

December 2011



The UN Conference on Sustainable Development next June in Rio de Janeiro is shaping up to be one of the key events of 2012. The Conference will involve heads of state from around the world, although, given the lack of results in other such recent governmental conferences, it seems unlikely that they will make any great progress themselves. On the other hand, alongside the governmental conference, there will be a summit of civil society that can have a major impact on people's consciousness around the world. The article about involvement of the [World Social Forum](#) gives some idea of this potential, as does the [synopsis of the website Rio+20](#).

The Rio+20 process promises to mobilize many different initiatives of the civil society. One such example is the [Global Youth Music Contest](#) whose winners will win a trip to the June event in Rio.

The Rio+20 process will also cause us to reflect on those positive initiatives that are underway for sustainable development. One such initiative is described this month in the CPNN Article [A Great Green Wall Across the African Continent](#). The organization Eco Cidadao in Brazil has long been involved in the promotion of sustainable development as illustrated last month in [their most recent article](#).

For these and other recent articles, see below.

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November 2011



The "big news" this month on the culture of peace comes from UNESCO, where the 36th General Conference was devoted to the culture of peace (see below) and attending heads of state spoke on its relevance to their countries (see [CPNN, October 31](#)).

Having followed the culture of peace at UNESCO since being involved in its founding, David has put the following comments in the discussion of the CPNN article:

"In my opinion the Global Movement should continue to be led by the civil society, which has been the case for all great social movements in the past, but the involvement of UNESCO once again can provide a focal point and a source of inspiration. It is ironic that it comes at a time of budgetary retreat due to the withdrawal of funding by the United States, but movements are not institutions; they do not need budgets, but rather the consciousness and action of the people.

"One is reminded of the line so wisely placed into the preamble of the Constitution of UNESCO in 1946: 'that a peace based exclusively upon the political and economic arrangements of governments would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous, lasting and sincere support of the peoples of the world, and that the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind.'"

Indeed the civil society is increasingly involved with the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace. In the month of October, alone, CPNN articles concern initiatives from Algeria, Armenia, Brazil, Cuba, France, India, Italy, Kenya, Mauritania, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, United Kingdom and United States.

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October 2011








In recent weeks, we have lost the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (Wangari Maathai), and we have gained in her place two more African women as Nobel Peace Laureates: Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee, as well as Tawakkul Karman from nearby Yemen.

The awarding of the prize in 2004 to Wangari Maathai was a landmark event for the culture of peace (see [CPNN - October 31, 2004](#)). For a reflection on her life, see [CPNN October 3, 2011](#) and its [discussion](#).

In awarding [this year's Prize](#), the Nobel Committee specifically mentions Resolution 1325 of the UN Security Council which called for an increased role of women in peacekeeping and peace negotiations.

Readers of CPNN will know that this important resolution, adopted ten years ago, has only begun to be implemented. See [CPNN August 11, 2011](#) and its [discussion](#), as well as [CPNN March 6, 2004](#) and its [discussion](#).

It is no accident that the adoption of Resolution 1325 in 2000 was the work of Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury who, one year earlier had assured the adoption of the [UN Resolution on the Culture of Peace](#). Although the Nobel Committee does not use the phrase "culture of peace" in their recent announcement, we may consider that the prizes to these women mark a new direction of the Nobel Prize, not so much for the ending of particular wars (the old concept of peace) but for the deep transition from the culture of war to a culture of peace.

<p>PEACE EDUCATION</p>  <p>Union teachers will promote a culture of peace in the classroom</p> <p>Click here to read other articles on peace education</p>	<p>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p>  <p>Reflection on the Life of Wangari Maathai</p> <p>Click here to read other articles on sustainable development</p>	<p>HUMAN RIGHTS</p>  <p>Education on the rights of children: a strategy for peace</p> <p>Click here to read other articles on human rights</p>	<p>WOMEN'S EQUALITY</p>  <p>Plaza de Mayo Grandmothers received Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize at UNESCO</p> <p>Click here to read other articles on women's equality</p>
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September 2011



September is the month for the International Day of Peace. If you are planning some actions for that day, please be in touch with the Culture of Peace Initiative so that they can include you in their comprehensive listing (Click on their article below under "free flow of information."

We hope that you have been reading CPNN on a regular basis. In August there were 26 new articles, almost one per day which is our goal as we try to provide you with a comprehensive view of progress toward a culture of peace. You will see some of the new articles below, along with links to the other articles.

You may notice that all of the pages of the site are now in two languages, English and French. We hope to have all of the pages in Spanish as well before you receive the next Bulletin.

The number of reporters was increased by 12 in August, as we did a training with some of the participants in the International Leadership Training Programme of the UNESCO Chair and Institute of Comparative Human Rights at the University of Connecticut (USA).

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United Youth

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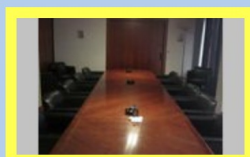
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The Social Geography Project of Hamilton

TOLERANCE & SOLIDARITY



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FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION



Preparing for the International Day of Peace, September 21

DISARMAMENT & SECURITY



11 Days of Global Unity, September 11 -21

August 2011



Despite the absurd culture of war that pervades the world, when we read about your activities in CPNN, you show us that the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace continues to grow everywhere. It may not be evident, but history is moving!

Thank you for your many responses to the [June bulletin](#). You will find some of the articles that you sent below. Click on any photo to go to its full article and discussion.

Thank you for assigning several new reporters to write about the news from your organization. In any case, you are always invited to send an article on the [submit article page](#). Please consider also writing about other culture of peace news and initiatives, as well as films, books and music that promote any of the 8 domains of the culture of peace listed below as defined by the United Nations resolution.

CPNN is now publishing articles in French, Spanish and Portuguese as well as the English translation, so do not hesitate to write in one of those languages. Soon we hope to have the entire website displayed in all those languages.

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Life-Link Program Promotes a Culture of Peace

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Call from Africa for Sustainable Tourism: the Lusaka Declaration

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Hope in a Shanty
Town: Story of a
Woman in Bangkok

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Alice Walker: Why
I'm joining the
Freedom Flotilla to
Gaza

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GPPAC's Peace Portal:
Share Your Story

**DISARMAMENT
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On Peacekeepers'
Day, UN honours
those serving and
fallen heroes

June 2011



The UN Decade has ended, but "the global movement for a culture of peace is just beginning." This is the conclusion of the [World Report on the Culture of Peace](#) which covered the news from 2001 to 2010. News of the global movement continues here on the [Culture of Peace News Network](#). Here are some of the latest stories. Click on any photo to go to its full article and discussion. For other news from the global movement, please scroll down below the photos.

Please contribute news from your organization by sending us an article on the [submit article page](#). Best of all, please send us the name and email address of a reporter who can provide your news on a regular basis.

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Declare Latin
America an Arms-
Free Zone