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## ACTIVITY REPORT

### 2004

- **Preparatory meeting to the 2004 Social Forum**

Palais Wilson, Geneva

21st July 2004

Attending the orientation session and gather the necessary background information to attend the Social Forum on 22nd and 23rd July 2004 at UN quarters Geneva.

Ms M. Büschi

- **Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights**

Social Forum

Poverty, Rural Poverty and Human Rights

22-23 July 2004

Palais des Nations, Geneva

Attending the programme at UN quarters Geneva the 22 and 23rd of July. IISD UN representative Michaela Büschi

- **International Day of the World's Indigenous People**

22nd July 2004

Ariana Park of the Palais des Nations, Geneva

Celebration of the International Day, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Attending the celebration, Michaela Büschi

- **Commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**  
 7 October 2004  
 Palais des Nations, Geneva  
 Attending the ceremony: G. Lambert
  
- **International Day of solidarity with the Palestinian people**  
 Special meeting at the UN office Geneva in observance of GA resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977  
 29 November 2004  
 Attending the special programme: M. Büschi
  
- **Official adoption of the Memorandum of constitution of IISD Geneva**  
 with the signature of the status from the board members. Named in French language « Institut International de développement Social » IIDS aims to be the Geneva based branch of IISD, dedicated to social work, with the slogan « one earth, one family ».
  
- **Rencontres de l'Economie sociale et Solidaire de la région genevoise**  
**APRES : Association for the promotion of social Economy of solidarity.**  
 18th and 19th November 2004  
 Conferences and meeting to promote a social economy, a different way to exchange goods and services  
 Attending the meetings, representing IISD Geneva: G. Lambert and C. Merino

## 2005

- **Visit to IISD headquarters in Kolkata.**

March 2005

Updating information on projects and evaluation for future fund allocations. Field work visit and records. Photographs for Tribal related projects. Base line survey for SHG.

Michaela Buschi

- **Inaugural evening of IISD Geneva**

30th April 2005

Geneva

Presentation of IISD and IISD Geneva as the branch. With conference on IISD's projects and programmes within UN MDG's. Tribal handicraft promotion through diaporama, handicraft samples and discussions.

Indian dance

Indian dinner

General discussion and promotion.

Cycle van sale as sponsorship

- **Visit to Berlin**

24.08 to 27.08

Meeting with UN Vienna representative Philip V and European commission representative Miriam Rupprecht.

IISD Geneva represented by M. Büschi and C. Merino

Discussion on European perspectives for IISD, report on representative's work within the UN and the needs of collaboration

Future phase of IISD Germany discussed with the example of IISD Geneva's experience

- **Private party celebration**

IISD Geneva Invited as charitable organisation

1<sup>st</sup> October, Beau Rivage Geneva,

Conference with presentation of IISD and Geneva branch.

Donations and cycle vans sponsorship favoured during the evening

Representing IISD-Geneva : M. Buschi and C. Merino

- **“The United Nations and the Future” WFUNA conference**

WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

21st October, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations

Conference opened to government, business community, civil society and academic world, debate on the theme of The UN and the future. Summary of the debate to be presented to Secretary General of the UN Mr. Kofi Annan.

IISD representative at the conference: Mrs C. Merino

- **« The 2005 World Summit Outcome : follow-up and implementation »**

Tuesday, 22 November, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Meeting with H.E. Mr Jan Eliasson, President of the sixtieth session of the UN General Assembly to Geneva and the NGOs having consultative status with the Ecosoc. Presentation of the 2005 World Summit outcome by President.

Questions from NGOs answered by President.

Networking amongst other NGOs and UN collaborators.

IISD representative: Mrs M. Büschi

- **Visit to IISD headquarters in Kolkata**

December 2005

Meet the IISD headquarters and Secretary General

Coordinate IISD Geneva's work and future phase

Photographing donated cycle vans amongst SGH

IISD Geneva representative Guillaume Lambert

## **Statistics 2005 :**

- Cycle van donations : **31**
- Donations : FRS **1'070.-** for IISD's projects

## 2006

- **«Climate changes: energy and mobility » FEDRE (European Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Regions) International Forum**  
23rd-27th January 2006, Centre international de conférence de Genève, Geneva  
Conferences and meetings on the climate changes, exchange of views and information about mobility and sustainable development.  
Attending the meetings: M. Büschi
- **“Achieving the MDGs” AIDE Federation (Federation of International Agencies for Development)** with special consultative status and general consultative status at ECOSOC.  
8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May, Palais des Nations, UN Geneva  
Celebrating AIDE Federation’s 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, occasion to create dialogue among civil society about the MDG’s and discuss their achievement.  
Submitting IISD’s report “Best practice as interventions to overcome obstacles in achieving the MDGs” Participating in the debate, meeting other NGOs representatives and UN collaborators.  
IISD representative: Mrs M. Büschi and G. Lambert
- **“Creating an environment at the national and international level conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development” Civil Society Forum to the ECOSOC High Level Segment.**  
29th-30th June 2006, ILO Headquarters, Geneva  
Conferences and Workshops  
Attending the conferences and deliberations leading to the Recommendations.  
IISD representative: Mrs M. Büschi and G. Lambert
- **International Conference for the reform of the International Institutions. “Dialogues between different levels of Governance and civil society actors”**  
20th and 21st November 2006  
Conferences and Workshops aiming to contribute to the construction of an international social and political movement that is capable of being the stimulus for the process of reform.  
IISD representative: Mrs M. Büschi
- **International Day of solidarity with the Palestinian people**  
Special meeting at the UN office Geneva in observance of GA resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977  
29 November 2006  
Attending the special programme: M. Büschi

- **“Decent work, Social Policy and Development” International Institute for Labour Studies (ILLS) Research Conference**

29th November-1st December, ILO Headquarters, Geneva

Conference's objective: to gain new perspectives on the Decent Work Agenda and its research. Plenary session: Global Production Networks and the local creation of Decent work.

Attending the Conference: M. Büschi

## **Miscellaneous**

**IISD Geneva obtained Tax Exemption from the Swiss authorities by official decisions notified on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**Promotion programme for cycle van donation for Christmas.**

## **Statistics 2006 :**

- Cycle van donations : 9
- Donations : FRS for IISD's projects: FRS 1167.-