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ICSW 32nd Global Conference 16th to 20th July 2006

The Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and the Distrito Federal's Governor Maria Abadia will attend the opening of the conference on Sunday 16th July. Invited guests include members of the Diplomatic Corps, Members of the National Congress, State Ministers, representatives of commerce and industry. The conference technical committee has had a massive job in assessing and approving 257 papers for workshops and 103 poster presentations. Conference registrations cover over 42 countries.

Following the conference there will be field visits to 25 different social institutions in Brasilia covering programmes for children, teenagers, people with disabilities, older people, community services, Indian population and the African American population.

For last minute registrations go to <http://www.cbciss.icsw32.org/>

New Member: NGO Forum on Cambodia

The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum on Cambodia had its beginnings in the 1980s in an international NGO campaign to advocate an end to the aid embargo then imposed on Cambodia. Following the full restoration of development aid in 1993, the NGO Forum became more Cambodian based. Seen as one of the two longest standing NGO umbrella groups, the NGO Forum is a membership organisation made up of local and international NGOs working in Cambodia. It exists for information-sharing, debate and advocacy on priority issues affecting Cambodia's development. The scope of the Forum's work lies in different broad programmes. The Development Issues Programme covers projects such as the Development Policy Project, the Gender Project and the Trade and Economic Development Project. The Forum deals with specific land and environmental issues under the Land and Livelihoods Programme and the Environment Programme. The Core Project provides administrative and management support to ensure effective functioning of the NGO Forum's ten projects.

The Forum has a presence with Cambodian government officials and it has maintained an excellent reputation with local and international partners.

New Member: Terre Vivante Mauritania. Terre Vivante or the Living Earth NGO was founded in 1993. Close to the heart of ICSW, Terra Vivante promotes local initiatives, initiates decentralized and participatory programmes and promotes north-south partnerships and south-south partnerships. The areas of Terre Vivante's interventions include; health programmes (with an emphasis on the fight against drugs), community health and nutrition, promotion of medicinal plants, animal health and HIV/AIDS. Work in the urban environment highlights re-forestation, water cleansing and work with youth groups. The rural programmes include farming, rural electrification, e-learning and community internet, generation of incomes, women groups and women cooperatives, and the promotion of women cooperatives to unions.

The impact of Terre Vivante's work is seen in the realization of socio economic projects benefiting the most under privileged classes. Terre Vivante has found support and encouragement at both the national and international level. Terre Vivante is recognised by the UN Economic and Social Council. www.terrevivante.net

European Foundation on Social Quality

Exploration of Social Quality in fourteen countries. Published in the European Journal on Social Quality, Vol. 5, Issues 1&2, 2005, Indicators of Social Quality
This double issue of the European Journal on Social Quality appeared in April 2006. For more information contact: efsq@felix.meritis.nl
The European Journal on Social Quality is published by Berghahn Journals, Oxford/New York, www.berghahnbooks.com

European Foundation on Social Quality Newsletter 7, March 25th, 2006

The first Asian conference on Sustainable Welfare Societies: Social Quality in an Asian context. The first Asian conference on sustainable welfare societies took place in Tokyo at the end of March 2006. The reports and lectures of the first Asian conference on Sustainable Welfare Societies are located at <http://www.socialquality.org/site/index.html>

New from ILO

The end of child labour: within reach. This recent publication is a global report under the follow up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights of Work 2006. The report is 90 pages and can be either purchased for 35 Swiss Francs or accessed at www.ilo.org/declaration

Changing patterns in the world of work. This 2006 ILO publication examines drivers for change in the world of work. The drivers include technology, global competition, politics and policies. Trends in the global labour market are analysed. There is a chapter on challenges for the future of social security. The penultimate chapter looks at adapting and modernising labour market governance. The final chapter looks to the future.

The situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories is now available.

These and other reports (English, French and Spanish) from the ILO 95th Session, 31st May to 16th June 2006 are at

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/ilc/ilc95/reports.htm>

UN Non Government Liaison Service (NGLS) The NGLS has advised ICSW that it has launched its redesigned website www.un-ngls.org. The 2006 NGLS Survey, conducted in April 2006, solicited almost 800 responses with a number of respondents calling for a more “streamlined” website. Taking these suggestions into consideration, NGLS’s new website is more user friendly, features simple navigation for complex searches and loads quickly. It also provides easier access to reports and other types of information and includes a working site-level search engine.

New From Friedrich Ebert Foundation Peter Wahl: "From Concept to Reality. On the present state of the debate on international taxes"

With the implementation of the French air-ticket tax, the highly controversial debate on international taxes for development has entered a new phase.

Peter Wahl develops a new rationale for international taxation as a means of regulating globalization and developing new policy options for the hassled national state. Further, he gives an overview of discussed models for international taxation.

The FES Briefing Paper is at <http://www.fes.de/globalization> or directly under the URL: http://www.fes-globalization.org/publications/Briefing%20Paper-%20Wahl_International%20Taxes.pdf

Centre for Global Development

International leaders meeting in Italy in June 2006 committed their support to the creation of an independent entity to sponsor rigorous impact evaluations of social programs in developing countries. Meeting participants from developing countries, international organizations, bilateral donors, and private foundations said that such studies were crucial to learning what works in development. They called for developing country governments to play a central role in the new entity.

The initiative is a response to the lack of knowledge on the effectiveness of social development programs. In 2005, donor countries committed \$34 billion to aid projects addressing health, education and poverty in the developing world. Few studies rigorously measure the impact of this spending.

The creation of the new entity was the central recommendation of the report of CGD's Closing the Evaluation Gap http://www.cgdev.org/section/initiatives/_active/evalgap released on 31st May 2006.

At the Rockefeller Foundation-supported meeting, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, India's Institute for Financial Management and Research, the African Monitor, and bilateral agencies from the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Canada and Australia all expressed interest in being involved in such an effort.

New from UNRISD

Reclaiming Development Agendas: Knowledge, Power and International Policy Making
As world attention focuses on poverty reduction and good governance, Reclaiming Development Agendas looks at why such changes in discourse and policy are taking place, what they mean for the challenge of forging development processes that are more socially inclusive and equitable, and what needs to be done to reclaim development agendas. <http://www.unrisd.org/80256B3C005BF3C2/setLanguageCookie?OpenAgent&langcode=en&url=/80256B3C005BCCF9/search/046EA1E5A3613DC6C125717E0045A592?OpenDocument>

Gender and Social Policy in a Global Context: Uncovering the Gendered Structure of "the Social"

This book illustrates why both academic research and policy thinking need to factor-in gender hierarchies and structures if they are to address some of the key challenges of contemporary societies: the widespread informality and insecurity of paid work and the crisis of care.

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Ethnic Inequalities and Public Sector Governance.

The contributors discuss the links between ethnicity, inequality and governance. The book is critical of approaches to conflict management that underplay background conditions in shaping choices.

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Disempowering New Democracies and the Persistence of Poverty

In this paper, Thandika Mkandawire considers two processes taking place simultaneously in developing countries: the adoption of orthodox economic policies during a period of growing awareness of the pervasiveness and persistence of poverty and the growing political empowerment of the majority of the population through processes of democratization.

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5th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health

10 to 14 December 2006, HK Convention and Exhibition Centre www.swh2006.com

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