's World TB Day is Stop TB in Our Lifetime. In his message dedicated to this day Ban Ki-moon notes that tuberculosis is the second top infectious killer of adults worldwide taking a heavy toll on families and communities. This year the Secretary-General in particular mentions children who are exposed to sick family members and are at high risk of contracting the disease. TB is often difficult to diagnose and treat in children. That is why this year Ban Ki-moon calls for raising awareness of how children are affected by the disease.

## UNICEF / UNICEF Studied the Situation with Migrant Children in St. Petersburg

According to the «Monitoring of Migrant Children in St.Petersburg» research commissioned by UNICEF and conducted by Higher School of Economics with the support of the Russian Red Cross, the problems facing migrant children are mainly connected with inadequate knowledge of legislation, problems with employment and shelter, with access to medical services and childcare facilities, and insufficient Russian language skills.

## UNESCO / UNESCO and IFESCCO Support Arts Education in CIS Countries

The UNESCO/IFESCCO project Arts Education in CIS Countries: Building Creative Capacities for 21st Century is about arts education and its role in promoting creativity, innovation and cultural diversity. The main purpose of the project is improvement of cultural and educational policies in the field of arts education, as well as enhancing of interaction between the ministries of culture and education of the CIS countries through conducting case studies in the field of arts education.

## UNHCR / Migration Registration for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Stateless Persons: a Problem Requires Host Country Attention

Despite reforms of the registration procedure UNHCR persons of concern still face many problems in legal

and social integration due to problems in this area. UNHCR commissioned a study of the legal implications and possible remedies in relation to changes in the legislation to the Human Rights Centre Memorial. On 19 January 2012, the findings of the study were discussed at a round table on Registration issues in Moscow conducted by UNHCR jointly with the representatives of stakeholders.

## UNIC / Global Governance: Institutions and Personalities

In March, a round table was held in the UN Information Centre in Moscow to discuss the question of global governance and ideas to improve the effectiveness of international organizations. A book by Victor Lesniovsky "The Mystery Behind Hammarskjold's Death", published in 1985, was the starting point for the discussion focusing on the UN activities in recent years.

## UNGC / UN Global Compact Network Russia: New Growth

The UN Global Compact Network Russia has expanded significantly since 2009, the year it was established. At the annual meeting of the organization further objectives were outlined with a view to encourage new members to join. The Network will work to attract more Russian state organizations and private companies. On 13 March, at the first session of the Steering Committee, an Action Plan for 2012 was adopted. It includes participation in global and regional events, creation of the Network website and disseminating information through social media.

## OHCHR / Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the Nivkh Language

On 15 March 2012, OHCHR and Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd. presented a translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into the Nivkh language. The new translation has been officially registered and published on the OHCHR website. The Nivkhs are an indigenous ethnic group living in Sakhalin. The translation is aimed at helping the Nivkh people protect their unique culture.