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Symposium on Roles of Faith in Disaster Risk Reduction

Sendai, Japan, March 15, 2015

As part of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) a symposium titled "Community based DRR from a faith-based perspective – sharing best practices" was organized by SGI and ACT Alliance.

Speakers from various faith traditions presented on the roles of faith-based organizations (FBOs) at the grassroots level. A [joint statement](#) by 13 FBOs was issued calling to recognize the unique role of local faith communities...[more](#)



Civil Society Cooperation between China, South Korea and Japan

Sendai, Japan, March 16, 2015

Another WCDRR side event co-organized by SGI titled "Strengthening Resilience in Northeast Asia through Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction" highlighted the possibilities for increased collaboration in Northeast Asia. It brought together a panel of civil society representatives from China, South Korea and Japan who shared an overview of DRR initiatives and challenges in their countries and shared ideas on how to further cooperation...[more](#)



Women's Leadership Event at CSW59/ Beijing+20

New York, US, March 17, 2015

SGI organized a parallel event on women's leadership during the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) which marked the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995 where the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) was adopted.. The theme of the event, "Living Women's Leadership, Living Global Citizenship– Strengthening the Beijing Platform for Action" Keynote speaker Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former UN Under-Secretary-General stressed that to achieve gender equality it is necessary to dismantle patriarchy. The audience of over 75 people broke up into small groups to discuss ...[more](#)



Earth Charter Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary

San José, Costa Rica, March 21, 2015

An international forum "Finding Synergies, Building Bridges: Reorienting Education towards Sustainable Development, Sustainable Consumption and Global Citizenship" was held at the UN-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the launch of the Earth Charter. Some 70 people participated including SGI UN Liaison Hiro Sakurai from



New York who spoke on strengthening partnerships across the global education initiatives and shared SGI's efforts to facilitate collaboration across issues...[more](#)

[“Senzatomica” Anti-Nuclear Weapons Campaign Comes to Rome](#)

Rome, **Italy**, March 10, 2015

As part of the SGI-Italy anti-nuclear weapons campaign, Senzatomica, the multimedia exhibition "From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Toward a World Free From Nuclear Weapons" opened at La Pelanda in central Rome, where it will be shown until April 30. This is the 50th exhibition showing--including smaller displays--to be held as part of the Senzatomica [campaign](#).



[“Everything You Treasure” Exhibition Held at Mexican Senate](#)

Mexico City, **Mexico**, Feb. 24-27, 2015

The exhibition "Everything You Treasure--For a World Free From Nuclear Weapons," (EYT) created by SGI and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), was shown at the Mexican Senate building in Mexico City. The exhibition marked the 48th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco on February 14, 1967, which created the Latin America and Caribbean Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone...[more](#)



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