

Summary

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UN/ UN Secretary-General's Message on International Anti-Corruption Day

Marking International Anti-Corruption Day, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday called for full global acceptance of an international convention aimed at ending corrupt practices around the world. Mr. Ban pointed out that the ill-effects of corruption ripple throughout society, denying people vital social services and infrastructure, and denigrating the environment.

ILO/ International High-level Conference on Decent Work Takes Place in Moscow

The International High-Level Conference on Decent Work organized jointly by the Russian government and the International Labour Organization took place on December 11-12. It concluded its two-day meeting by highlighting the increased convergence of countries' economic and social policies with the ILO's Decent Work Agenda. Some 900 high-level representatives from 80 countries attended the conference which, among other issues, discussed the impact of globalization on labour markets and labour standards.

UNIC/ Who Should Manage Internet Development?

The Seventh Annual Internet Governance Forum was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 6–9 November 2012. The main theme for the meeting was: 'Internet Governance for Sustainable Human, Economic and Social Development'. The Forum took place with participation of UN Information Centres from Turkey and Russia.

UNESCO/ 'Meeting of the UNESCO Masterpieces on the Land Of Olonkho' — International Festivals under the Aegis of UNESCO in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

The idea to hold such festivals started up and occurred to its sponsors and organizers after an outstanding event when the Yakut heroic epos Olonkho was recognized as a Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity in 2005. The festival is aimed at preservation of masterpieces of intangible heritage of humanity, awareness raising and promoting cultural diversity.

UN/ Women's Rights: Russian Realities and International Practices

The expert reviews the situation with gender rights in Russia in the context of existing legislation, UN convention and international practices. There are a number of gaps identified, although certain measures are already undertaken at the federal level. UN agencies in Russia contribute to these efforts towards gender equality.

UN/ Expertise of Social Expenditures in the Russian National Budget 2013–2015

The expert analyzes social and gender specific expenditures in the planned national budget for 2013–2015 in Russia. Figures provided demonstrate the situation with wages and employment, as well as reveals expenditure trends in comparison with the budgets in previous periods.

UNDP/ 'Black Sea Box' Will Reveal to School Children New Treasures of Knowledge

A unique education kit for teachers and school students 'Black Sea Box' has been presented on 4 September at the press center of the Sochi City Administration. Materials of the kit have been prepared in an unusual 'edutainment' way to make them equally interesting for both primary school and high school students.

UNHCR/ Durable Solutions for Refugees in Russia: UNHCR Takes Stock with Migration Services and Russian Red Cross

A year after the first Round Table with federal and territorial branches of the Russian Migration Services and the Russian Red Cross, the partners reviewed challenges of reception, accommodation and integration of asylum seekers and refugees and related collaboration potential, at an event in Ochyor, Perm Region, where a Governmental Refugee Temporary Accommodation Centre (TAC) is situated.

UNAIDS/ On the Occasion of The World AIDS Day Celebrities from Russia and the CIS Appeal: "Believe It. Do It."

A special concert was organized in Moscow to support 'Red Ribbon' campaign under the overall theme "Believe it. Do it." The event took place on the occasion of the World AIDS Day with participation of celebrities from Russia and the CIS countries, international organizations, activists of the movement. Participation and leadership of youth in fighting HIV/AIDS was reiterated by all the speakers.