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## **UNPAN NEWS HEADLINES**

### **UNPAN Offers Online Training Course**

The winter 2007 session of the UNPAN Online Training Course on "E-government: What a Government Leader Should Know" is open for registration, free of charge, as of 15 January.

**URL:** <http://unpan3.un.org/tlm40/Login.aspx>

### **Upgrading of UNPAN Portal**

We have been working on upgrading the UNPAN portal, and all UNPAN members will be invited to make comments and suggestions through the UNPAN Discussion Board. Visit <http://www.unpan.apptheory.net> to participate.

### **UNPAN Selects New Online Training Course Developers**

Last summer, UNPAN solicited applications from its member institutions to develop three new online training courses. The following UNPAN members were selected:

- EROPA/ASPA (joint; in process) – "Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation"
- IDEP – "Decentralised Governance"
- RCOCI – "Knowledge Management in Government"

### **Governance World Watch is Now Available on a Daily Basis**

The UNPAN *Governance World Watch*, which used to be issued online on a monthly basis, is now offering news on a daily basis, and can be found at [http://www.unpan.org/directory/worldNews/gww/gww\\_daily.htm](http://www.unpan.org/directory/worldNews/gww/gww_daily.htm).

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## **NEWS FROM ASPA**

**American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)**

<http://www.aspanet.org>

### **ASPA Enters into Partnership with Canadian Counterpart**

In December 2006, ASPA entered into an agreement with the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) to elevate the practice and study of public administration, provide perspective to scholars and practitioners across the US/Canadian border, and improve performance by sharing best practices regarding public awareness and communication, dissemination of research and fund raising. ASPA will now focus on selecting a Secretariat for the agreement.

### **ASPA Hosts Chinese Delegation for Training**

Through an ongoing partnership with the Chinese Association for International Exchange of Personnel (CAIEP), ASPA recently hosted a group of 30 Chinese government officials for training and technical assistance. The four-day programme included overviews of American government structure, operation and ethics and field visits to the National Academy of Sciences, World Bank, National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

### **Recent Publications**

- [The Bridge - 12 December 2006 issue](#)
- [PA TIMES - December 2006 issue](#)

### **Conference Information**

#### ***Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) National Conference***

Theme: "GLOBAL THINK TANK - An Approach to Governance and Public Administration"

Dates: 20-25 February 2007

Location: Memphis, TN, USA

Contact: Ms. Delores Strain

E-mail: [delores.strain@fortworthgov.org](mailto:delores.strain@fortworthgov.org)

URL: <http://www.natcompa.org/conferences.html>

#### ***Transatlantic Workshop on Ethics and Integrity***

Theme: "New Concepts, Theories and Methods in the Study of Ethics and Integrity of Governance"

Dates: 21-23 March 2007

Location: University of Maryland System Conference Center; Silver Spring, MD, USA

Contact: Dr. Raymond Cox

E-mail: [rcox@uakron.edu](mailto:rcox@uakron.edu)

URL: <http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/artsci/depts/paus/tad.php>

#### ***68th Annual ASPA National Conference***

Theme: "Monumental Possibilities: Capitalising on Collaboration"

Dates: 23-27 March 2007

Location: Washington, DC, USA

Contact: Ms. Antoinette Samuel

E-mail: [tsamuel@aspanet.org](mailto:tsamuel@aspanet.org)

URL: <http://www.aspanet.org/2007conference>

***The Third Transatlantic Dialogue International Conference***

Theme: "Leading the Future of the Public Sector"

Dates: 31 May - 2 June 2007

Location: University of Delaware, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

Contact: Dr. Maria Aristigueta

E-mail: [mariaa@udel.edu](mailto:mariaa@udel.edu)

URL: <http://www.ipa.udel.edu/3tad/>

**NEWS FROM CLAD**

**Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)**

<http://www.clad.org.ve>

**CLAD Posts Additional Documents Online**

483 documents from CLAD's 2006 Congress, held in Guatemala, are now available via the UNPAN web site.

Papers were presented by Ministers and State secretaries responsible for public policies, as well as parliamentarians, researchers, academicians, students, consultants, public servants and trade unionists from Latin America and many other countries.

Documents are related to the main dimensions of the renewed process of State and public administration reform and management of public affairs.

URL: <http://www.unpan.org/latin.asp> ([SIARE's Bibliographic Database - Bilingual Interface \(Spanish / English\) - CLAD](#))

**Updated sections of SIARE (in Spanish)**

- Modernisation Experiences in State Organization and Management

172 new entries of factual information gathering the most recent official actions taken in Ibero-America in fields such as administrative, political, social, constitutional and labor reforms.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innova/paginas/especificas/paises.html>

- Innovations and Tendencies on E-Government in Latin America

The section presents experiences and best practices in E-Government as a means to get the State nearer to its citizens. Education and health sites are now available.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/innotend/gobelec.html>

- Research and Training Activities related to Public Affairs

This database allows users to review 159 undergraduate and post-graduate study opportunities -69 doctorate, 377 masters and 251 specialisation- in public administration, public policy and similar disciplines. For each reviewed course, it provides information about objectives, regularity, duration, international accreditation, scholarships and requirements, among other aspects.

URL: [http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/insti/insti\\_f.html](http://www.clad.org.ve/siare/insti/insti_f.html)

**Recent Publications**

***CLAD's Journal Reforma y Democracia***

The 37th edition contains the following articles:

- **Robert Hunter Wade:** ¿Cómo pueden alcanzar los países en desarrollo a los desarrollados? El caso de la política industrial para una economía abierta
- **Bernardo Kliksberg:** ¿Cómo avanzar la participación en América Latina, el continente más desigual? Anotaciones estratégicas
- **Guillermo V. Alonso:** Acerca del clientelismo y la política social: reflexiones en torno al caso argentino
- **Jeffrey Rinne:** Mejorando el desempeño del sector salud en Brasil: comparación entre distintos modelos de hospitales
- **Gabriel Murillo Castaño y Nathalia Castañeda Aponte:** Competencias ciudadanas y construcción de ciudadanía juvenil
- **Prudencio Mochi Alemán y Alejandro Vargas Castro:** Estrategias de desarrollo local en el marco de la globalización: análisis de estudios de caso en México
- **Fernando Mayorga Ugarte:** Referéndum y Asamblea Constituyente: autonomías departamentales en Bolivia
- **Mario Waissbluth, Cristian Leyton y José Inostroza:** La descentralización en Chile 1990-2005: asignatura pendiente

CLAD's Association Members for 2007 are entitled to receive free of charge editions 37, 38 and 39 of this journal. Subscription conditions, abstract, and guide for contributions are available on CLAD's web site.

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/reforma.html>

#### Conference Information

##### *XII International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform*

Dates: 30 October - 2 November 2007

Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

E-mail: [clad@clad.org.ve](mailto:clad@clad.org.ve)

URL: <http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/congri.html>

During the Congress, recognised specialists will present plenary conferences, namely:

- **Guillermo O'Donnell**, Academic Director, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, United States
- **Boaventura de Sousa Santos**, Director, Centro de Estudos Sociais (CES), Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal
- **Fernando Fernández-Savater**, Professor of Philosophy, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain

Special thematic areas for this event, as well as a call for panel proposals, will be published soon on the Congress's web site.

The official languages of the Congress will be Spanish, Portuguese and English. During the entire Congress, one of the halls will have simultaneous translation into English.

#### **NEWS FROM CPSI**

**Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI)**

<http://www.cpsi.co.za>

## Recent Publications

- SDR Vol 5, No 2

## NEWS FROM DPADM

**Division for Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA)**

<http://www.unpan.org/dpepa.asp>

### **Briefing for 7th Global Forum**

On 16 January, DPADM held a briefing in Conference Room 5 for all Permanent Missions to the United Nations on the preparations and status of the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government, which was chaired by Under-Secretary-General José Antonio Ocampo. The UN is hosting the Forum in partnership with the Government of Austria from 26 to 29 June 2007 on the theme of "Building Trust in Government." As the world's largest and most inclusive event on governance, the Forum is expected to receive more than two thousand ministers, senior government officials, parliamentarians, mayors, civil society representatives, and the private sector.

**URL:** <http://www.unpan.org/globalforum7.asp>

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### ***Africa Capacity-Building Foundation Mission***

Dates: 5-16 February 2007

Location: Abuja, Nigeria

DPADM is undertaking a mission to Abuja, Nigeria from 5-16 February, sponsored by the African Capacity-Building Foundation (ACBF), as part of a wider study of the role of leadership in governance and development in Africa to interview Nigerian Government and civic leaders, find out how they perceive their role, and solicit their views on how to minimise or eliminate constraints to effective deployment of leadership capacities within the west African subregion. The data collected from primary and secondary sources will be analysed and then used to prepare a paper on the leadership and development experience of the west African subregion.

Contact: Mr. Jide Balogun

Tel.: +1-917-367-5068

#### ***International Workshop on E-access for All***

Dates: 8-9 February 2007

Location: Bangalore, India

DPADM is jointly sponsoring, with the Government of Karnataka, India, an International Workshop on E-access for All to be held from 8 to 9 February 2007 in Bangalore, India. The theme "E-Access for All" will provide opportunities for an in-depth discussion and a wide exchange of views on a variety of items related to e-access and e-participation of the poor to local and national information and knowledge. One main focus of the workshop is to promote innovative and cost-effective solutions that place the poor at the centre of development in the global e-economy. A key issue to be discussed is accessing the Internet, either by PC or mobile, at an affordable cost. The second main focus will be to formulate training guidelines that will be used to create an online ICT course on UNPAN.

Contact: Ms. Haiyan Qian

Tel.: +1-212-963-3393

URL: [www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference\\_id=2023](http://www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2023)

## **NEWS FROM ECE**

**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)**

<http://www.unece.org>

### **UNECE Meetings and Seminars**

#### ***Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics***

Delegates to the 29th Session are asked to provide guidance on future activities of the secretariat, in particular on wood energy. A review of data collection efforts in forests and forest products will also take place.

Dates: 20-22 March 2007

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Contact: Mr. Kit Prins

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Fax: +41 22 017 0041

E-mail: [info.timber@unece.org](mailto:info.timber@unece.org)

URL: <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/Welcome.html>

#### ***10th UN/CEFACT Forum***

The 10th UN/CEFACT forum will promote development and simplification of professional electronic data interchange, e-business and administrative processes in most of public and private sectors such as finance, health, business, environment, and so on. This meeting is the opportunity for UN/CEFACT workgroups to gather in the same place, exchange their ideas and register all the accomplished work. The UN/CEFACT Forum in Dublin will be a tremendous opportunity to explore and promote the development of trade through improved facilitation mechanisms.

Dates: 26-30 March 2007

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Contact: Mr. Mika Vepsalainen

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E-mail: [mika.vepsalainen@unece.org](mailto:mika.vepsalainen@unece.org)

URL: [http://www.cp3group.com/UNCEFACT\\_Forum/index.html](http://www.cp3group.com/UNCEFACT_Forum/index.html)

### **Highlights from Recent UNECE Events**

#### ***Workshop on Mobilising Wood Resources***

The UNECE, FAO, CEPI, EFI, MCPFE and the joint FAO/ECE/ILO Experts' Network, with support from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, organised a workshop in Geneva, Switzerland 11-12 January on resource mobilisation and wood utilisation strategies in support of sustainable forest management. The main topic of the workshop was whether European forests could satisfy the growing demand for raw material and energy under sustainable energy management.

URL: <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/Welcome.html>

## Recent Publications

- Summary of UN/CEFACT Trade Facilitation Recommendations - ECE/TRADE/346 – October 2006
- Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, January 2007, in E/F/R/German

## NEWS FROM ICCE

**Park University International Centre for Civic Engagement (ICCE)**

<http://www.park.edu/icce>

### ICCE to Launch 2007 Great Decisions Series

The ICCE will host a series of eight free public forums related to the eight topics from the [Great Decisions](#) briefing book, published annually by the Foreign Policy Association. Each will be moderated by a Park University faculty member and will feature a panel of local and, on occasion, international participants.

### 2007 Schedule

- 7 March 2007 (Topic: Mexico)
- 28 March 2007 (Topic: Middle East)
- 11 April 2007 (Topic: Migration)
- 25 April 2007 (Topic: Children)
- 12 September 2007 (Topic: Climate Change)
- 26 September 2007 (Topic: War Crimes)
- 10 October 2007 (Topic: Central Asia)
- 24 October 2007 (Topic: South Africa)

URL: <http://www.park.edu/icce/news.aspx>

## NEWS FROM IIAS

**International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)**

<http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiacc.htm>

### Recent Publications

***Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) and of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA)***

Theme: "Global Competitiveness and Public Administration: Implications for Education and Training"

Dates: 9-14 July 2007

Location: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Contact: IIAS

Rue Defacqz, 1, Bte 11

B-1000 Brussels (Belgium)

Tel.: 32-2-536-08-80

Fax: 32-2-537-97-02

E-mail: [iias@iiasiisa.be](mailto:iias@iiasiisa.be)

URL: [http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiconf/abu\\_dhabi/aidhabi.htm](http://www.iiasiisa.be/iias/aiconf/abu_dhabi/aidhabi.htm)

**Annual Conference of the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA)**

Theme: "Public Administration and the Management of Diversity"

Dates: 19-22 September 2007

Location: Madrid; Spain

Contact: EGPA

Rue Defacqz, 1, Bte 11

B-1000 Brussels (Belgium)

Tel.: 32-2-536-08-80

Fax: 32-2-537-97-02

E-mail: [geapegpa@iiasiisa.be](mailto:geapegpa@iiasiisa.be)

URL: <http://www.egpa2007.com>

**Conference Information**

- [IIAS Newsletter Issue 2 - December 2006](#)

**NEWS FROM IPMA-HR**

International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR)

<http://www.ipma-hr.org>

**Recent Publications**

- The December 2006-January 2007 issue of the bimonthly electronic *IPMA-HR International News* is available online at [www.ipma-hr.org](http://www.ipma-hr.org).
- The October 2006 issue of the *Assessment Council News* is available online at [www.ipmaac.org](http://www.ipmaac.org).
- Various press releases can be found online at [www.ipma-hr.org](http://www.ipma-hr.org).

**Conference Information**

***IPMA-HR International Symposium***

Theme: "The Role of HR in Organizational Strategic Planning and Generational HR Issues"

Dates: 15-18 April 2007

Location: Lagoon Beach Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

Contact: Neil Reichenberg

E-mail: [nreichenberg@ipma-hr.org](mailto:nreichenberg@ipma-hr.org)

***International HR Conference sponsored by IPMA-HR and the South Africa Public Service Commission***

Theme: "Building Public Sector Human Resource Capacity in a Development State"

Dates: 19-20 April 2007

Location: Convention Center, Cape Town, South Africa

Contact: Neil Reichenberg



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### **31st Annual IPMAAC Conference**

Theme: "The Gateway to Excellence in Assessment"

Dates: 10-13 June 2007

Location: The Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: [choover@ipma-hr.org](mailto:choover@ipma-hr.org)

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=19>

### **IPMA-HR Federal Section Annual Conference**

Date: 11 September 2007

Location: The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C., USA

Contact: Jessica Allen

E-mail: [jallen@ipma-hr.org](mailto:jallen@ipma-hr.org)

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=21>

### **2007 IPMA-HR International Training Conference**

Theme: The Future of HR: Mapping the Course

Dates: 29 September - 3 October April 2007

Location: The Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Contact: Carrie Hoover

E-mail: [choover@ipma-hr.org](mailto:choover@ipma-hr.org)

URL: <http://www.ipma-hr.org/content.cfm?pageid=30>

## **NEWS FROM NASPAA**

**National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)**

<http://www.naspaa.org>

### **NASPAA Launches the GlobalMPA Web Portal ([www.globalmpa.net](http://www.globalmpa.net)) to Promote MPA/MPP Degree Programs Nationally and Globally**

NASPAA proudly announces the launch of its international web portal, [www.globalmpa.net](http://www.globalmpa.net), which represents the most comprehensive pool of resources and information about or related to MPA/MPP degrees on the Internet. The web portal is designed to serve as an objective information source for potential international students seeking to pursue an MPA/MPP degree in the States.

It will help students find the MPA/MPP programme of their choice that meets their needs and expectations, assist with any issues they might face in the course of application to MPA/MPP schools and contribute to the excellence in public service/governance nationally and globally.

The GlobalMPA web portal contains the following resources and services:

- A searchable online database of 77 participating MPA/MPP schools with internationalised programmes in the U.S.;
- Listing of academic degrees and fields of specialisations available in these schools;
- Admission criteria for MPA/MPP programmes;
- Financial aid options for MPA/MPP students in the U.S.;
- Student journals/diaries about academic and campus life in MPA/MPP schools;
- Listserv and blogs related to MPA/MPP education;
- The latest job opportunities available for the international public service; and
- MPA/MPP Ambassadors (Alumni) who can serve as resource to potential students from their regions.

NASPAA believes that the web portal will also enable students to make fully informed and effective choices about a degree/programme that meets their career interests, expectations and needs.

In the future, NASPAA plans to expand the GlobalMPA web portal by adding new resources for international and U.S. academic programmes and faculty. The new resources and information will be added regularly to make sure that the web portal remains helpful and up-to-date.

### **Conference Information**

#### ***2007 NASPAA Annual Conference***

Dates: 11-13 October 2007

Location: Seattle, Washington, USA

Contact: Ms. Jackie Lewis or Ms. Laurel McFarland

Tel.: +1-202-628-8965

URL: <http://www.naspaa.org/principals/conference/conference.asp>

### **NEWS FROM NISPAcee**

**Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee)**

<http://www.nispa.sk>

### **Recent Publications**

- [NISPAcee News, Winter 2007](#)

### **NEWS FROM RCOCI**

**Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI)**

<http://www.apcity.org>

### **CIFAL Shanghai – Workshop on E-Government**

CIFAL Shanghai – Workshop on E-Government will be held by CIFAL Shanghai and UNITAR in Yantai, Shandong Province, China 26-30 March 2007. This meeting will attract around 26-30 CIOs from various cities in the Asia Pacific Region. It will involve the most updated tendencies of IT development both at home and abroad, the

application of E-government and IT in various fields. Integrated case studies and on-site visits with specialized lectures will be presented by UN, international and domestic experts. Around the topic of E-Government, with the help of information technology, the workshop aims to enhance city management and the government capacity for service as well as to push the coordinated development of the city economy, society and environment. Participants will be awarded UNITAR Workshop Certificate signed jointly by the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and leaders from Yantai Municipal Government.

### **New Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin to Be Released in March**

RCOCI is pleased to announce that the new edition of serial *Asia-Pacific City Informatization Bulletin* will be released in March 2007. Based on feedback from UNPAN readers, the new edition will further focus on the innovative ideas and successful experiences of ICT development around the world, especially in Asia-Pacific region. It will have six columns including Policy and Legislation, e-Government, e-Commerce, e-Society, e-Security and Conference and Training and a column of Special Focus for readers' attention.

URL: <http://www.unpan.org/serials-asia.asp#rcoci>

### **Documents of CIAPR VI Released by RCOCI**

The documents of The 6th Annual Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR VI) have been released by RCOCI Editorial Department with the authorization of the Forum Committee.

URLs: [http://www.unpan.org/conf\\_CIAPRshanghai06.asp](http://www.unpan.org/conf_CIAPRshanghai06.asp)  
[unpan.org/autoretrieve/regional.asp?region=asia%20and%20pacific&content=conference](http://www.unpan.org/autoretrieve/regional.asp?region=asia%20and%20pacific&content=conference)  
[unpan.org/autoretrieve/regional\\_focus.asp?region=asia%20and%20pacific&focus=e-government](http://www.unpan.org/autoretrieve/regional_focus.asp?region=asia%20and%20pacific&focus=e-government)

### **Top 10 Most Visited Documents in 2006 According to Progress Report on UNPAN Implementation**

1. [Insurance in India](#)
2. [Leadership Styles and Cultural Values Among Managers and Subordinates: A Comparative Study of Four Countries of the Former Soviet Union, Germany and US](#)
3. [Impact of Agrarian Reform on Poverty \(Philippines\)](#)
4. [Diagnostic Study of Accounting and Auditing Practices in the Philippines](#)
5. [List of Top 500 Chinese Enterprises in the Year of 2002 and Their Locations](#)
6. [India's Information Technology Act, 2000](#)
7. [A Comparative Study of Non Performing Assets in India in the Global Context - Similarities and Dissimilarities, Remedial Measures](#)
8. [A Comparison of Economic Strength Among Cities Lying in Zhu Jiang Delta Region and Those in Yangtze](#)
9. [Graft and Corruption: the Philippine Experience](#)
10. [Report on Government Services 2005 \(Australia\)](#)

### **Recent Publications**

- [Asia and Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Issue 17 Spring 2006 \(New Edition, forthcoming\)](#)
- [Asia and Pacific City Informatization Bulletin, Issue 16 Winter 2006](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, January 2007](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, December 2006](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, November 2006](#)
- [Governance Asia-Pacific Watch, October 2006](#)

## **NEWS FROM UNCRD**

United Nations Centre for Regional Development

<http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

### **Recent UNCRD Activities**

***2007 International Disaster Management Symposium “Culture of Disaster Prevention in the Context of Housing and Urbanisation” (18 January 2007, Kobe, Japan)***

Remembering the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995, the Symposium was held to share the experiences of the post-disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction by the local governments and people. Panel discussions, film presentations, and exhibitions were also held to provide better understanding of the Culture of Disaster Prevention.

URL: <http://www.hyogo.uncrd.or.jp>

***Traveling Workshop on Pro-Poor, Pro-Women Use of ICTs for Social Development (10-18 December 2006, Chennai, Pondicherry, and Dindigul, India)***

The aim of the ICTA/MSSRF/UNCRD Traveling Workshop was to provide the Sri Lankan participants with knowledge on current experience of best practice projects in India that are using information and communication technologies (ICTs) for the empowerment and social development of poor women. Ten participants were women community leaders/organizers from the plantation community, plantation management/concerned staff of the Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT), Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) of Sri Lanka, and from the agencies managing the telecentre in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts.

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/hs>

***Second Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum (11-12 December 2006, Yogyakarta, Indonesia)***

The Forum was organised with Ministry of the Environment-Government of Japan and Ministry of the Environment-Republic of Indonesia, to conduct policy dialogue and share best practices, to follow-up on the implementation of the Aichi Statement, and to discuss the modalities for the Mayors’ Dialogue on EST (April 2007, Kyoto, Japan). The participants were government representatives from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Transport, experts in various EST thematic areas, and representatives from relevant international organisations.

URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/env>

### **Recent Publications**

- [UNCRD Newsletter](#), No. 60/61 (July 2005 - June 2006)
- [UNCRD Highlights](#), No. 37/38 (July 2005 - June 2006) (Japanese)

**Conference Information**

***Training Workshop on Kum Ban Development Planning for Poverty Reduction and Human Security***

Dates: 29 January - 9 February 2007  
Location: Thalath, Vientiane Province, Lao PDR  
Contact: Human Security Unit, UNCRD  
Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general)  
Fax: 81-52-561-9458 (general)  
E-mail: [hs\\_group@uncrd.or.jp](mailto:hs_group@uncrd.or.jp)  
URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

***Fifth UNCRD Study Camp "Towards Sustainable Development -- Human Happiness and Capacity of the Earth"***

Dates: 16-18 March 2007  
Location: Chita, Japan  
Contact: External Affairs Office, UNCRD  
Tel.: 81-52-561-9532/9390/9505  
Fax: 81-52-561-9374  
E-mail: [camp@uncrd.or.jp](mailto:camp@uncrd.or.jp)  
URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/ja/studycamp/5/index.htm>

***Asian Mayors' Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport in Cities***

Dates: 23-24 April 2007  
Location: Kyoto, Japan  
Contact: Environment Unit, UNCRD  
Tel.: 81-52-561-9377 (general)  
Fax: 81-52-561-9375 (general)  
E-mail: [environment@uncrd.or.jp](mailto:environment@uncrd.or.jp)  
URL: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp>

***35th International Training Course in Regional Development***

Dates: 17 May 2007 - 27 June 2007  
Location: Nagoya, Japan  
Contact: Training Office, UNCRD  
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