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4-13 February 2009 NEW YORK

### **47<sup>th</sup> Session of Commission for Social Development**

- *Chair:* H.E. Ms. Kirsti Lintonen (Finland)
- *Theme:* "Social Integration"

➤ This Commission for Social Development consists of 46 members elected by ECOSOC that meets once a year in New York. It is the main UN body which works on the implementation of the [Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action](#).

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csod2009.htm>

2-13 March 2009 NEW YORK

### **53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

- *Chair:* H.E. Ms. Carmen María Gallardo (El Salvador)
- *Priority Theme:* "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS"
- *Review Theme:* "Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels"

➤ The main goal of the CSW is to promote the implementation of equal rights between the sexes. The CSW prepares recommendations and reports to ECOSOC on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social, and educational fields. It also makes recommendations for urgent matters of women's rights that require immediate attention. The CSW is comprised of 45 elected [members](#), and meets once a year for ten days.

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/>

20 April – 1 May 2009 GENEVA

### **8<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

➤ In October 2000, the Economic and Social Council established the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), a subsidiary body with the main objective to promote "... the management, conservation and sustainable

development of all types of forests and to strengthen long-term political commitment to this end..."

<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/index.html>

20 April – 1 May 2009 NEW YORK

### **10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families**

↗ *Country Reports: Azerbaijan (I), Colombia (I)*

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cmwf/>

4-15 May 2009 NEW YORK

### **17<sup>th</sup> Session of Commission on Sustainable Development**

● *Chair: H.E. Mrs. Gerda Verburg; Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (Netherlands)*

● *Themes:*

- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Rural Development
- ◆ Land
- ◆ Drought
- ◆ Desertification
- ◆ Africa

↗ The CSD functions in two-year cycles which consist of one year of review and one of policy. In each cycle, the thematic clusters of issues will be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The CSD encourages member States to provide national reports, on a voluntary basis, that reflect on progress made in the areas under consideration.

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/policy.htm>

18-29 May 2009 NEW YORK

### **8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

● The Permanent Forum (comprising 16 members elected for 3 years) is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. According to its mandate, the Permanent Forum will:

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- ◆ raise awareness and promote the integration and coordination of activities related to indigenous issues within the UN system
- ◆ prepare and disseminate information on indigenous issues

[http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/about\\_us.html](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/about_us.html)