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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that participation in all events is by invitation only.

17 - 25 APRIL 2008, ACCRA | FES SIDE EVENTS AT UNCTAD XII

FES will organize side events at UNCTAD XII during the Civil Society Forum and the main conference. In partnership with the UNCTAD secretariat, FES will co-organize a UNCTAD XII pre-event on "Development strategies in Africa" on 19 April 2008. 3 download

24 - 25 APRIL 2008, GENEVA | IOM/FES/IDEAS CENTRE/NCCR WORKSHOP

Labour Mobility: A win-win-win model for trade and development

In the framework of the "Geneva Trade and Development Forum" the FES has taken under its auspices the Working Group on "Labour Mobility". Lead by Ms. Ndioro Ndiaye, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration, this working group looks into possible gains from labour mobility for developing countries. It is meant to develop a plan of action to create a win-win-win model for trade and development and present it to all stakeholders at the Crans Montana forum from 2-5 July 2008. www.gtdforum.org download

28 APRIL 2008, GENEVA | GCSP/FES PUBLIC DISCUSSION "FORTY YEARS OF NPT: WHAT IS AT STAKE?"

The 2005 NPT Review Conference could not agree on recommendations of substance. Is the "grand bargain" reflected by the NPT still relevant in today's context? Will the balance of commitments struck forty years ago still commend consensus? Does the Treaty need to be adapted or complemented by other cooperative measures? In the context of the Preparatory Committee meeting for the 2010 NPT Review Conference, which opens on 28 April, FES and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy are organizing a Public Discussion with Gernot Erler, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office, Ambassador Sergio Duarte, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament and Prof. William Potter from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

5 – 9 MAY 2008, GENEVA | FES INFORMATION SEMINAR ON WORLD TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING JOURNALISTS

FES Geneva in cooperation with WTO, UN organizations and Global Union Federations regularly organizes information seminars on world trade for journalists of developing countries. For the forthcoming seminar participants will come from about twelve Latin American countries.

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RECENT EVENTS

2 - 4 MARCH 2008, MEXICO D.F. | FES/WTO REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON "THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, THE DOHA ROUND AND REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS: PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES FOR MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES

From 2-4 March, around 50 stakeholders from 6 Central American countries, the Dominican Republic and Mexico participated at this regional dialogue, which was organized jointly by FES and WTO. They represented a variety of constituencies, including government officials, politicians, trade unionists, NGOs, academia and business. The exchange of views across countries and constituencies was considered extremely useful. 3 download

FES PARALLEL EVENT AT THE 7TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL "CHALLENGES OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION"

6 March 2008, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

National delegations, United Nations staff members, NGOs, National Human Rights Institutions and trade unions discussed the particularities of irregular migration, its causes and consequences for human rights and social development, as well as possibilities to regularize and steer the flows of migration. <u>\(\circ\) download</u>

FES PARALLEL EVENT AT THE 7TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL "CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT IN UPR – THE EXAMPLE OF INDONESIA"

17 March 2008, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

In this panel discussion we discussed possibilities for civil society involvement at the example of the experiences in Indonesia, where extensive consultations with civil society, NGOs as well as the National Human Rights bodies have taken place. download

PUBLICATIONS

FELIX KIRCHMEIER, MONIKA LÜKE AND BRITT KALLA: TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT – FES AND GTZ, DECEMBER 2007 – ISBN 978-3-89892-853-3.

As a first of its kind, this publication takes the UN criteria on the Right to Development into a test of their practical application. It shows that the RTD can indeed be implemented in a bilateral development partnership and suggests further refinement of the criteria for their future use.

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