

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION TO UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL'S STOP THE DEMAND** Phase 2 Workshop is 5 March 2010. With less than 2 weeks to go 8 applicants, four men and four women, have been accepted from Ireland, England, Scotland, India, Canada and the United States. One of the featured activities will be an interactive panel featuring Elaine Afanador, currently a staff member at the Coalition against Trafficking in Women, Robert Jensen, author of "Getting Off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity," Clare Nolan, RGS, former NGO representative for the Good Shepherd Sisters at the United Nations and long-time activist against human trafficking, and Jonathan Walton, a scholar and published poet at Columbia University in New York City and a participant in December event "A Conversation Among Men" about the demand for human trafficking.

**THE 48<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** finished its deliberations on 19 February in an extended session which allowed them to reach consensus on four resolutions to be passed on to the General Assembly: on social integration, on the Madrid Plan of Action on Aging, on the New Economic Programme for Africa (NEPAD), and mainstreaming disability in the development agenda. This is the first time since the 1995 World Summit on Social Development that the commission has passed a resolution relating to social integration and it comes at a time of strong forces working for exclusion of peoples.

The NGO committee of which UNANIMA is a member made an important contribution to the deliberations through a survey taken from members around the world on good practices promoting social integration and inclusion. Louise Cleary was part of a small committee responsible for the collation and publication of this report. For survey and the results see: <http://ngosocdev.wordpress.com/category/survey-on-social-integration>



**THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS** Many of the United Nations deliberations, whether they be in the commission or on other themes focus on the global financial crisis, its effects and possible ways to mitigate its effects on those who are most vulnerable. As another aspect of this discussion, Eva Haefstengel, who has worked for many years towards systemic change in financial systems was commissioned by the United Nations for a study on "Impact of Global Crises on Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)." During the Commission on Social Development she presented the results of this study. Catherine was asked to compliment her presentation by speaking about the human face of the decrease in support for CSOs. Both presentations can be found at <http://ngosocdev.wordpress.com>

**NEW LOGO** chosen for the campaign to focus on water = life:



**THE 54<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN:** 1-12 March 2010  
UNANIMA International's delegation of ten participants will commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women and the Beijing Platform for Action by joining more than 7000 registered NGO members at the Commission.

**UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING:** The semi-annual UNANIMA board meeting will be held 4-6 March in New York City. The key focus of work at this meeting will be on the upcoming water campaign and planning for the future.