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## The fight against poverty hits the headlines of *SHSViews* No. 20

Covering the period April-June 2008, No. 20 of the quarterly magazine *SHSViews* from the Social and Human Science Sector of UNESCO has just been published in English and French and will soon be available in Spanish and Russian.

In the headlines of *SHSViews* No. 20:

- **Globalization: To leave half of humanity living in poverty is expensive and will be more and more as time passes**

A seminar, held in Kingston (**Jamaica**) in March 2008 has led outstanding Latin American researchers to review the costs of poverty in the **Caribbean**, and more especially to present options available to the international community to cope with a phenomenon that affects nearly one in two people around the world. [More...](#) [PDF]

- **Interview with Sylvie Kayitesi Zainabo “Poverty is a denial of human rights”**

Former Minister of Public Service and Labour of **Rwanda**, Sylvie Kayitesi Zainabo, Chairman of the Rwandan Commission for Human Rights was elected head of the Network of African National Institutes for Human Rights in 2007. In her interview, she discusses human rights in **Africa** as well as the situation of refugees and displaced persons, victims of internal conflict which undermines the continent and puts the population at risk, preventing them from living in harmony and peace. Sylvie Kayitesi Zainabo invites everyone to fight against poverty, seen as a denial of human rights, in order to give the most needy access to food, a decent dwelling, education and health facilities. [More...](#) [PDF]

- **Dossier: Social and Human Sciences within National Commissions for UNESCO: Focus on Canada**

*SHSViews* continues its round-the-world journey in a bid to explore the way social and human sciences are perceived within the National Commissions for UNESCO. After **the Philippines**, in this issue, we move on to **Canada**, where the science-related activities of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO cover the social, human and natural sciences together, with a cross-sectoral approach being the order of the day. [More...](#) [PDF]

Also in this issue of *SHSViews*:

### Promoting principles, practices and ethical norms:

- [Promoting ethics education around the world](#)
- [The “ABC” project reinforces its support in Africa](#)
- [Meeting on pharmaceutical research in Damascus](#)
- [Human cloning in the work plans of the IBC](#)
- [Debate on research on the human embryo in the Arab world](#)

### Directing research for action in the service of populations:

- [Social sciences to fight against AIDS in Africa](#)
- [ECOWAS: Towards an Institute on Regional Integration](#)
- [UNESCO at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum of the “Espacio Vanguardia Latina”](#)
- [Social development: the Second Regional Forum in South Asia](#)

- [Indian Council of Social Science Research](#)
- [Prolongation of the Diambars project supported by UNESCO](#)
- [Burundi: Athletes and officials gather together against doping](#)
- [Doping in sport: the US Senate involved](#)
- [Youth at the First Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations](#)

#### Contributing to the dialogue of civilizations and cultures:

- [Conference in Cairo on Human Security in the Arab States](#)
- [ARADESC investigates on cultural rights in the Maghreb region and Egypt](#)
- [International Day against Racism at UNESCO](#)
- [Pierre Sané visits the British Parliament](#)
- [Rethinking Latin America from a point of view of social reality](#)
- [Towards a Day of Latin America Identity?](#)
- [Programme for the Education of Children in Need: "Dance for Life" in South Africa, Brazil and Cuba](#)

#### Publications:

- [Israel-Palestine: Societies in Dialogue](#)
- [Ageing makes the headlines of the /SSJ/](#)
- [The deterioration of historic centres under scrutiny](#)
- [Science for political action](#)
- [Integration of migrants' children by means of education: the Moscow experience](#)
- [Migrants in China: project assessment](#)
- [The Migration Museums' Network publishes a newsletter](#)
- [IJMS' current issue: Migration and Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region](#)

#### Readers' forum:

- ["Together, we are the future" by Veronica Vallejo and Daniel Frelén](#)
- [The Sultanate of Oman encourages SHS](#)

#### Back cover:

- [Event: An international coalition of cities against racism launched during the 3rd Nantes World Forum](#)
- [Calendar for the period April-June 2008](#)

#### Other events related to the UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences programme in June 2008:

- **4-5 June:** Steering Committee on the teaching of ethics: finalization of the proposal for a basic training course with a global outreach in bioethics, Paris, **France**
- **4-9 June:** Round table conducted by UNESCO within the framework of the European Festival of Sports and Traditional Games on the theme "Medicine and Sport", Marioupol, **Ukraine**
- **16-17 June:** Regional meeting of professional teachers of ethics, Marrakesh, **Morocco**
- **18 June:** Regional Conference on HIV-AIDS and Human Rights, Baku, **Azerbaijan**
- **19 June:** Launching of a Coalition of Cities against Racism in the Arab States. Casablanca, **Morocco**

- **19 June:** International Conference on the theme "The First Large-Scale Migration of People, Paris, **France**.
- **30 juin-3 July:** 3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Human Rights during which an International Coalition of Cities against Racism and Discrimination will be launched, Nantes, **France**.
- **30 June-4 July :** Meeting of the Working Group of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), Paris, **France**

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