

## World Conferences and Events in 2001

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<p><b>Third UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs III) - UNCTAD</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intergovernmental Prep Com, February and April 2001, New York</li> <li>2. Conference, 14-20 May 2001, Brussels</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assess the progress in the country-level implementation of the programme of Action during the 1990s, adopted at LDCs II</li> <li>• To review the implementation of international support measures, e.g. ODA, debt, investment and trade</li> </ul> <p>To consider the formulation and adoption of national and international policies/measures for the sustainable development of the LDCs and their progressive integration into the world economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CCA/UNDAF process as well as PRSP/CDF provide mechanisms for follow-up on the implementation of the Programme of Action in a strategic and practical manner</li> <li>• UNDG Poverty Strategy and Action Plan provides a substantive focus to CCA and UNDAF, as well as a collective tool to engage with national partners in the context of CDF and PRSP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Financing for Development:</i> LDCs III will also discuss, issues concerning debt relief, ODA, duty-free and quota-free market access for all LDC exports</li> <li>• <i>Rio+10:</i> LDCs III will address the issue of protecting the environment in LDCs</li> <li>• <i>Special Session on HIV/AIDS:</i> LDCs III will address HIV/AIDS pandemic in LDCs as one of the critical development issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist national authorities in the preparation of their contributions to the new Programme of Action, focussing on country-level implementation by December 2000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDG's Chair's letters of 15 November 1999 and 14 November 2000</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:Jean.nicolas.marchal@unctad.org">Jean.nicolas.marchal@unctad.org</a> - in charge of country-level preparation</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.unctad-10.org">www.unctad-10.org</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Istanbul+5 Special Session of the UN General Assembly - UNCHS</b> 1. Second Prep Com, 19-23 Feb. 2001, Nairobi 2. Special Session, 6-8 June 2001, New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review and appraise progress of the implementation of <i>Habitat Agenda</i> worldwide five year after the Conference in Istanbul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CCA and UNDAF should take full account of the outcome of Istanbul+5, especially on the issue of urban poverty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>LDC III</i>: Special Parallel Event on City tot City Cooperation</li> <li><i>Special Session on Children</i>: Istanbul +5 will address "Child Friendly Cities"</li> <li><i>Conf. on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapon</i>: Istanbul+5 will address and coordinate on "Safer Cities Project"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To revitalize National Habitat Committee</li> <li>To support a national workshop to review plan of action</li> <li>To support the preparation of a country report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.istanbul5.org">www.istanbul5.org</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.unchs.org">www.unchs.org</a></li> </ul>
<b>HIV/AIDS Special Session of the UN General Assembly - UNAIDS</b> , 25-27 June 2001, New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review and address as a matter of urgency the problem of HIV/AIDS in all its aspects and to secure a global commitment to enhance coordination and intensification of national, regional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CCA and UNDAF should address HIV/AIDS issue as cross-cutting issue, as appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>LDCs III</i>: A number of LDCs have over 4% of adults living with HIV/AIDS, therefore the issue will be addressed in connection with poverty as well as its impact on macro-economic and social development</li> <li><i>Special Session on Children</i>: will</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure country representation at the special session at the highest political level by the government, especially for African countries</li> <li>To encourage active participation by government at regional meetings (dates and venue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.unaids.org">www.unaids.org</a></li> </ul>

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	and international efforts to combat it in a comprehensive manner		address the impact of HIV/AIDS on children, orphans, and mother-to child transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Financing for Development</i>: the need to mobilize increased resources against the HIV/AIDS epidemic will be a major question for the debate at the HIV/AIDS Special Session</li> </ul>	to be determined) in preparation for the special session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist national authorities in the preparation of their positions and contributions to the special session</li> <li>• To facilitate the organization, contribute to and participate in country-level and regional preparatory activities for the special session</li> </ul>	
<b>World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance - OHCHR</b> 1. International Day against All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 21 Mar. 2001 2. World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To eliminate all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</li> <li>• To raise public awareness for the issues discussed during the preparatory process, the Conference, and through the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CCA/UNDAF should pay attention to the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin, using among other things, the indicators developed in the CCA Guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>World Youth Forum</i>: the question of whether youth suffers from special forms of discrimination could be discussed</li> <li>• <i>Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons</i>: the prevention of ethnic conflicts was discussed at one of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To include information about the Conference in their respective public relations and information activities</li> <li>• To provide information concerning their activities for inclusion in the OHCHR web site</li> <li>• To transmit reports/informatio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.ohchr.org">www.ohchr.org</a></li> </ul>

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Conference, 31 Aug.- 7 Sept. 2001, Durban, South Africa	<p>implementation of the plan of action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To adopt a concrete and action-oriented plan of action addressing issues of utmost relevance today</li> </ul>		<p>the regional expert seminars and its recommendations will be submitted to the World Conference on Racism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>LDCs III</i>; the efforts to eliminate racial discrimination should be viewed in the context of sustainable development</li> </ul>	<p>n materials dealing with issues of racial discrimination at the national level that they might have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To pay special attention to the commemoration of the International Day against All Forms of Racial Discrimination on 21 Mar. 2001, by organizing discussions with representatives of the government, parliamentarians, NGOs, civil society about the impact of racism, etc., and what measures could be taken</li> </ul>	
<b>Special Session on Children of the UN General Assembly - UNICEF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review the achievements in the implementation of the World</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CCA and UNDAF should address the issues of basic education for boys and girls,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority issues to be addressed include HIV/AIDs, housing and sanitation,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support the preparation of a national summary report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.unicef.org/specialsession/review">www.unicef.org/specialsession/review</a></li> <li>Governments have been</li> </ul>

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1. Prep Com, 29 Jan. - 2 Feb. and 11-15 June 2001, New York 2. Special Session, Sept. 2001, New York	Declaration and the Plan of Action on the Survival, protection and Development of Children in 1990s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To undertake a renewed commitment and consider future action for children in the next decade</li> </ul>	reduction of maternal and child mortality, HIV/AIDS, and assistance to children affected by humanitarian emergencies and arm conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The UNDG Concept Paper for the Girls' Education Initiative together with an Action Plan was developed and a general guidance note issued by the chair of the UNDG to UNCTs. These should be used to help mainstream girls' education initiatives in the CCA and UNDAF</li> </ul>	discrimination and armed conflict. These issues are related to the <i>Special Session on HIV/AIDS, Istanbul+5 and World Conferences against Racism and on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons</i>		requested by UNICEF to submit, by the end of Dec. 2000, a summary report including an implementation assessment and recommendations for future action
<b>Preparation in 2001 for ten-year Review of the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, Rio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of Agenda 21 and other outcomes of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CCA and UNDAF should take into consideration the implementation of Agenda 21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>LDCs III</i>: will address the issues of sustainable development and protecting the environment in LDCs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote system-wide support to national reviews and assessments as soon as possible</li> <li>To promote further</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN/DESA and UNDP joint letter of 18 July 2000 to RRs/RCs,</li> <li>The UN General Assembly is working on a</li> </ul>

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<p><b>+10) in June 2002 - UNDESA</b>, first, second and third substantive preparatory sessions to be held in Jan., Mar., and May 2002 (venues and dates to be determined)</p>	<p>UNCED</p>			<p>commitment to sustainable development as an overarching policy framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help countries to set up national preparatory committee in 2001</li> <li>• To support the participation of national experts and representatives in sub-regional/regional meetings</li> </ul>	<p>resolution to provide guidance on the review process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.un.org/rio+10">www.un.org/rio+10</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>High-level Consultation on Financing for Development - UN/DESA</b>, first quarter of 2002</p>	<p>To focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mobilizing domestic financial resources for development;</li> <li>• mobilizing international resources for development, including FDI and other private flows;</li> <li>• trade;</li> <li>• increasing international</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing for development issues concern the availability of national and international public and private resources for development and constitute a frame of reference for UN resource mobilization in support of national development priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>LDCs III</i>: the issue of financing for development will be one of issues to be addressed in light of the declining trend of ODA, debt relief initiatives, flows of FDI, trade and aid, etc</li> <li>• <i>Other major UN Conferences of the 1990s</i>: mobilization of financial resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support the preparation of national background studies, in consultations between all concerned stakeholders to identify key issues to present at the Prep Com sessions or at the High-level event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP Administrator's letter to RRs dated 6 October 2000</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.un.org/esa/analysis/ffd">www.un.org/esa/analysis/ffd</a></li> </ul>

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	<p>cooperation for development through, inter alia, ODA;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• debt;</li> <li>• enhancing coherence and consistency of the international, financial and trading systems in support of development</li> </ul>		<p>for the full implementation of the outcome of the major UN conferences/summits of the 1990s will be a major issue</p>		