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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

Human security: Report of the Secretary-General (A/64/701)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/64/701>

The Secretary-General has issued a report on Human Security (A/64/701). The report is issued pursuant to paragraph 143 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome (A/RES/60/1). The report summary notes that: It takes stock of discussions on human security, its various definitions and its relationship to State sovereignty and the responsibility to protect. The report also outlines the principles and the approach for advancing human security and its application to the current priorities of the United Nations. Key human security initiatives undertaken by Governments, regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations, as well as the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, are presented as examples of the reach of this important concept and its growing acceptance. The report concludes by identifying the core elements and the added value of human security and provides a set of recommendations as a follow-up to the above-mentioned commitment contained in the World Summit Outcome.

International Donors' Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti

<http://www.haiticonference.org/>

A ministerial conference was held at the United Nations in New York on March 31, 2010. Co-hosted by the United States and the United Nations, and organized with the collaboration of several Member States, the goal of the conference was to mobilize international support for the development needs of Haiti in an effort to lay the foundation for Haiti's long-term recovery.

The Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity (UNESCO)

English: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/files/29600/12690062213safety_of_journalists_27_session.pdf/safety_of_journalists_27_session.pdf

French: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/files/29600/12690062215safety_of_journalists_27_session_FR.pdf/safety_of_journalists_27_session_FR.pdf

The International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) monitored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has issued this new report. Submitted as a follow-up to the Decision on the Safety of Journalists adopted at the 26th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the IPDC in March 2008, it provides an overview and background information on the killings of journalists. It also gives

information on the status of the judicial inquiries conducted on each of the killings condemned, and on the actions taken to prevent the impunity of the perpetrators.

UNRIC Library Poster Gallery

<http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/26160>

The United Nations produces posters for conferences, observances, campaigns, etc. Many are available online for download. On this new website you will find a selection of posters available at the UNRIC Library. Some of the poster images serve as links to larger size, or high-resolution versions available for download.

Peace and Security

2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) - 3 – 28 May 2010, UN Headquarters

English: <http://www.un.org/en/conf/npt/2010/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/conf/npt/2010/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/conf/npt/2010/>

The 2010 Review Conference is expected to consider a number of key issues, including: universality of the Treaty; nuclear disarmament, including specific practical measures; nuclear non-proliferation, including the promoting and strengthening of safeguards; measures to advance the peaceful use of nuclear energy, safety and security; regional disarmament and non-proliferation; implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East; measures to address withdrawal from the Treaty; measures to further strengthen the review process; and ways to promote engagement with civil society in strengthening NPT norms and in promoting disarmament education.

Concept note on post-conflict peacebuilding: comprehensive peacebuilding strategy to prevent the recurrence of conflict (S/2010/167)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2010/167>

The President of the Security Council for April 2010, Japan, has issued a concept paper for the Security Council debate held on 16 April 2010.

Digest of Terrorist Cases (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/terrorism/09-86635_Ebook_English.pdf

The Digest of Terrorist Cases is a specialized tool developed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime's Terrorism Prevention Branch, with the support of the Governments of Colombia, Germany and Italy, in line with its mandate to strengthen the legal regime against terrorism. It draws upon actual investigations, prosecutions and legal experiences concerning terrorist cases reviewed and commented on by national experts involved. The Digest is organized around seven thematic chapters, each referring to several legal cases. The themes covered are: Offences for terrorist acts already committed; Offences to prevent terrorist acts; Relationship between terrorism and other forms of crime; The statutory framework for terrorism prosecutions; Investigation and adjudication issues; International cooperation; Innovation and proposals.

Opérations de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies : Revue de l'année 2009

http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/documents/yir2009_fr.pdf

En 2009, la réponse des Nations Unies aux conflits et aux crises politiques a évolué pour continuer à protéger les personnes vulnérables et consolider une paix encore fragile à travers le monde. 2009 a vu le plus grand déploiement sur le terrain de forces de maintien de la paix. La Revue de l'année 2009 met en lumière les efforts faits en matière de

maintien de la paix à travers le monde et s'intéresse à des questions liées à la paix et à la sécurité internationales.

Report of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto

http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/Pakistan/UN_Bhutto_Report_15April2010.pdf

News Focus: Bhutto assassination inquiry

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=77&Body=Bhutto&Body1=>

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 28 February 2010

(DPI/1634/Rev.106, March 2010)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/bnote.htm>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/bnote.htm>

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions - Background Note: 28 February 2010 (DPI/2166/Rev.82, March 2010)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/ppbm.pdf>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/pdf/ppbmf.pdf>

Economic & Social Development

The Biotechnology Initiative

English: <http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/biotechnology/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/globalissues/biotechnology/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/globalissues/biotechnology/>

The revolution in the life sciences has been progressing for several decades. But it has now moved into a new phase. New opportunities and challenges are emerging, and these warrant the close attention of the international community. Developments in biology, information technology, and the physical and engineering sciences are now coming together to spawn new inter-disciplinary areas in the life sciences. Almost limitless possibilities for new applications of biotechnology in health, agriculture, energy, industry, and the environment are opening up, but there are also new safety, security and ethical concerns. It is on this basis that a new Biotechnology Initiative has been developed at the UN Secretariat. The programme is coordinated by the Strategic Planning Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. These web pages aim to provide information to a global audience about the work of the Biotechnology Initiative, and also give objective summaries of the various technologies, their applications in key sectors, and the policy and ethical issues that relate to them.

Clearing the Waters: A focus on Water Quality Solutions (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/PDF/Clearing_the_Waters.pdf

The publication addresses the urgency of controlling pollution and preserving water quality around the world. The past few decades have focused on the importance of water quantity in meeting basic human and ecosystem needs for water. Water quality is as important as water quantity for satisfying human and environmental needs, and yet has received far less investment, scientific support, and public attention.

Facts for Live: Fourth edition (UNICEF)

<http://www.factsforlifeglobal.org/resources/factsforlife-en-full.pdf>

Almost 9 million children died in 2008 from preventable illnesses (pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, measles and AIDS) before reaching their 5th birthday. This edition has new sections and chapters, such as Newborn Health and Child Protection.

International labour migration: A rights-based approach (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/migrant/download/rights_based_approach.pdf

Summary:

http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/migrant/download/rights_based_es_en.pdf

Amid growing challenges due to the global economic crisis, this new study published by the International Labour Organization highlights the need to adopt a "rights-based approach" to provide a "fair deal" for the world's 105 million migrant workers. It examines trends in international labour migration, its impacts on origin and destination countries, and conditions of work experienced by migrant workers. The study also explores how standards can be used in the formulation and implementation of migration policies and practices.

Sochi 2014 - Report of the UNEP 2nd Expert Mission, 28-30 January 2010

http://www.unep.org/PDF/PressReleases/REPORTOFTHEUNEP_2ndEXPERT_MISSION.pdf

At the invitation of the Government of the Russian Federation and in partnership with the Sochi 2014 Olympic Organizing Committee, a UNEP expert team undertook a mission to Sochi from 28 to 30 January 2010 to assess preparations in the lead up to the games. The mission produced a report, which was prepared on the request of the Russian government, presenting key findings and recommendations.

Sick Water? The central role of wastewater management in sustainable development a rapid response assessment (UNEP/UN-HABITAT)

http://www.grida.no/res/site/file/publications/sickwater/SickWater_screen.pdf

Transforming wastewater from a major health and environmental hazard into a clean, safe and economically-attractive resource is emerging as a key challenge in the 21st century. This new report says some two million tons of waste, estimated to equal two or more billion tons of wastewaters being discharged daily into rivers and seas spreading disease to humans and damaging key ecosystems such as coral reefs and fisheries.

Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Salvador, Brazil, 12-19 April 2010)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/conf/crimecongress2010/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/conf/crimecongress2010/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/conf/crimecongress2010/>

United Nations Crime Prevention Congresses have been held every five years since 1955 in different parts of the world, dealing with a vast array of topics. They have made a considerable impact on the field of international crime prevention and criminal justice and influenced national policies and professional practices.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD 2012)

<http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/rio20/>

This new website was launched by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development (DSD/DESA) after the General Assembly adopted a resolution agreeing to hold UNCSD in 2012, also referred to as 'Rio+20'. The site currently provides information about the First Preparatory Committee meeting to be held in May and will be updated with more developments on UNCSD 2012 preparations.

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) - new website

English: <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/development/desa/index.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/development/desa/index.shtml>

DESA's new website is available in all six official UN languages with a completely revamped design. New features of the site include the news feed feature on the home page and a new "About Us" section.

World Anti-Piracy Observatory – WAPO (UNESCO)

English: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=39055&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

French: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=39055&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Spanish: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/es/ev.php-URL_ID=39055&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

The World Book and Copyright Day, on 23 April, highlights the importance of the fight against piracy to preserve creativity. WAPO, launched in January 2010, is a web-based reference tool that provides detailed information on anti-piracy activities worldwide.

Human Rights

Human Rights Dimension of Poverty in Afghanistan (OHCHR)

http://www2.ohchr.org/SPdocs/Countries/AF/PovertyReport_30032010.doc

Patronage, corruption, impunity and over-emphasis on short-term security issues rather than targeted long-term development are exacerbating the already dire poverty affecting more than two-thirds of all Afghans, according to a report published by the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The report paints an alarming picture of a population in deep economic distress eight years after the 2002 Bonn Agreement promised a new beginning after decades of conflict. Despite an estimated injection of some USD 35 billion during the period 2002-2009, some nine million Afghans (36 percent of the population) are believed to live "in absolute poverty" and a further 37 percent live only slightly above the poverty line.

Humanitarian Affairs

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries 2009: Statistical Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged in Europe and Selected Non-European Countries (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/4ba7341a9.html>

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has released its annual report on asylum seekers, Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries 2009. The report indicates that the number of asylum-seekers remained stable in 2009 and that Afghans passed Iraqis to top the list of asylum applicants.

New information material

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail: info@unric.org

Réaffirmer les droits de l'homme pour tous la Déclaration universelle à 60 ans : Rapport final. (Soixante et unième Conférence annuelle du Département de l'information pour les organisations non gouvernementales, 3-5 septembre 2008, Paris, Siège de l'UNESCO). Nations Unies. New York. Janvier 2009. vi, 93 p. + CD-ROM.

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in April

0 Geneva Publications

Multilateralization of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle: The Need to Build Trust / Yury Yudin.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xiii, 81 p. (UNIDIR/2010/1)
Sales No. GV.E.10.0.1. ISBN 978-92-9045-197-6.
Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-1-978-92-9045-197-6-en.pdf>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Examen de la politique de l'investissement : Burundi.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. xi, 118 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2009/17)
Sales No. F.10.II.D.10. ISBN 978-92-1-212376-9.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/diaepcb200917_fr.pdf

UNCTAD 1964-2009: Milestones in closing the development gap.
United Nations. Geneva. January 2010. 47 p. (UNCTAD/OSG/CIO/2009/1)

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

A Common Regulatory Language for Trade and Development.
(Trade and Investment Guides 10)
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. viii, 45 p. (ECE/TRADE/375)
Sales No. E.09.II.E.19. ISBN 978-92-1-117016-8.
Online version: http://www.unece.org/trade/wp6/SectoralInitiatives/START/ECE_TRADE_375.pdf

Dam safety in Central Asia: Capacity-building and regional cooperation.
(Water Series No. 5)
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vii, 74 p. (ECE/MP.WAT/26)
Sales No. E.07.II.E.10. ISBN 978-92-1-116962-1.

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

2009 Annual Report: Seizing the Green Opportunity.
United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi. 2010. 94 p.
ISBN 978-92-807-3071-5.
Online version: <http://www.unep.org/publications/ebooks/annual-report09/index.aspx>

III.W International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

Basic Documents and Case Law: 2009 CD-ROM.
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Arusha, Tanzania. 2009.
Sales No. B.09.III.P.3. ISBN 978-92-1-056729-9.
Online version: <http://www.ictrcaselaw.org/>

Basic Documents and Case Law: 1995-2009 DVD-ROM.
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Arusha, Tanzania. 2009.
Sales No. B.09.III.P.4 ISBN 978-92-1-056730-5.
Online version: <http://www.ictrcaselaw.org/>

V International Law

Reports of International Arbitral Awards / Recueil des Sentences Arbitrales: Volume XXVI.
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xii, 799 p. plus 1 map & 1 CD-ROM.
(ST/LEG/RIAA/26)
Sales No. B.06.V.7. ISBN 978-92-1-033097-8.
Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/cod/riaa/index.html>

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

62^a Conferencia Annual DIP/ONG, 9 a 11 de septiembre de 2009, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Ciudad de México, México: ¡Desarme Ahora! Trabajemos por la Paz y el Desarrollo; Informe Final.
DPI/NGO. Enero 2010. viii, 83 p.

62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference, 9 – 11 September 2009, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico City, Mexico: For Peace and Development – Disarm Now! Final Report.
DPI/NGO. December 2009. viii, 80 p.

XIV Human Rights (including Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR)

Conférence d'examen de Durban: Document final.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. 24 p. (HR/PUB/09/4)

Durban Review Conference: Outcome Document.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. 22 p. (HR/PUB/09/4)
Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Press/Durban_Review_Conference_outcome_document.pdf

World Health Organization (WHO)

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1064, Vol. LXIV, No. 2, February 2010 / Edition n° 1064, Vol. LXIV, n° 2, février 2010.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2010. xii, 307 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/446)

Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

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