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Registrations are rolling in and Stockholm hotels are filling so register now. <http://www.swsd-stockholm-2012.org/>

**Moving to safety: Migration Consequences of Complex Crises**

The International Dialogue on Migration 2012 aims to integrate humanitarian and migration perspectives in the search for appropriate responses to the migration consequences of complex crises. The first workshop (Geneva 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April) posits that the migration dimensions of crises have been insufficiently addressed, both in theory and in practice. Instead of ad hoc reactions, more systematic approaches are needed on the part of national and international institutions to manage the human mobility aspects of crisis situations. For position papers (English, French and Spanish) and details of the workshop go to [www.iom.int/idmcomplexcrises](http://www.iom.int/idmcomplexcrises)

**Who is Jim Yong Kim?**

Extracts from Ivy Mungcal of Devex 23 March 2012 (full story <http://www.devex.com/en>)



*Photo by: Eskinder Debebe/UN*

U.S. President Barack Obama has named Jim Yong Kim as his choice to succeed Robert Zoellick as World Bank president. The announcement came as a surprise as Kim’s name had not been among the rumored frontrunners. The post has traditionally gone to a banker, politician or diplomat.

Born 1959 in South Korea to a dentist and a theology professor, Kim was five when his family moved to the small town of Muscatine, Iowa. He is a Harvard-trained doctor and anthropologist.

Kim worked at WHO, first in the position of special adviser to then-Director-General Lee Jong-wook and later as head of the U.N. specialised agency's HIV and AIDS department. There he focused on efforts to scale up prevention, treatment and care programs in developing countries. Kim chaired the global health and social medicine department at Harvard Medical School. If elected, Kim would take over a bank whose role in international cooperation is shifting. Under Zoellick's tenure, the World Bank has seen a much-needed capital increase, developing countries gained unprecedented voting power and the bank's treasure trove of data has been opened to the public. The next World Bank president would have to hit the ground running and answer burning questions, for instance, about the multilateral organisation's role in promoting good governance, clean energy usage and other causes.

### **End of UK aid programme to India?**

On 18<sup>th</sup> March U.K. Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell told The Sunday Times the Department for International Development is "walking the last mile" with India. Mitchell's statement comes a month after India announced it will buy the French Rafale fighter jets over the British-built Typhoon jets. It also comes after reports India's finance minister described U.K. aid as "peanuts".

India receives 280 million pounds (\$443 million) annually in U.K. aid — the largest recipient of British bilateral foreign assistance. For the past five years, the UK has spent 1 billion pounds on aid programs in India, and has committed an additional 600 million pounds in the run up to 2015.

### **UNRISD publications and films**

#### **Development: Greening the Economy, Volume 55, Number 1, March 2012**

This edition of Development, in partnership with UNRISD, includes papers presented at the UNRISD conference "Green Economy and Sustainable Development: Bringing Back the Social Dimension" on topics ranging from global crises to grassroots conservation and development projects.

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#### **Two new short films in the series, Green Economy and Sustainable Development**

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### **FES publications**

#### **Global Threats and the Role of United Nations Sanctions**

Enrico Carisch and Loraine Rickard-Martin, FES International Policy Analysis, December 2011

After the end of the Cold War, the UN Security Council increasingly deployed sanctions as a coercive tool in response to peace and security threats. This International Policy Analysis describes how sanctions have evolved from a blunt tool to a precision instrument. It analyses the ongoing challenges to the UN sanction regime and the need to improve the coherence among different actors, such as national governments, private sector, NGOs and regional organisations. The authors explain why targeted sanctions are not a panacea and what is needed to improve further UN sanctions regimes. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/08819.pdf> [FES International Policy Analysis](#)

#### **Minding the Gap: Approaches and Challenges to Robust Civilian Protection**

Robert Schütte, FES Perspective, December 2011. In the last two decades the international community's toolbox for the protection of civilians from mass atrocity crimes has evolved gradually. Today, not only exists a multitude of non-coercive measures, but also a wide array of robust and coercive forms of intervention. Chapter-VII-mandated Peacekeeping missions or Mass Atrocity Response Operations (MARO) serve as vivid examples. However, a comprehensive doctrine for the

implementation of civilian protection is currently not at hand, which leads, according to Robert Schütte, to sketchy mission objectives and ill prepared troop deployment. Schütte argues in favor of a comprehensive and UN-wide doctrine for the protection of civilians, which would explicitly define the role of civil and military components in protecting civilians in conflict environments. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/global/08776.pdf>

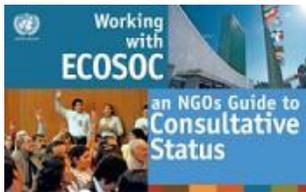
### **From Preparations to Negotiations for an Arms Trade Treaty**

Katherine Prizeman, FES International Policy Analysis, March 2012. A majority of states is of the opinion that arms transfers should operate according to a common set of international standards. Hence, there is general support for negotiating an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), set to commence in July 2012. But as this International Policy Analysis highlights, numerous still-contentious issues must be addressed regarding the ultimate objective of such a treaty. This publication analyses the complex political hurdles towards a legally-binding ATT. Subsequently, possibilities for compromise and for the investment of political capital that are likely to increase the chances of negotiating a robust ATT are presented. Lastly, it makes the case for establishing solid processes for implementation and review beyond July 2012. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/global/08953.pdf>

### **Financing for Development Civil Society Forum**

In late 2011 the UN General Assembly held its 5th High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (FfD). The vision of FfD endorsed in the Monterrey Consensus 10 years ago is a long way from becoming reality. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), UBUNTU (World Forum of Civil Society Networks) and the NGO Committee on FfD organised a Civil Society Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to help civil society prepare for the High-level Dialogue and to discuss both the role that rising global inequality is having on development as well as how to more effectively link the global and local agendas related to domestic resource mobilisation. [http://www.fes-globalization.org/new\\_york/upcoming-event-%E2%80%9Cfinancing-for-development-civil-society-forum%E2%80%9D/](http://www.fes-globalization.org/new_york/upcoming-event-%E2%80%9Cfinancing-for-development-civil-society-forum%E2%80%9D/)

### **Working with ECOSOC – a NGO Guide to Consultative Status**



Recently released by the DESA NGO Branch, this guide aims to encourage NGOs to apply for consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It provides basic information about the different channels in which NGOs can interact with the UN in general and with ECOSOC and its functional commissions. <http://www.un-ngls.org/spip.php?article3617>

### **New Director of the Commonwealth Foundation**

Vijay Krishnarayan has been appointed Director of the Commonwealth Foundation after serving as Deputy Director. A land-use planner by training, he has a special interest in the relationship between development and the environment. Before joining the Commonwealth Foundation in 2006, he spent over a decade in the Caribbean, most notably as Managing Partner for the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), one of the region's sustainable development think tanks.

The Commonwealth Foundation is an intergovernmental organisation guided by Commonwealth values that encourages citizens to act together, learn from each other and conduct dialogue with government. Formed in 1965, it aims to strengthen civil society in the achievement of Commonwealth priorities including democracy, good governance, sustainable development and cultural diversity.

### **Indigenous Women**

On 9 March 2012, the draft resolution entitled: "Indigenous Women: key actors in poverty and hunger eradication" (E/CN.6/2012/L.6) was adopted at the Commission on the Status of Women at its Fifty-sixth Session. To view the resolution, go to the "What's New" section of the homepage, [www.un.org/indigenous](http://www.un.org/indigenous) and click on the link "Adoption of a Resolution on Indigenous Women".

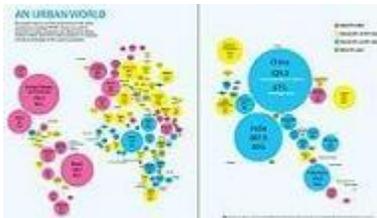
## OECD work in income inequality and growth

Can less income inequality and more growth both be achieved? A recent OECD study sheds new light on the link between policies that boost growth and the distribution of income. It suggests that there are win-win policy options: raising human capital is key, labour market reforms can help and taxation can be made more equitable and growth friendly. But there are also reforms that lead to a trade-off between growth and equity

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Please note that Global Cooperation has ceased advising readers of OECD "for sale" publications as it is unlikely that many of our readers can afford them. For instance a useful publication *Perspectives on Global Development 2012 Social Cohesion in a Shifting World* is priced at €60. The editor made unsuccessful representations to the OECD to introduce a price differentiation for residents of developing countries.

## UNICEF: "The State of the World's Children 2012: Children in an Urban World"



The State of the World's Children, the annual flagship report of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is this year dedicated to "Children in an Urban World," drawing attention to the realities that confront an increasing number of children in urban areas, including the challenges they face and the main urban problems that affect their lives.

The report also presents a number of examples of initiatives that try to improve the quality of life of these children and identifies policies that are needed to address urban disparities.

<http://www.un-ngls.org/spip.php?article3780>

[http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/files/SOWC\\_2012-Main\\_Report\\_EN\\_21Dec2011.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/files/SOWC_2012-Main_Report_EN_21Dec2011.pdf)

## ILO highlights "voices of youth on social justice" on world day of social justice



On 20 February, World Day of Social Justice, the International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the video "Voices of Youth on Social Justice" which features the voices of young people explaining what social justice means to them, what challenges they face and their message to the international community.

The video is part of a campaign inviting young people to share their own views on social justice – whether in the form of a message of hope, a call of action, or in the form of advice. Moreover, it joins a series of perspectives on what social justice means and how it might be achieved in the years to come. These will be added throughout 2012.

<http://www.un-ngls.org/spip.php?article3776>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHINOBMecg&list=PLFCB380AFEAF2D1D7&index=1&feature=plpp\\_video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHINOBMecg&list=PLFCB380AFEAF2D1D7&index=1&feature=plpp_video)

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