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Developments 2007 and challenges for 2008

2007 has been a very important year for the consolidation of Conectas's work for the promotion of human rights. As part of our Global South Program, we have developed an [innovative advocacy campaign](#), which for the first time has gathered several NGOs from Latin America to defend the human rights prevalence at an African country – Zimbabwe (...). The consolidation of our international activities reflected in the success of the [VII International Human Rights Colloquium](#), which gathered 56 activists from 26 countries from the Global South. In addition, the Human Rights Fellowship Program for Angola and Mozambique [has broadened its reach](#) and, in 2008, we will receive participants from Guinea Bissau also. Two issues of [Sur – International Journal on Human Rights](#) were released, including one in collaboration with the ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice), on [Transitional Justice](#) (...)

Recent developments indicate that human rights issues are gaining ground at the conservative Brazilian Judiciary. Through our Justice Program, we were able to raise our participations as *amicus curiae* at our Supreme Court (...). Moreover, we have progressed with the dissemination of *pro bono* ideals (...) and the Pro Bono Institute has reached a record number of attendances. The activities of a new project – [Black Woman Right's to Health in Brazil](#) – were launched and the materials of its first phase will soon be available for professionals and organizations in the area.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our partner organizations, in Brazil and also in other countries from the North and Global South. Many thanks to all of them and we look forward to continue working together in 2008!

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News

[FEBEM convicted again in death of an adolescent](#)

Compensation for moral harm is around ten times more than the first sentence had determined three years ago

[UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Brazil](#)

Conectas organized meeting between Louise Arbour and civil society organizations of São Paulo

[Project Black Woman's Right to Health in Brazil](#)

Project becomes part of a Latin American campaign, coordinated in Brazil by Rede Feminista de Saúde, for an Inter-American Convention for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

[International organization also condemns](#)

Sur Journal

Issue #7 of Sur Journal has just been published. This special issue is a dossier on transitional justice, produced with the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). Check it out at www.surjournal.org/eng.



The next issue should be released in June and its theme will be Intellectual Property and access to medicine

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Brazilian penitentiaries

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OAS) extends precautionary measures for all the detainees in the State Detention Center of Guarujá

HRC received suggestions for Special Rapporteurs and Advisory Committee

NGOs were invited to nominate candidates and give their opinions on those elected

"To transform this moral consensus into reality"

Conectas participated in the launch of a commemorative campaign for the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and pressures States to step up to this commitment

Pro bono expansion

Initiative launched in December in Rio de Janeiro counts on voluntary practice of human rights lawyers all over the state

Conectas becomes a member of ESCR-Net

Network connects over 250 human rights defenders all over the world

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Tentativa de fuga deixa 3 detentos mortos
O Estado de São Paulo - 28/11

Cadeia onde 3 morreram já havia sido denunciada por más condições
Extra - 28/11

Os direitos humanos são pensados pelo Sul
O Estado de São Paulo - 03/12

Arbour visita ONGS de direitos humanos em SP
Rádio ONU- 03/12

ONU ameniza críticas ao governo do Sudão
Folha de São Paulo - 14/12

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