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The first World Social Sciences Forum, the Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO, and an interview with a high official from ECOWAS in the headlines of SHSviews N° 24

Covering the news from April-June 2009, *SHSviews*, the quarterly magazine of UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences Sector, has just been published in English and French.

In this issue:

An Interview with a High-ranking Official from ECOWAS

In the hope of being able to follow the paths of development, **Africa** must develop a strategy for the creation and retention of wealth and use the global financial crisis to formulate and initiative its own model of development: these are the beliefs of Professor Lambert N'galadjo Bamba, Commissioner for Macroeconomic Policy Department of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), interviewed at the meeting of the Steering Committee of the future **West Africa** Institute, held in March 2009 in Abidjan (**Côte d'Ivoire**).

- [Professor Lambert N'galadjo Bamba](#): "Development is a change in attitudes"

Special Section: First World Social Sciences Forum

The first World Social Sciences Forum will bring together more than 800 participants in **Bergen** (**Norway**) from 10 to 12 May 2009 on the theme: "One Planet – Worlds Apart?" and will provide a unique opportunity to assess the relevance of social sciences in the context of the global financial crisis.

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Social and Human Sciences within National Commissions for UNESCO: Focus on the Netherlands

After the **Philippines**, **Canada**, **Malawi**, **Cuba** and **Lebanon**, *SHSviews* continues its international tour of National Commissions for UNESCO by visiting the **Netherlands**, where natural sciences and social and human sciences are treated equally by a Committee whose aim is to contribute to sustainable human development.

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- [A question for... Barbara M. Oomen](#), Department of Social Science at the Roosevelt Academy of the University of **Utrecht**
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Editorial

- [Pandemics and Bioethics](#), by Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

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Directing Research for Action in the Service of Populations

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Contributing to the Dialogue of Civilizations and Cultures

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- [The financial crisis and gender issues: a study carried out on five continents](#)
- [Poverty and human rights: creation of a UNESCO Chair at the University of Bologna](#)
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- [Argentina to host an International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights](#)
- [Racism: what challenges for UNESCO?](#)
 - Opinions on racism...:
 - o Doudou Diène, former Special Rapporteur of the United Nations on Contemporary Forms of Racism and Racial Discrimination
 - o Karel Vasak, former Director of UNESCO's Division of Human Rights
 - o Ricardo Ehrlich, Mayor of **Montevideo (Uruguay)**, Coalition of Latin American Cities against Racism
- [Cities against racism: extending ECCAR to Eastern Europe](#)

Readers' Forum

- ["Immigration policies or migration policies"](#) by Marcello Balbo, President of the UNESCO Chair in Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrations : Urban Policies and Practice at the IUAV University in **Venice (Italy)**

Publications

- Is the right to free movement a human right?
- The *IJMS* is interested the return of migrants to their countries of origin
- The *ISSJ* revisits the concept of the Nation-State
- Opening schools to prevent violence
- Human Rights in **Brazil**
- An introduction to environmental ethics
- Learning about bioethics while having fun!
- More ethics = more development
- Should nanotechnologies be a cause of apprehension?
- Background, principles and application of the Declaration

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- [Publication: A handbook for city professionals in India](#)
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Other events relating to UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences programme in May 2009:

- **5 May:** Prevention Embassy Traveling Bus. Brussels, **Belgium**.
- **10-12 May:** World Social Science Forum. Bergen, **Norway**.
- **11-12 May:** High-level meeting on philosophy teaching in the Arab region. Tunis, **Tunisia**.
- **12-17 May:** Meeting of experts in ethics. Kinshasa, **Democratic Republic of Congo**.
- **13 May:** International experts' meeting on the right to cultural life. Geneva, **Switzerland**.
- **14-15 May:** Meeting of the Steering Committee of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism. Saint-Petersburg, **Russian Federation**.
- **17-20 May:** International Conference on Bioethics Committees in Hospitals. Zefa, **Israel**.
- **18-19 May:** Meeting on nanotechnologies in the Arab States. Doha, **Qatar**.
- **25-26 May:** High level Conference on Teaching of Philosophy in Asia and the Pacific. Manila, **Philippines**.
- **26-29 May:** Meeting on the consequences of climate change in Africa. Niamey, **Niger**.
- **27-29 May:** Asia-Arab States Inter-regional Philosophical Dialogues. Bangkok, **Thailand**.
- **29-31 May:** Meeting of ethics experts. Chişinău, **Republic of Moldova**.

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