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Increasing the participation of civil society in the UN

(GLOBAL SOUTH PROGRAM)



Human rights defenders during ninth edition of the Colloquium

The human rights defenders who participated of the 9th edition of the Colloquium compiled the proposals drawn up during the workshops and lectures at the event and produced a document with suggestions on how to increase the participation of civil society in the international mechanisms and to improve the effectiveness of these mechanisms in their promotion and protection of human rights (...)"One of the merits of this document is its purposeful approach, by presenting concrete measures for improving the UN human rights system that were drawn up democratically by the activists themselves," pointed out Thiago Amparo, one of the organizers of the event. (...)

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Prison system at Espírito Santo State continues to worsen by the day

(JUSTICE PROGRAM)

On February 5, a commission formed by human rights organizations, among them Conectas, entered the State Women's Penitentiary of Tucum, in the municipality of Cariacica, Espírito Santo, aware that they would encounter a complicated state of affairs.

The 150 capacity prison is occupied, at the moment, by no less than 630 women.(...) This visit was not the only one made by the commission that week. The group also visited the Judicial Police Departments (DPJ) of the municipalities of Cariacica and Vila Velha, the Provisional Detention Center (CDP) of Cariacica and the Socio-Educational Internment Unit (UNIS), also in Cariacica. In all the facilities, the commission encountered extreme overcrowding and a lack of the most basic hygiene conditions and medical attention(...)



Police vehicle where remand prisoners can spend days waiting for a vacancy in the system in Vitória, capital of Espírito Santo state

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News

Conectas meets with US President Obama

Meeting addressed human rights issues both in the United States and in the world

UN reviews human rights in Angola, Bolivia, El Salvador and Nicaragua

Conectas participates in the 7th session of the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council and supports the involvement of NGOs from these countries

Sur Journal: Call for papers (deadline - March 10th)

The Amnesty International, the Interdisciplinary Human Rights Observatory of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul/UFRGS and Sur – University Human Rights Network invite all who are interested to submit contributions to be published in the upcoming editions of Sur – International Journal on Human Rights

Human rights situation in Iran

Conectas requests information from Brazilian government on its position in the UN concerning human rights violations in Iran

Second stage of the Human Rights Fellowship Program for Portuguese-Speaking Africa has now begun

Edition of 2009 continues, with the development of projects in participants' countries of origin

Board of UNDEF

Conectas Human Rights becomes a member of the Advisory Board of the Fund

Debating Accountability

Conectas participates of the ICHRP Online Discussion Forum on Human Rights Principles and NGO Accountability. Click [here](#) to read it and collaborate.

3rd National Human Rights Program

Conectas releases public statement on third edition of the Program

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In the media

[Brasil pede que Irã dialogue com dissidentes](#)

Folha de São Paulo - 16/02

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Folha de São Paulo - 13/02

[Relatório aponta casos de violência na Fundação Casa](#)

O Estado de São Paulo - 21/01

[O Brasil em cima do muro](#)

Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil - 10/01

[Brasil se abstém de votar contra](#)

Irã e Coreia
O Estado de São Paulo - 19/12

[Parceria incentiva advocacia pro bono em escritórios](#)

Conjuntura Jurídica - 13/12

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The Guardian - 25/11

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The issue #10 of Sur - International Journal on Human Rights is already available online and includes a dossiê on the Human Rights of the People on the



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