



Calendar of Major Activities and Events 2010: The International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

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This calendar is not an exhaustive list of the activities to take place throughout 2010. There are 350 activities planned for 2010 International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures. In this calendar you will find a selection of the major activities planned by UNESCO.

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12 January	Launching of <i>Culture Counts: A UNESCO Poster Competition</i> devoted to 2010.	UNESCO Culture Sector & Design21: Social Design Network
27-28 January	Meeting of the Euro-Arab Dialogue Task Force	UNESCO Headquarters/ Euro-Arab Dialogue Project: a joint initiative of National Commissions from the Arab and European Regions,
FEBRUARY Back to top ▲		
9 February	Sharjah Award Prize Ceremony for Arab culture and Forum on dialogues between Arab culture and other cultures, with the participation of eminent members of the International Jury and the 2009 laureates (CLT)	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
18 February	Official launching of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2010) First meeting of the UNESCO High Level Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO
18-19 February	Interagency meeting to celebrate the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding commencing on 12 August 2010.	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector and UN programme for Youth.

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22-23 February	International Mother Language Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International symposium on Translation and Intercultural Mediation (themes: “Bridging global and local languages”, “Translation, mutual understanding and stereotypes”, “Translation and cultural mediation”) 	UNESCO HQ/ UNESCO Culture Sector
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March	International conference on rethinking the development of Haiti.	UNESCO HQ
March	Production and Dissemination of a film on the UNESCO Histories in English, French and Spanish entitled “The UNESCO General and Regional Histories: a contribution to the dialogue between cultures.”	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
March	Regional meeting for exchange and dialogue among religious leaders (from Rwanda, D.R.C, Gabon, Congo Brazzaville and Burundi), with the participation of intellectuals and humanists from civil society of the five countries	UNESCO Office in Bujumbura
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7-26 April	A photo exhibition entitled <i>Recognizing Our Cultural Heritage: An American and Flemish Dialogue</i>	UNESCO HQ/ UNESCO Culture Sector
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
April	In the framework of the Africa Week, Conference on <i>History, Memory and the Rapprochement of Cultures</i>	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector

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11 May 2010	The ceremony of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Award For Translation	UNESCO Paris/Saudi Arabia
21-28 May	<p>In the framework of the Festival of Cultural Diversity devoted to World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (21 May):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gala evening to celebrate the Rapprochement of Cultures through the performing arts • Presentation of an African-American/American dance performance dealing with issues of memory, history and contemporary African and diasporic African identity <p>Poster exhibition on 2010 – 30 graphic design winners of the Poster competition</p>	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
25-28 May	In the framework of the World Conference on Arts Education in Seoul: a plenary session devoted to the Rapprochement of Cultures.	Seoul, Korea/UNESCO
28-29 May	<p>In the framework of the third AoC Forum (Brazil), the organization (to be confirmed) of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A seminar on intercultural citizenship. 2) A UNESCO seminar for youth of Latin America on interreligious dialogue: their experiences and needs 3) Presentation of the Intercultural “Vademecum” program financed by the Spanish authorities. 4) Other projects to be identified and further developed 	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/UNESCO

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9-11 June	International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity in the framework of the International Year of Biodiversity and the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures.	Montréal, Canada/ UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector
23 June	Eighth Regional Summit of Heads of State of South East Europe (Turkey): “ Music as a Metaphor of Cultural Dialogue”	Istanbul, Turkey/ UNESCO
28 June-1 July	2010 World Forum on Human Rights	Nantes, France/UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector
June	Event by the Windhoek Field Office during the World Cup for soccer in South Africa	South Africa/UNESCO Windhoek
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July	Round Table on the Rapprochement of culture in the framework of the Shanghai World Exhibition	Shanghai/UNESCO HQ and Fields Offices
July	International conference on “Cultural Heritage & Diversity of the Nomads”	International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations [IISNC], Mongolia
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9 August	International Day of Indigenous People Side event at the 9 th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (19-30 April) devoted to the theme <i>Development with Culture and Identity</i> (to be confirmed).	UNESCO Culture Sector

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12 August	International Youth Day Launching of the International Youth Year (12 August 2010 – 11 August 2011)	UNESCO
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the first results of the Atlas of interactions and of the African Diaspora at the occasion of the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (23 August) • International Conference on <i>The Slave Route Project : 15 years Later</i> to mark its launching in Ouidah, Benin 	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector Ouidah, Benin/UNESCO Culture Sector
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September	Second edition of the World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries focusing on digital cultures and their contribution to the Rapprochement	Monza Italy/UNESCO Culture and CI Sectors
September	Opening of the General Assembly: Special event to be organized in collaboration with the United Nations.	UNESCO/ UN
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22 October 2010-7 January 2011	Universal Forum of Cultures 2010 on the themes of <i>Cultural Diversity, Sustainable Development, Culture of Peace and Creativity</i> : a workshop to be organised by UNESCO.	Valparaiso, Chile UNESCO Culture Sector.
October	UNESCO contest <i>Independences and Culture of Peace</i> open to young artists of the Academies and Schools of Arts of Brazzaville, Kinshasa, Libreville, Malabo et Sao Tomé et Príncipe.	UNESCO Libreville Cluster Office in collaboration with several UNESCO partners

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Autumn 2010	<i>South East Europe World Heritage Youth Forum: World Heritage education as a factor for rebuilding trust and reconciliation</i>	UNESCO World Heritage Center in cooperation with Slovenian and Croatian National Commissions
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November	International Conference on the <i>Interactions Between Africa and Asia</i> (in particular China, India)	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
November	Forum of Civil society preceding the 5 th session of the Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on the theme of <i>The Role of Civil Society in the Rapprochement of Cultures</i> .	Kenya/ UNESCO Culture Sector
November	International seminar The Role of the Religious Communities in the Management of the World Heritage Properties	Kiev, Ukraine/UNESCO World Heritage Center
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Network of UNESCO Chairs of Interreligious Dialogue for Intercultural Understanding devoted to 2010 • Seminar on "Religious Roots of Phobias" 	UNESCO HQ/UNESCO Culture Sector
November	Event to be organized for the Official Closing of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures	UNESCO HQ
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10 December	Human Rights Day Award Ceremony of the 2010 UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights	Bilbao, Spain/UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector

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December	Photographic exhibition entitled "Reporters of Peace" on the holy sites embodying interfaith dialogue	UNESCO Culture Sector
December	Meeting on Water and Culture	Chile (to be confirmed) /UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector
December	Report to the UN General Assembly and key event at the UN Headquarters in New York	New York/UN
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January 2009 - December 2011	<i>Africa Europe Youth Cooperation Programmes</i> providing training for Youth Organizations in and between Africa and Europe.	Council of Europe, European Commission, European Youth Forum, Pan African Youth Union
	Photo and Video Youth competition: A competition of photos and videos for youth aiming at highlighting the positive impact of cultural diversity on their daily life (life at school, life in their neighbourhoods, urban culture, including artistic novels on Internet, diversified information and knowledge, culinary and fashion culture). (UNESCO in collaboration with IOF and ISESCO)	(UNESCO in collaboration with IOF and ISESCO)
	UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists (Artists contributing to the rapprochement of cultures)	UNESCO Culture Sector
	Itinerant Photography Exhibit - "The Rapprochement of Cultures as seen by famous photographers "Culture to Culture" - The World Heritage Sites as seen by photographers from diverse cultures	UNESCO Culture Sector

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	International launching of the International Centre for the Advancement of Human Rights in Buenos Aires under the auspices of UNESCO	Buenos Aires, Argentina/ UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector
	The IHP project on water and cultural diversity: cooperation with the Culture Sector on the theme "Water and cultural heritage, source of inspiration and dialogue in Europe and Circum-Mediterranean region"	UNESCO Natural Science Sector
	Conduction of the Award of Excellence for Handicrafts programme in West-Central Asia in 2010 and holding the Jury meeting in Kazakhstan in cooperation with Central Asian Craft Support Association – CACSA and the Ministry of Culture of Kazakhstan	UNESCO Office in Almaty
	Regional meeting on the Intangible Heritage shared in the Asia-Pacific region	UNESCO Office in Bangkok
	Forum of Intellectuals on the Horn of Africa	UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector (HQ and Field Offices)
	Central Asian Education Forum marking the year 2010, including the promotion of the Cultural Diversity Programming Lens Toolkit	Dushanbe, Tajikistan (to be confirmed) /UNESCO UNESCO Office in Almaty