

International Round Table

Biomedical Research in Developing Countries: the Promotion of Ethics, Human Rights and Justice

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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

Unanimously adopted
by 191 Member
States, October 2005

15 basic
principles



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*

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

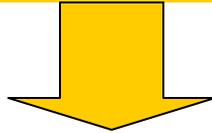
- take all appropriate measures
- encourage establishment of **ethics committees**

Art. 23: **Bioethics education, training and information**

Art. 24: **Internation cooperation**

Art. 25: Follow-up-action by UNESCO

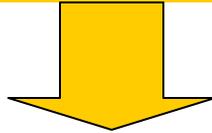
Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights



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

1114 experts

225 institutions

192 programmes

22 countries; 461 instruments

151 codes

139 resources

Freely accessible

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

www.unesco.org/shs/ethics/geobs

Interactive Geographical Search

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Latin America & the Caribbean



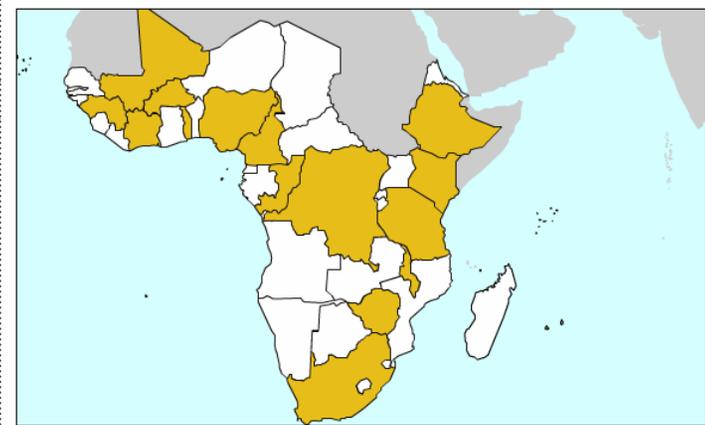
Europe & North America



Arab States



Africa



Asia & the Pacific



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Entries

World

1314

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Global Ethics Observatory

- Database 4: Legislation and guidelines

October 200: 22 countries

Australia

Brazil

Cook Islands

Egypt

Ethiopia

Fiji

Germany

Hungary

Indonesia

Israel

Japan

Jordan

Kiribati

Nauru

Niue

Tuvalu

Panama

Samoa

Solomon
Islands

South Africa

Tonga

Vanuatu

UNDBHR

* principle of consent

Bioethical themes

* medical research with
human beings

Legal categories

* domestic laws

**relevant texts of legal
documents**

Database 6 Search Tool

Français Español Русский العربية 中文

Global Ethics Observatory (GEObs)



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Database 6: Resources in Ethics

Find a resource in ethics

There are currently 139 resources registered in the database.

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Select an area:

- Animal ethics
- Bioethics
- Dental ethics
- Engineering ethics
- Environmental ethics
- Ethics and law
- Ethics and social sciences
- Food ethics
- Medical ethics
- Nursing ethics
- Pharmacy ethics
- Philosophical ethics
- Religious ethics
- Science ethics
- Space ethics
- Technology ethics
- Other

Select a language:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- Russian
- Spanish
- Other

Select a status:

- Copyright
- Open source

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

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Ethics Education Programme

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)

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192 programs

Database 3: Ethics Teaching Programmes

Global Ethics Observatory (GEO)

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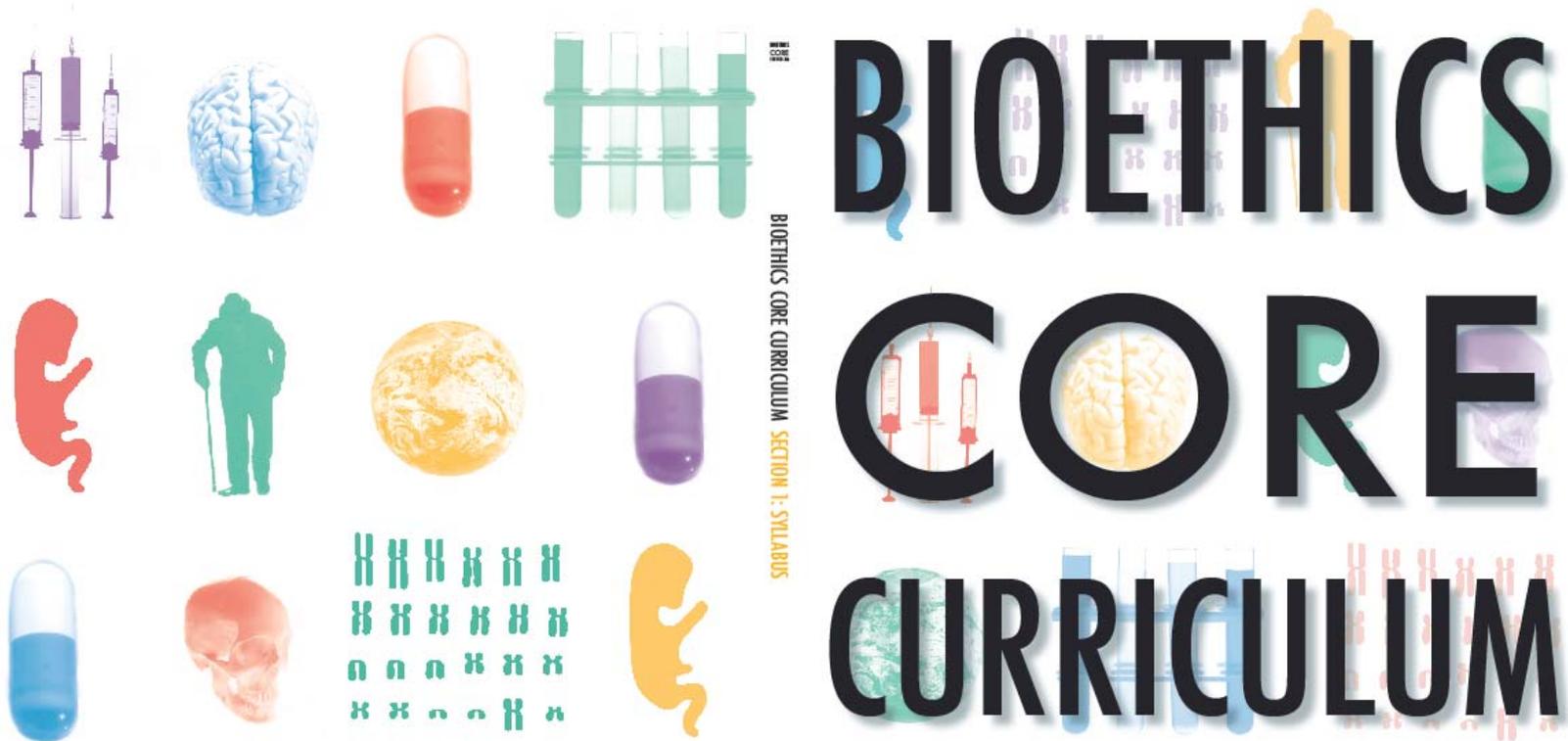
Database 3: Ethics Teaching Programmes

Find a teaching program related to ethics

There are currently 50 teaching programmes registered in the database.

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Name of Teacher	<input type="text"/>
Faculty/Department/School	Select a faculty: <input type="text"/>
Entry Requirements for Students/Academic Background of Students	Select a requirement: <input type="text"/>
Level of University Teaching	Select a level: <input type="text"/>
Course Language	Select a language: <input type="text"/>
Number of Students Enrolled	Select a number range: <input type="text"/>
Total Number of Teaching Hours	Select a number range: <input type="text"/>
Total Number of Student Working Hours	Select a number range: <input type="text"/>
Status of the Program	Select a status: <input type="text"/>
Objectives of the Program	Select an objective: <input type="text"/>
Mandatory Study Materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Any <input type="radio"/> Yes

UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum



Please submit all feedback and materials to:

Ethics Education Programme (Bioethics Core Curriculum)
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Email: eep@unesco.org
Website: www.unesco.org/shs/ethics/eep



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

SECTION 1: SYLLABUS ETHICS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Sector for Social and Human Sciences
Division of Ethics of Science and Technology

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

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Ethics Education Programme

Ethics teacher training course

Objectives:

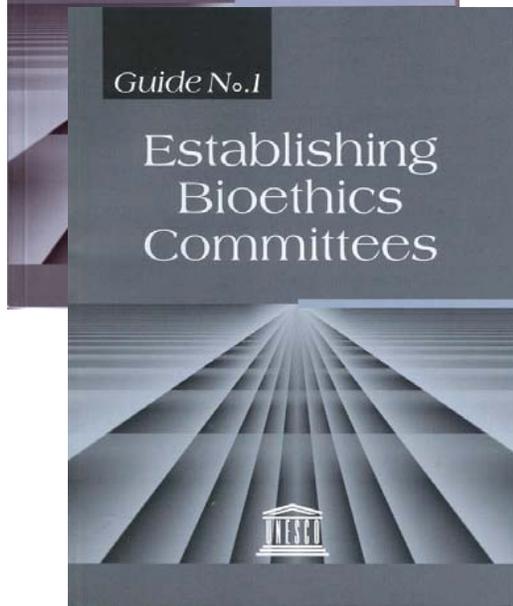
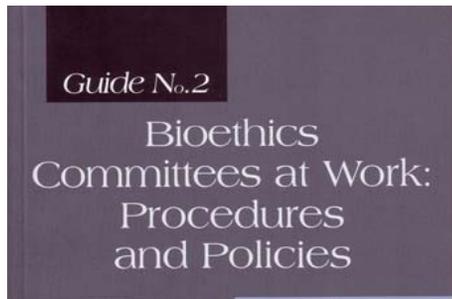
- a. Learning how to teach ethics
- b. Empowering a new generations of ethics teachers

Courses

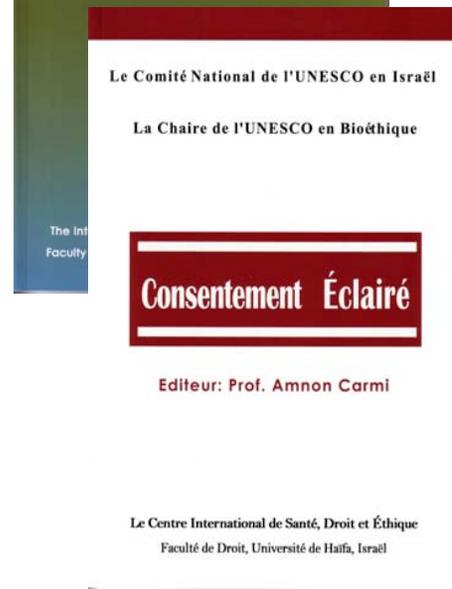
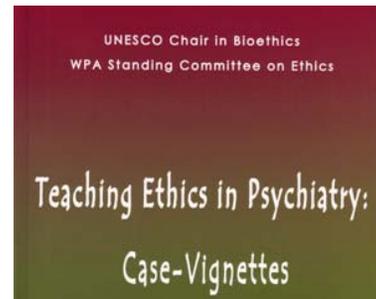
- *30 October – 4 November 2006*: Bucharest, Romania
- *9-13 July 2007*: Egerton University, Kenya
- *10-14 September 2007*: Bratislava, Slovak Republic
- *3-7 November 2007*: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- *17-21 November 2008*: Minsk, Belarus

Educational resources

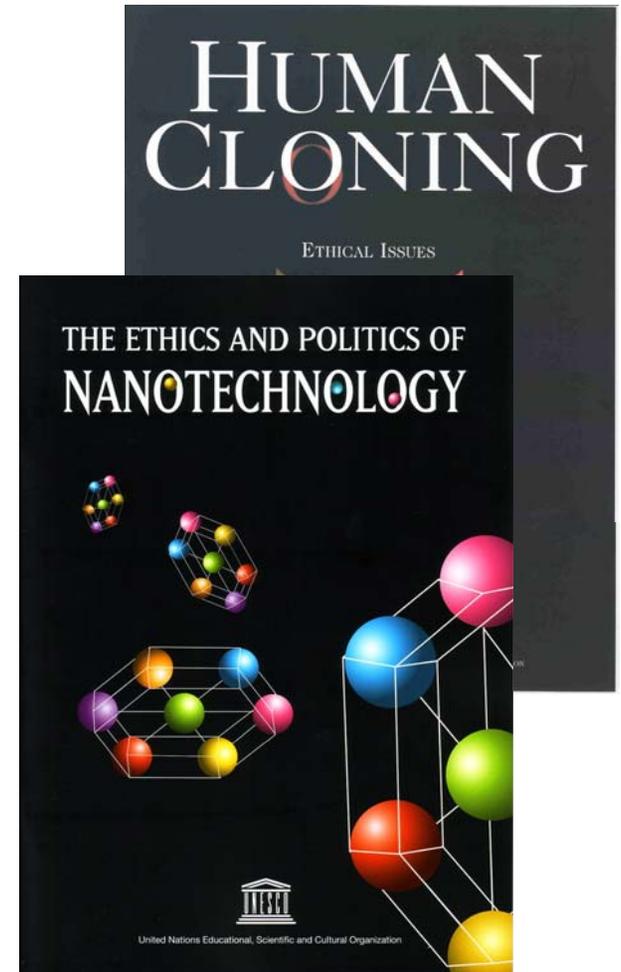
Ethics and policy

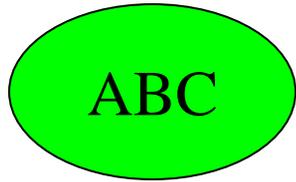


Ethics and healthcare



Ethics and public debate





Assisting Bioethics Committees

1. identification and data collection about existing committees



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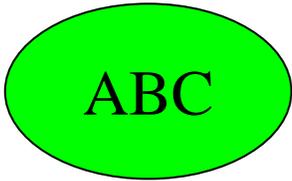
2. provision of practical information



Series of Guidebooks

1. *Establishing Bioethics Committees*
2. *Bioethics Committees at work*
3. *Educating Bioethics Committees*

3. technical support



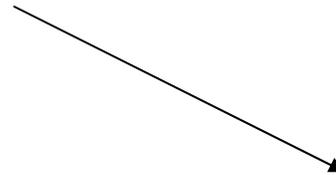
Assisting Bioethics Committees

technical support

Established; first training

Madagascar
Togo
Guinea
Gabon
Ghana
Jamaica

Memorandum
of
Understanding



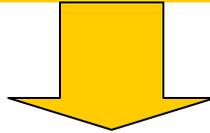
In process of establishing

Brazil
El Salvador
Mauritius
Niger
Cape Verde
Chad

3 years project of assistance

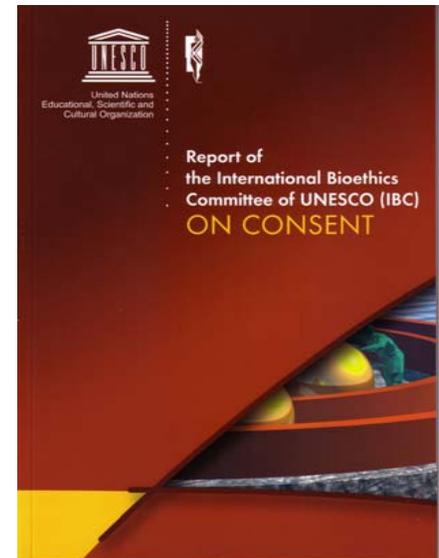
- Year 1: - training working methods
- documentation
- training secretariat
- Year 2: - training ethics
- partnerships
- public event
- Year 3: - training ethics
- networking

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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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Our website:

www.unesco.org/shs/ethics