



PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION |

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT WE SEND YOU THE SECOND EDITION OF THE REVITALISED CoNGO E-NEWSLETTER, AND I AGAIN THANK OUR INTERN IN GENEVA, TAEYOUNG KIM, FOR HIS WORK IN PREPARING IT. IT WAS INDEED SATISFYING TO RECEIVE POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS ON THE FIRST EDITION SENT AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST. WE SHALL HAVE A THIRD EDITION IN OCTOBER, BEFORE TAEYOUNG LEAVES US TO RETURN TO KOREA.

THE NEWSLETTER IS A SERVICE TO ALL CoNGO MEMBERS, AND I NEED TO MENTION THAT IT IS INDEED SENT TO ALL, WHETHER OR NOT CURRENTLY IN GOOD STANDING - I.E. WHETHER OR NOT THE MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN PAID UP TO DATE. I REGRET TO SAY THAT VERY MANY MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET FULFILLED THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD, DESPITE RECEIVING THE ANNUAL INVOICE AND A REMINDER. THE VERY SLOW RECEIPT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES (AND WE ARE ALREADY ALMOST NINE MONTHS THROUGH THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR !) IS PUTTING CoNGO'S SERVICES AT RISK, FOR LIKE ALL NGOs WE HAVE REGULAR BILLS TO PAY AND CREDITORS WHO IMPOSE PENALTIES WHEN THEIR BILL REMAINS TOO LONG UNPAID. PLEASE, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE THE CoNGO 2013 INVOICE IN THE "PENDING FILE", TAKE IT OUT TODAY AND MAKE THE BANK TRANSFER IMMEDIATELY. THAT WOULD REINFORCE THE SOLIDARITY AMONG CoNGO MEMBERSHIP THAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMON AND COLLECTIVE WORK.

GIVEN THAT THE NEXT CoNGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 2-3-4, 2014, IT IS PERHAPS ALSO THE MOMENT TO REMIND ALL CONCERNED OF CoNGO RULE 10: "ONLY MEMBERS WHICH HAVE PAID THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEE UNTIL THE END OF THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." THE ASSEMBLY IS YOUR ASSEMBLY: PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE IN GOOD STANDING !

I CAN ANNOUNCE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE WITHIN A FEW DAYS THE SECOND EDITION OF OUR OTHER INFORMATION SERVICE, NAMELY THE COMMUNICATION ON THE UN Post-2015 AGENDA, YET ANOTHER VALUABLE EXAMPLE OF OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE ENTIRE CONSTITUENCY INFORMED ON COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT AMONG MEMBERS AND VIS-À-VIS THE UN.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO HEAR FROM MANY OF YOU ON YOUR CONCERNS AND ASPIRATIONS, AND HOW WE MAY INCREASINGLY WORK TOGETHER.

CYRIL RITCHIE, PRESIDENT OF CoNGO

FROM CONGO VIENNA | NGO LOUNGE AT THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (VIC)

WE ARE GLAD TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR AN NGO LOUNGE AT THE VIC - FOR THE TIME BEING PROVISIONALLY LOCATED AT C 0339.

IN A LENGTHY AND DIFFICULT PROCESS CoNGO VIENNA HAS NEGOTIATED THE ARRANGEMENT FOR ALL NGOs ACCREDITED TO THE UN IN VIENNA. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA FOR THEIR VALUABLE HELP IN THE FINAL PHASE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

DUE TO BUDGET RESTRAINTS ONLY LIMITED FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE UN AND FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE NGO LIAISON OFFICE THE LOUNGE IS NOT LOCKED. THERE ARE TWO FILING CABINETS FOR THE FOUR VIENNA-BASED NGO COMMITTEES, SO TWO COMMITTEES WILL HAVE TO SHARE ONE.

WOLFGANG P. BEIGLBOECK, VICE-PRESIDENT VIENNA CoNGO SECRETARIAT |

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MANUSCRIPT FOR NEWSLETTER OF OCTOBER 2013 WILL BE SEPTEMBER 30. WE BELIEVE THIS NEWSLETTER WILL PROMOTE COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND CoNGO. THUS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEWSLETTER SCHEME. WHEN YOU SEND US INFORMATION, PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF EVENTS, WITH 2-3 SENTENCES OF BRIEF INFORMATION.

THE NEXT CoNGO ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 2-3-4, 2014. INFORMATION ON THE PREPARATIONS WILL BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS AS FROM SEPTEMBER.

CoNGO IS GOING TO UPDATE ITS NETWORK OF CONTACTS. PLEASE SEND US YOUR UPDATED POINT OF CONTACTS.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS FROM SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES |

THE 23RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS, ORGANIZED BY THE NGO COMMITTEE ON AGEING/NY IN COOPERATION WITH UNDESA AND UNFPA, WILL BE HELD AT UN HEADQUARTERS ON WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2013, 10AM -1PM. ON-LINE REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.NGOCOA-NY.ORG](http://www.ngocoa-ny.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS FROM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS |

NEWS |

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP (CWGL), CO-HOSTS PEOPLE'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEVELOPMENT JUSTICE WITH ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON WOMEN, LAW AND DEVELOPMENT, ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN DEVELOPMENT, CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE'S GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND IBON INTERNATIONAL. THE EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 11:00, SEPTEMBER 21, THOMAS PAINE PARK (FOLEY SQUARE), 111 WORTH ST #4G, NEW YORK. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [HTTP://PEOPLESGOALS.ORG](http://PEOPLESGOALS.ORG).

CWGL ALSO SPONSORS THE EVENT "HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS: 20 YEARS AFTER VIENNA", ON 3 OCTOBER 2013, AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ. THE EVENT SEEKS TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED VIA [HTTP://WWW.CWGL.RUTGERS.EDU/VIENNA20/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.CWGL.RUTGERS.EDU/VIENNA20/REGISTRATION).

NGO CONFERENCE ON PEACEBUILDING, AN EVENT OF THE GENEVA FORUM ON HUMAN VALUES IN SOCIETY. WILL BE HELD IN 19 SEPTEMBER 2013, 15.30 - 17.30, 1 RUE DE VAREMBÉ, GENEVA. MR. AMANDEEP SINGH GILL, MINISTER DISARMEMENT, PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS WILL SPEAK ABOUT NEW ETHICS IN PEACEBUILDING – FROM PEACE IN THE INDIVIDUAL TO PEACE BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

GLOBAL FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (GFDD), AND FUNDACIÓN GLOBAL DEMOCRACIA Y DESARROLLO (FUNGLODE), HOLD AN UN PANEL EVENT & PUBLICATION LAUNCH IN OCTOBER 17, NEW YORK, IN HONOR OF THE UN'S INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY. THE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS THE WORK AND FELLOWSHIP OF JOSÉ CARABALLO CUETO, PH.D., CANDIDATE IN ECONOMICS AT THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND VIA EITHER MARGARET@GLOBALFOUNDATIONDD.ORG OR [HTTP://WWW.DRFELLOWSPROGRAM.ORG](http://WWW.DRFELLOWSPROGRAM.ORG).

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR FRATERNAL UNION ALONG RACES AND PEOPLES (UFER) AND SHERBROOKE UNIVERSITY (QUEBEC, CANADA), PRESENT A QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF ALL VOTES HELD IN THE FORMER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PRESENT HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL OVER THE PERIOD 2000-2012, ON SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 14.00 TO 16.00 IN SALLE XXII OF THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

UNION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (UIA) IS HOSTING TWO ASSOCIATIONS ROUND TABLES THIS YEAR. THE ROUND TABLE - ASIA WILL BE HELD IN SUNTEC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE, SINGAPORE ON 23-24 OCTOBER. THE ROUND TABLE - EUROPE WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 12 NOVEMBER AT PULLMAN HOTEL AT BRUSSELS MIDI, BRUSSELS. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://ROUNDTABLE.UIA.ORG](http://ROUNDTABLE.UIA.ORG).

CWGL SPONSORS ITS ANNUAL "16 DAY OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN", WHICH WILL BE HELD IN 25 NOVEMBER TO 10 DECEMBER, 2013. IT ADVOCATES FOR AWARENESS AND ACTION ON THE MULTI-FACETED INTERSECTIONS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND MILITARISM, WHILE HIGHLIGHTING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STRUGGLE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS AND ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

GAIA UNIVERSITY OPENS ITS ONLINE ORIENTATION PROGRAM. WHICH BEGINS 19 SEPTEMBER, 2013. IT INCLUDES WEBINARS, FORUMS, CONTENT FOR WORLD CHANGERS. ALSO, IT PROVIDES BACHELORS, MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMS IN INTEGRATIVE ECOSOCIAL DESIGN OR OPEN TOPIC AND DIPLOMAS IN PERMACULTURE DESIGN. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER KIRSTEN LIEGMANN (KIRSTEN@GAIUNIVERSITY.ORG) OR AVA KLINGER (AVA@GAIUNIVERSITY.ORG), OR US TELEPHONE, (+1) 888-316-2092.

INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO UN HEADQUARTERS DURING THE OPENING OF THE 68TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACCESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMPLEX DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS, FROM 22 SEPTEMBER THROUGH 4 OCTOBER, WILL BE RESTRICTED. MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY WHO ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE TICKET FOR EACH EVENT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY HOLD AN ANNUAL UN GROUNDSPASS. TICKETS ARE ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZER OF EACH EVENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING ANNUAL GROUNDSPASSES FROM THE PASS AND IDENTIFICATION UNIT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PICK THEM UP FROM 13 SEPTEMBER 2013 UNTIL THE GENERAL DEBATE CONCLUDES.

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY (WSIS) +10 HIGH LEVEL EVENT WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 13-17, 2014. IN RELATION TO WSIS+10, THE OPEN CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE WSIS+10 HIGH-LEVEL EVENT IS STRUCTURED IN SIX PHASES AS FOLLOWS:

- PHASE ONE (COMPLETED): JULY 2013 - INITIATION OF THE OPEN CONSULTATION PROCESS: OFFICIAL SUBMISSIONS
- PHASE TWO: 7-8 OCTOBER 2013 - FIRST PHYSICAL MEETING AT ITU GENEVA (WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION FACILITIES)
- PHASE THREE: 16-17 DECEMBER 2013 - SECOND PHYSICAL MEETING AT ITU GENEVA (WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION FACILITIES)
- PHASE FOUR: 17-18 FEBRUARY 2014 - THIRD PHYSICAL MEETING AT ITU GENEVA (WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION FACILITIES)
- PHASE FIVE: 1 MARCH 2014 - OUTCOMES OF THE OPEN CONSULTATION PUBLISHED.
- PHASE SIX: 12 MARCH 2014 - FINAL BRIEF ON THE WSIS+10 HIGH-LEVEL EVENT