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## Bioethics and Human Rights go hand in hand

Three important meetings on Human Rights and Bioethics will be held during this month. From the “Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation” meeting, 7-8 July in Paris (**France**), and the “Right to Enjoy the Benefits of Scientific Progress and its Applications”, 16-17 July in Venice (**Italy**), to the “Meeting of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee”, 9-10 July in Paris (**France**).

UNESCO’s Social and Human Sciences and Natural Sciences Sectors, together with the UNESCO Centre of the Basque Country will organize an experts’ meeting, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on “[Access to Water and Sanitation](#)”, from 7 to 8 July at the International Institute for Educational Planning in Paris (**France**).

The meeting will analyze the legal, scientific and technical aspects of access to safe drinking water and sanitation as a human rights issue. It will also discuss the criteria for identifying good practices relating to access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

From 9 to 10 July, the “[Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee](#)” will take place at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (**France**). The Committee will examine and further comment on the new draft report drawn up by the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) on social responsibility and health and the Report of the IBC on human cloning and international governance.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> experts’ meeting on the “[Right to Enjoy the Benefits of Scientific Progress and its Applications](#)” will be held from 16 to 17 July in Venice (**Italy**). The meeting will be organized jointly by UNESCO and the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization (EIUC), in cooperation with the Amsterdam Centre for International Law and the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

The meeting will bring together researchers, experts and representatives of UN Specialized Agencies in an effort to elucidate the right to enjoy the benefits of science and to facilitate its implementation. Experts shall also adopt a final document which will summarize findings on the content and obligations regarding this right with a view to assist the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) in the elaboration of a general comment.

### Other events related to UNESCO’s Social and Human Sciences programme in July 2009:

- **9 July:** Consultation Meeting on the UNESCO Draft Regional Strategy on Youth for Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, **Thailand**.
- **11-12 July:** 2nd UNESCO Ethics Workshop. Dhaka, **Bangladesh**.
- **13-19 July:** World Youth Festival. Stuttgart, **Germany**.

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