

# Summary

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## UN / UN Secretary General's Video Message on the World Media Summit

In his message dedicated to the World Media Summit held in Moscow Ban Ki-moon spoke about rising threats to press freedoms and media professionals. He mentioned that over the last ten years more than 500 journalists lost their lives, while many others have been detained, threatened or silenced through fear and censorship. He reminded us that freedom of expression is a basic human right and a core UN mission and free media was critical to true democracy and sustainable development.

## UNICEF / From Orphanage to Adult Life: Helping to Avoid Risks

To help young people who are leaving orphanages start an independent life UNICEF and the Institute of Budgeting Solutions implement a project to improve financial literacy of teenagers and young people who find themselves in difficult life situations.

The project began with consultations by psychologists and trainings for orphans in Moscow and St. Petersburg. On the basis of the analysis of the situation and trainings UNICEF and the Institute of Budgeting Solutions are preparing a guide dedicated to improvement of financial literacy of young people leaving orphanages.

## UNHCR / World Refugee Day in Russia: Inspiring Sympathy and Understanding

Today there are over 43 million displaced people in the world. World Refugee day marked on 20 June is the best opportunity to express support and solidarity with them. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on this day called to remember all those affected and intensify our support. A major UNHCR project dedicated to World Refugee Day was a public opinion survey to measure attitudes and awareness concerning refugees. The survey was conducted in 11 countries, including Europe, Australia, South Africa and Russia.

## UNESCO / World Heritage Committee Session Held in Russia for the First Time

The 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention was the focus of the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Saint Petersburg from 24 June till 6 July.

## UNAIDS / EURO 2012: Young People to Play a Key Role in Combating AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

HIV epidemic is growing in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The estimated number of people living with HIV in this region in 2009 was 1.4 mln, which is almost three times higher than the same period in 2000. Young leaders can contribute to efforts aimed at reversing the epidemic by shaping public opinion.

## UNDP / Summer School on Human Development for Russian Students

Twenty-five students from 20 Russian universities took part in the second Summer School 'Human Development in Russia: Opportunities and Risks.' The school was organized from 1 to 8 July at the Economic Faculty of Moscow State University with the support of the United Nations Development Programme in Russia. The event was funded, for the second year, by the Oxford Russia Fund.

## UNIC / International Nelson Mandela Day

Nelson Mandela dedicated 67 years of his life to fighting for human rights as a political prisoner, international peacemaker and the first democratically elected president of free South Africa. To honour his contribution in November 2009 the UN General Assembly established International Nelson Mandela Day on 18 July.

On 18 July, the Russian State Library hosted a round table discussion on the occasion of this day. One of the organizers was the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow. The event brought together over 50 representatives of government, public, research organizations and media.

## OHCHR / Workshop for Russian Human Rights Ombudsmen

On 17 May 2012, a workshop 'On UN Human Rights Mechanisms' was organized by OHCHR in Moscow for federal and regional ombudsmen in the Russian Federation. Representatives of OHCHR, international experts, the Russian Human Rights Ombudsman, as well as regional ombudsmen from over 60 Russian regions took part in the workshop.