The Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights and the UNESCO work in building capacity for ethical review

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Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights

1. Human dignity and human rights
2. Benefit and harm
3. Autonomy and individual responsibility
4. Consent
5. Persons without the capacity to consent
6. Respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity
7. Privacy and confidentiality
8. Equality, justice and equity
9. Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization
10. Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism
11. Solidarity and cooperation
12. Social responsibility and health
13. Sharing of benefits
14. Protecting future generations
15. Protection of the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity

Unanimously adopted by 191 Member States, October 2005

15 basic principles
Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights

Application of the principles

Art. 18: Decision-making and addressing bioethical issues
- transparency in decision-making
- dialogue and informed public debate

Art. 19: Ethics committees

Promotion of the Declaration

Art. 22: Role of States
- take all appropriate measures
- encourage establishment of ethics committees

Art. 23: Bioethics education, training and information

Art. 24: Internation cooperation

Art. 25: Follow-up-action by UNESCO
Promotion and Dissemination

- Promotion materials: brochures, folders, website
- Translations
- Publications: journals, media, newspapers
- Book with explanation per article
- Book with background materials
- Conferences, meetings etc.
Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights

CAPACITY-BUILDING: making it work

1. Global Ethics Observatory

2. Ethics Education Programme

3. Assisting Bioethics Committees
Global Ethics Observatory

- Database 1: experts (*Who is who in ethics?*)
- Database 2: institutions, organisations, commissions
- Database 3: ethics teaching programmes
- Database 4: legislation
- Database 5: codes of conduct
- Database 6: resources in ethics

Freely accessible

6 languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

[www.unesco.org/shs/ethics/geobs](http://www.unesco.org/shs/ethics/geobs)
Interactive Geographical Search

Welcome to the GEObs Interactive Geographical Search page. This is a graphically interactive search tool across all GEObs databases, providing an integrated overview of GEObs entries according to geographical locations.
# Global Ethics Observatory

- Database 4: Legislation and guidelines

## October 200: 22 countries

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## UNDBHR

- * principle of consent

## Bioethical themes

- * medical research with human beings

## Legal categories

- * domestic laws

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relevant texts of legal documents
Database 6: Resources in Ethics

Find a resource in ethics

There are currently 139 resources registered in the database.

Select an area:

Select a language:

Select a status:

Select a type:
- Journals in Ethics
- UNESCO Publications
- Case Materials
- Videos (fragments)
- Resources for Ethics Committees
- Presentations
- Ethics Websites
- Ethics Events
- UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum Resources

Select a language:
- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- Russian
- Spanish
- Other
Activities undertaken

1. mapping of experts in ethics
2. sampling of teaching programs
3. bioethics core curriculum
4. ethics teacher training course
5. ethics resources

Regional expert meetings in:
- Budapest (2004)
- Moscow (2005)
- Split (2005)
- Tehran (2006)
- Muscat (2006)
- Istanbul (2007)
- Marrakech (2008)
- Abidjan (2008)
- Banjul (2009)
- Kinshasa (2009)
Database 3: Ethics Teaching Programmes

Global Ethics Observatory (GEO)

Database 3: Ethics Teaching Programmes

Find a teaching program related to ethics

There are currently 50 teaching programmes registered in the database.

Country
Region
Name of Teacher
Faculty/Department/School
Entry Requirements for Students/Academic Background of Students
Level of University Teaching
Course Language
Number of Students Enrolled
Total Number of Teaching Hours
Total Number of Student Working Hours
Status of the Program
Objectives of the Program
Mandatory Study Materials

1 November 2008: 192 programs
UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum

- based on principles of Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights
- proposes a minimum program
- flexibility: does not impose a particular model
- global outreach: useful in all regions
- heterogeneity: variety and diversity around a common core

- **aim:** to facilitate the introduction of bioethics primarily in medical and science schools
UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum

Implementation

1. materials available on website (english; arabic, french, russian and spanish)

2. development of educational resources
   * multimedia
   * case books (UNESCO Chairs)

3. test phase: introduction in interested universities in different regions with uniform assessment and possible revision
Ethics Education Programme

Ethics teacher training course

Objectives:

a. Learning how to teach ethics
b. Empowering a new generations of ethics teachers

Courses

- 30 October – 4 November 2006: Bucharest, Romania
- 9-13 July 2007: Egerton University, Kenya
- 10-14 September 2007: Bratislava, Slovak Republic
- 3-7 November 2007: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 17-21 November 2008: Minsk, Belarus
Educational resources

- Ethics and policy
- Ethics and healthcare
- Ethics and public debate
Assisting Bioethics Committees

1. identification and data collection about existing committees
2. provision of practical information
3. technical support

GEObs database 2

Series of Guidebooks
1. Establishing Bioethics Committees
2. Bioethics Committees at work
3. Educating Bioethics Committees
Assisting Bioethics Committees

Established; first training

- Madagascar
- Togo
- Guinea
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Jamaica

In process of establishing

- Brazil
- El Salvador
- Mauritius
- Niger
- Cape Verde
- Chad

Memorandum of Understanding

3 years project of assistance

- Year 1: - training working methods
  - documentation
  - training secretariat
- Year 2: - training ethics
  - partnerships
  - public event
- Year 3: - training ethics
  - networking
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ELABORATION: explain in more detail

• 2006-7: IBC working group on Consent (Articles 6 and 7)

• 2006-9: IBC working group on Social Responsibility and Health (Article 14)

• 2008: IBC working group on Human Vulnerability and Personal Integrity (Article 8)
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