

## **Recent developments: Economic and Social Council Plenary**

The links below are intended to guide delegates through their final stages of research. They were compiled by Committee Director Sarah Tulley. For any question, please contact Sarah at [ecosoc.korea@nmun.org](mailto:ecosoc.korea@nmun.org) or Deputy Secretary-General Hannah Birkenkötter at [dsg.korea@nmun.org](mailto:dsg.korea@nmun.org). Please do not forget that Position Papers are due on November 1, 2013! For more information on Position Papers, check out NMUN•Korea's Web site: [http://nmun.org/korea\\_position\\_papers.html](http://nmun.org/korea_position_papers.html)

### ***ECOSOC Substantive Session – general updates***

#### **[ECOSOC Substantive Sessions—Geneva 2013](#)**

In July of 2013, ECOSOC held their annual substantive session in Geneva, Switzerland. Information on what occurred during each segment can be found in the link.

#### **[High-Level Political Forum, First Inaugural Meeting](#)**

The inaugural High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) was held in September 2013 and is intended to serve as a way to follow-up on commitments made at the Rio+20 Conference. ECOSOC and the General Assembly will both convene the HLPF, with ECOSOC's occurring every year.

### ***Mainstreaming Disability in the Post-2015 Development Agenda***

#### **[Department of Economic and Social Affairs Forum: Dialogue on the Post 2015 Development Framework and Disability. 19-20 July 2013](#)**

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs held this dialogue in an effort to bring together various stakeholders to discuss a way forward in promoting and including disabilities in the development agenda and frameworks.

#### **[Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond, 17 September 2013](#)**

In September 2013, the General Assembly convened the High-Level Meeting on Disability and Development. The Outcome Document, which was adopted by the General Assembly at the end of the High-Level Meeting, provides a number of key actions for all stakeholders to better include disabilities in development agendas.

#### **[Sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 17-19 July 2013](#)**

This regular meeting of States Parties to the CRPD was held in July, on the theme of Ensuring adequate standards of living: empowerment and participation of persons with disabilities within the framework of the CRPD.

#### **[Report of the Technical Briefing: Preparing for the General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Disability and Development: The Health Sector's Contribution, 66th World Health Assembly, 23 May 2013](#)**

In preparation for the High-Level Meeting on Disability and Development, the Director-General of the World Health Organization convened a technical briefing for participants of the 66<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly. The briefing considered the poor health status of people with disabilities and this report provides actions that should be taken to improve the health of people with disabilities.

### ***Science and Technology for Development***

#### **[Commission on Science and Technology for Development, Report on the Sixteenth Session, 3-7 June 2013](#)**

At its sixteenth session, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development undertook a review of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at both the regional and international level. It also considered two priority themes for discussion: Science,

technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities and Internet broadband for an inclusive digital society. This work is highlighted in the report.

[Commission on Science and Technology for Development, Draft Resolution on Science, Technology and Innovation for Development](#)

The CSTD submitted this draft resolution to ECOSOC based on their annual meeting in June 2013. The draft resolution covers a number of different topics, including urban development policies, access to technology and financing for infrastructure.

[Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.—Report of the Secretary-General, 26 March 2013](#)

This report from the Secretary-General reviews progress in implementation of the outcomes of WSIS at the international and regional levels and identifies obstacles and constraints encountered by Member States and stakeholders.

