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Poll question

Children need additional protection during large events such as the FIFA World Cup because

- a. Their parents may be travelling or away at work
- b. Their schools may be closed
- c. They may be lured to watch games by strangers
- d. They may be offered money for illegal services
- e. They need to be protected just as other times

To answer the question, [click here](#)

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- a. Covers important civil society 'News'
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- c. Carries Jobs/Reviews/Events
- d. Collects Resources/Opportunities
- e. It's simply essential reading!

Results: a. - 55.2%, b. - 24.1%, c. - 10.3%, d. - 6.9%, e. - 3.4%

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From the Desk of the Secretary General

This week, in a guest contribution, Natalia Cardona, Advocacy Coordinator, [Social Watch](#) discusses development and gender goals.

All development goals are gender goals

Natalia Cardona, Advocacy Coordinator, [Social Watch](#).



Thirty one years ago, many of the governments of the world committed legally to women's rights by signing the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Sixteen years later the Beijing World Conference on Women adopted a comprehensive plan of action towards gender equality. And this September, the presidents and prime ministers of the world will meet in New York at the Millennium Development Goal summit to assess a decade of anti-poverty efforts. They will discuss how to progress in spite of the tremendous challenge coming from multiple and overlapping crises on climate, food, energy, finances and the economy. The challenge is tremendous and it will take the combined efforts of men and women to take the next step towards eradication of poverty for both men and women.

In spite of some progress, the follow-up of Beijing conference and CEDAW commitments are not yet complete. Gender equity is not yet fully implemented nor is it an equal component of sustainable economic and social development. By any measure, including Social Watch's Gender Equity Index, all is quiet where advances are most needed in gender equality. Social Watch members share a concern that governments are quick to sign on to international instruments but short on implementation. There is also a gap in gender legislation and its actual implementation. With the present global recession there is also a need to take stock of the progress made towards Internationally Agreed Development Goals including the MDGs and emerging issues.

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Announcement

Update your e-CIVICUS subscription today!

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We intend you to 1. Reconfirm your subscription to e-CIVICUS; and 2. Provide some basic information for us to serve you better
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Get involved

Civil Society Behind Bars

Source: *Civil Society Watch programme, CIVICUS*

Civil Society Watch is reviving the Civil Society Behind Bars Campaign to advocate for the release of civil society activists behind bars and call for justice. Today, we invite you to join us to appeal for freedom for civil society activists in Uzbekistan and the Philippines. We also ask you to send a message of solidarity and support to them and their families.

[Read more and learn ways you can take action](#)

Express your concern, stop the unfair sentencing of Greenpeace's Activists in Japan

[Click here](#)

Hold world leaders accountable!

Invest in the Future. Now.

SIGN THE G8/G20 DECLARATION

[Click](#)

[here](#)

Petition: Investigate Israel's attack on aid flotilla

Source: *Avaaz*

The world is reeling from Israel's assault on an aid flotilla trying to reach Gaza. It's time for a full investigation to begin -- and for the siege of Gaza to end. Let's make the world's outcry too loud to ignore. Join the petition for an independent investigation into the raid, accountability for those responsible, and an immediate end to the blockade in Gaza -- click to sign the petition, and then forward this message to everyone:

[Sign the worldwide petition](#) which will be delivered to UN and world leaders, as soon as it reaches 200,000.

We Welcome Contributions

e-CIVICUS is a useful channel through which you and your organisation can share your news, publicise your events and articulate the issues you face. Please send us your contributions by Monday for publication in the coming week to editor@civicus.org. To read the contribution guidelines, [click here](#).

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If you have any feedback or comments, please email us at editor@civicus.org

Highlights from CIVICUS

CIVICUS condemns murder of Floribert Chebeya Bahizire, Executive Director of Voix des Sans Voix (VSV)

CIVICUS deeply condemns the assassination of Floribert Chebeya Bahizire, Executive Director of Voix des Sans Voix (VSV) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Mr Bahizire was found dead on 2 June after he was summoned by the General Inspectorate of Police. Voix des Sans Voix has expressed concern that Floribert Chebeya Bahizire may have been targeted in relation to his efforts to improve prison conditions. CIVICUS urges the Congolese Government to carry out an impartial and thorough investigation into the circumstances of his death and to ensure protection for human rights defenders working in the DRC.

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The Elders support EHHR call for freedom from poverty

Look out next week for The Elders support to an Every Human Has Rights (EHHR) initiative on www.everyhumanhasrights.org calling for freedom from poverty as a human right. Speaking in a series of exclusive interviews released as part of the EHHR campaign, the members have called for stronger commitments and determined action to uphold the rights of children, women and all citizens to be free from poverty. The Elders' call comes ahead of the UN General Assembly's Informal Interactive Hearings with NGOs and the private sector next week (New York, 14-15 June 2010), the findings of which will provide input into the 'MDG summit' on 20-22 September 2010.

Pan-African solidarity with Haiti

CIVICUS and its partners, African Monitor, Trust Africa, the Southern Africa Trust, Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) Southern Africa, the South African Red Cross Society; the National Welfare Forum; and Ivan May through 1485 Radio Today on 1484 AM in Jozi and through SADC (also DSTv 169), and the Synergos Institute have agreed to join what is known as the "Africa for Haiti Project" and to help in co-ordinating efforts. You can help by visiting any of the following websites:

[Africa for Haiti](#)
[African Monitor](#)
[Trust Africa](#)

News in brief

Gaza aid waiting at border crossing

Source: *IRIN*

Forty-eight trucks with humanitarian aid seized from the aid flotilla bound for Gaza on 1 June are stuck at the Kerem Shalom crossing and in Israeli Defence Ministry warehouses

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1 goal: yellow card for Education

Source: *Global Campaign for Education (GCE)*

Big news! This weekend, South African President Jacob Zuma announced plans for a high-level international summit before the end of the World Cup -- specifically to challenge world leaders to guarantee quality education for the 72 million children who are still out of school. Between now and the summit, football fans and 1GOAL supporters across the globe will write thousands of notes to world leaders on special yellow cards. It's a universal warning sign they can't ignore -- and it says we have to act quickly or another whole generation of children will watch their hope for a future

Book Reviews

Outliers: The Story of Success

By: *Malcolm Gladwell*

In Outliers, the author examines the factors that contribute to high levels of success. To support his thesis, he examines the causes of why the majority of Canadian ice hockey players are born in the first few months of the calendar year, how Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates achieved his extreme wealth, and how two people with exceptional intelligence, Christopher Langan and J. Robert Oppenheimer, end up with such vastly different fortunes. Throughout the publication, Gladwell repeatedly mentions the "10,000-Hour Rule", claiming that the key to success in any field is, to a large extent, a matter of practising a specific task for a total of around 10,000 hours.

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Vacancies

This week, new civil society job openings have been added to the CIVICUS website. Please [click here](#). Should you wish to publish a New Vacancy, please click on [Add job](#). Please add an expiry date for applications.

Call for Volunteers

Source: *United Nations Volunteers*

Next year is the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) and United Nations Volunteers is recruiting volunteers to help ensure the success of the celebrations. [For details of opportunities and how you may get involved, click here](#)

slip away. [You can issue your own yellow card online](#). We'll print your name and comments onto a customised card. Then, working together with local South African activists, we'll hand them directly to world leaders as they gather for the education summit on July 7th. Together, we'll make it clear that the real goal is a quality education for every single child.

[Issue your own yellow card online now!](#)

UN gets set for World Cup kick-off and renewed push on anti-poverty targets

Source: *UN News*

The United Nations is gearing up for this week's start of the soccer World Cup, aiming to harness public excitement about the world's biggest sporting event to advance efforts to slash poverty, fight hunger and tackle other key social and economic problems. With community festivals, television shows, posters, electronic games, multimedia campaigns and even a new song, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will be under the spotlight during the month-long World Cup.

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UN-backed radio station helps Bangladeshi farmers get back on their feet

Source: *UN News*

A United Nations-backed radio station run by and for people living in remote parts of Bangladesh has a new programme that aims to assist farmers and fishers whose livelihoods are regularly upset by cyclones. Villagers will broadcast vital information to support those working in the agriculture, fisheries and livestock sectors through a community radio show set up jointly by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Bangladeshi Ministry of Agriculture.

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Ethiopia: The village that will not need food aid

Source: *IRIN News*

"We will be self-sufficient," said Gebremichael Giday, chairman of Abreha we Atsebeha, a village high in the arid uplands of northern Ethiopia, about 45km from Mekele, capital of the Tigray region. He is confident that in another 10 years they will not need food aid. The village, named after a rock-hewn medieval church perched on one of the mountains that surround it, lost 60 people in the famine of 1984. Then a food-for-work programme was set up to help rehabilitate the eroded land.

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Feature

Moscow: A Dangerous Place to Defend Human Rights

Source: *The Moscow Times*

The death of Eduard Chuvashov, a judge killed in cold blood on 12 April in Moscow, is another in a long and growing list of murders perpetrated on those in Russia who try to seek justice for the victims of crimes — an essential task for the country's future development. Within the Russian judiciary, Chuvashov was one of the rare judges with the courage to rule against powerful local government officials as well as high-ranking officers of the Interior Ministry. Indeed, he dared to send a number of them to prison. Recently, Chuvashov defied personal threats made against him and sentenced members of a particularly nasty Moscow-based neo-Nazi group to prison.

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Beyond Petroleum? To world leaders at the UN Climate Summit this week: Invest in the future, now

Source: *tcktcktck*

On one hand the leaders of most of the world's countries tell us there is an urgent need to come up with a long term solution to big issues like [oil spills in our oceans](#) and climate change, but on the other hand those same leaders continue to stall and play political games when it comes to actually coming up with an agreement. And while our politicians fiddle, from the Tar Sands of northern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico; from the Arctic to Nigeria and Angola, oil corporations continue to risk the local and global environment in a desperate search for a dwindling, dirty and unstable source of energy, oil.

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Advocating for the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics: Country-level Toolkit

Source: *Africacop*

This PARIS21 Toolkit aims to help national statistical system managers and statisticians in developing countries with their own advocacy work and to demonstrate the advantages of planning advocacy systematically. It gathers, in a single package, advocacy methodology, tools, tips and messages. It focuses on statistical advocacy as a means to convince policy-makers, civil society, Media, NGOs and representatives of multilateral and bilateral agencies in developing countries of the importance of statistics in the wider context of development and, in particular, of the necessity for developing countries to have a well-prepared, adequately funded and successfully implemented National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS).

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Elections and Conflict Prevention: A Guide to Analysis, Planning and Programming

Source: *UNDP*

This guide identifies strategic approaches and forms of programming that can help to anticipate and prevent the types of violent conflict that can accompany elections and set back development in emerging democracies or post-war societies. It presents valuable lessons learned from the previous, extensive experience of UNDP and its partner organisations in the field.

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Mind the Gap

Source: *Greenpeace*

There is a major gap between what Governments have pledged since Copenhagen on greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets - and what is actually needed to keep global temperature rise to below 2 degrees C. But there are solutions. This briefing details what is called the "Gigatonne Gap" and outlines how Governments can close that gap with solutions that are already available.

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Registration for the "63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference" is now open

Source : *UN DPI*

Registration is now OPEN for the 63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference. The Conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia from 30 August to 1 September 2010 under the theme of "Advance Global Health: Achieve the MDGs". This year registration will take place online through the CSO Net – the Civil Society Network.

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Media Reporting on Development: Provocative and Original Stories (deadline 9 July 2010)

Source: *Institute for Development Studies (IDS)*

The Institute for Development Studies (IDS) invites entries for their first awards for reporting on international development, soliciting provocative and original stories, compelling alternative narratives and critiques, and encouraging discussion on development issues and processes. Journalists from around the world are requested to submit their best articles, news pieces, critiques and editorials that focus on poverty alleviation, democracy and governance, rights, health and other Millennium Development Goals. [Read more](#)

Call for papers (deadline: 30 June 2010)

Source: *Sur Journal*

The 13th issue of the Sur Journal, published by Conectas Human Rights in partnership with the Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS, Argentina) and the University of Pretoria (South Africa), will address the following issue: Regional Mechanisms for the Protection of Human Rights. [Read more](#)

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