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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

A/66/50 - Preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/66/50>

Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(9 – 13 May 2011, Istanbul, Turkey)

English: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home>

French: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/lang/fr/home>

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

The purpose of the conference is to assess the results of the 10-year action plan for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on LDCs in Brussels, Belgium, in 2001; and to adopt new measures and strategies for the sustainable development of the LDCs into the next decade.

Compact for Inclusive Growth and Prosperity: Report of the United Nations Secretary-General's Eminent Persons Group on the Least Developed Countries

(Blue Ribbon Report on Least Developed Countries (UNLDC-IV / UN-OHRLLS))

English: http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/ldc/shared/EPG_Report_ENGLISH_w_v2.pdf

French: http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/ldc/shared/EPG_Report_FRENCH_w_v2.pdf

The Eminent Persons Group report released ahead of the global conference on the least developed countries in May 2011 says that these countries can break out of a decades-long poverty trap, depending on determined national action and international support. The report also shows upward progress in category after category of economic and human well-being indicators by developed and dynamic developing countries, while LDC trends are close to flat-lining.

2011 General Assembly High-level Meeting on AIDS (New York, 8-10 June 2011)

<http://www.unaids.org/en/aboutunaids/unitednationsdeclarationsandgoals/2011highlevelmeetingonaids/> (*interim website*)

Thirty years into the AIDS epidemic, and 10 years since the landmark UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, the world will come together to review progress and chart the future course of the global AIDS response at the 2011 UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS from 8–10 June 2011 in New York. Member States are expected to adopt a new Declaration that will reaffirm current commitments and commit to actions to guide and sustain the global AIDS response.

Uniting for universal access: towards zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths (A/65/797)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/65/797>

Thirty years into the AIDS epidemic, investments in the AIDS response are yielding results, according to a new report released on 31 March 2011 by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The report highlights that the global rate of new HIV infections is declining, treatment access is expanding and the world has made significant strides in reducing HIV transmission from mother to child.

Report of the Secretary-General's Panel of Expert on Accountability in Sri Lanka (31 March 2011)

http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/Sri_Lanka/POE_Report_Full.pdf

The panel of experts set up to advise Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on accountability issues with respect to the final stages of the conflict in Sri Lanka has found credible reports of war crimes committed by both the Government and Tamil rebels and calls for genuine investigations into the allegations, according to a report made public on 25 April 2011 by the United Nations.

UN and Sustainability – new website

English: <http://www.un.org/en/sustainability/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/sustainability/>

In 2007, on World Environment Day (5 June), Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, with the above words, made public his ambition to make the United Nations more efficient in its operations. In October 2007, at the meeting of the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the Executive Heads of UN agencies, funds and programmes committed to move their respective organizations towards climate neutrality, and developed the UN Climate Neutral Strategy.

Peace and Security

New Disarmament Website

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/>

The new structure allows users to find information faster and provides the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) with an interactive platform for promoting messages and engaging key stakeholders. New feature: SPOTLIGHT (latest news) and slideshow.

25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster (26 April 2011)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/chernobyl/25anniversary/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/chernobyl/25anniversary/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/chernobyl/25anniversary/>

An explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986 spread a radioactive cloud over large parts of the Soviet Union, now Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Federation. On 26 April 2011, the General Assembly will hold a special commemorative meeting in observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster.

See also "**News Focus: Chernobyl - 25 years after**":

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=116&Body=Chernobyl&Body1=>

The European Union's Role in Promoting and Implementing the Responsibility to Protect in Africa: Turning Political Commitments into Effective Action (UNU-CRIS, BRIGG Paper 2011/1)

http://www.cris.unu.edu/fileadmin/workingpapers/BRIGG_papers/BRIGG_2011-1.pdf

At the 2005 World Summit, an important normative shift occurred in the definition of sovereignty as the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) gained prominence. This paper, issued by the United Nations University - Comparative regional integration studies, investigates how the European Union (EU) has promoted the R2P principle at the EU and the international level and to what extent the EU has channelled its support for R2P into concrete action in Africa. The paper shows that while the EU has remained an active supporter of R2P at the international level, this enthusiasm has not been transmitted into its own policies or championed by any EU Member State. The EU has at its disposal a wide range of crisis management tools, yet is still far from applying them through coherent action, let alone under the R2P umbrella. Africa has great potential in developing its own peace and security framework, but this remains a long-term project. In this regard, EU support remains essential through political dialogue, sustainable financing and concrete projects to strengthen the African Peace and Security Architecture.

Palestinian State-Building: A Decisive Period (Ad Hoc Liaison Committee Meeting, Brussels, 13 April 2011)

http://www.unsco.org/Documents/Special/UNs%20Report%20to%20the%20AHL%2013_April_2011.pdf

This new report - prepared by the office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO)- highlights progress made by the Palestinian Authority in building institutions necessary for a functioning State, while stressing the need for Israel to roll back "measures of occupation" and for an urgent resumption of negotiations between the two sides.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 28 February 2011

(DPI/1634/Rev.118, March 2011)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote010101.pdf>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/documents/bnotepkf.pdf>

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 28 February 2011 (DPI/2166/Rev.93, March 2011)

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 Assistance Programme - The Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (UNECE)

http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/ENV_TEIA_AP.pdf

This publication was created in recognition that some countries required help to fully implement the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. In

particular, the Programme has been developed to help the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe. It details the history of the Programme, preventing and responding to industrial accidents, and evaluates its effectiveness.

e-Atlas of Global Development (World Bank)

<http://data.worldbank.org/atlas-global>

The e-Atlas of Global Development is a free, online, interactive tool, which maps and graphs more than 175 indicators from the World Bank's development database. Its launch coincides with the release of a new print edition of the Atlas of Global Development a concise and up-to-date reference for journalists, teachers, students, and anyone interested in better understanding today's critical development issues.

Germany: A Job-centred approach (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/@publ/documents/publication/wcms_153779.pdf

Despite a dramatic decline in output as a result of the global financial and economic crisis, Germany's labour market held up well compared with other countries. Although the economy shrank by 4.7 per cent in 2009, more than in most other countries, employment fell by only 0.2 per cent, whereas the average for the industrialised countries was five times worse than in Germany. This was the conclusion reached by the first comprehensive assessment of Germany's policy to tackle the crisis, issued by the ILO. This country review is part of a series title: 'Studies on Growth with Equity' prepared by the International Institute for Labour Studies.

Global Monitoring Report 2011: Improving the Odds of Achieving the MDGs (World Bank / IMF)

<http://www.worldbank.org/gmr2011>

Two-thirds of developing countries are on track or close to meeting key targets for tackling extreme poverty and hunger. This year's Global Monitoring Report delves into country performance and reveals a diverse, and often hopeful, picture. For example, among developing countries that are falling short on the Millennium Development Goals, half are close to becoming on-track. With improved policies and faster growth, these countries can still achieve the targets in 2015 or soon after.

Global Virtual Knowledge Centre to End Violence Against Women and Girls

<http://www.endvawnow.org>

This Centre - supported by UN Women - has been updated with a fresh design and navigation, and new content, including a learning module on working with the health sector and translations of its legislation module. It offers over 700 practical tools in over 50 languages to assist programmers, policy-makers and advocates working to end violence against women worldwide.

Growth, Employment and Decent Work in the Least Developed Countries (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/empelm/info/docs/lang--fr/WCMS_153868/index.htm

Prepared for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in Istanbul from 9-13 May, 2011, the study examines the relationship between GDP growth, employment and decent work in the LDCs within a longer term perspective but focusing on the last decade. It addresses a number of key issues in growth and development across the three main regions of Africa, Asia and the Island countries, also highlighting challenges and opportunities for structural changes, job creation and poverty eradication.

Kosovo Human Development Report 2010: Social Inclusion (UNDP)

<http://www.ks.undp.org/repository/docs/HDR-2010-English.pdf>

This UNDP report highlights two particular factors for policy change that also concern Kosovo's international partners: lack of social cohesion and a failure of self-reliance. The report identifies social groups feeling the bite of exclusion more deeply than others. These groups risk becoming Kosovo's invisible population unless they are moved quickly up the policy prioritization ladder and made the primary focus of Kosovo's development agenda.

Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN (UN Sustainability Report)

Report, summary & press release:

<http://www.unep.org/Documents/Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=664&ArticleID=8687&l=en&t=long>

The United Nations has released details of its greenhouse gas emissions for 52 institutions, covering 200,000 employees, in a new report published as part of ongoing efforts to reduce the organisation's carbon footprint. The report, co-ordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), calculates the UN's total greenhouse gas emissions for 2009 at 1.7 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent, or 8.3 tonnes per capita.

World Development Report 2011 (World Bank)

<http://wdr2011.worldbank.org/fulltext>

Report in English, Overview, Report Synopsis and Facts & Figures also available in French, Spanish and Portuguese.

More than 1.5 billion people live in countries affected by violent conflict. The World Development Report 2011 examines the changing nature of violence in the 21st century, and underlines the negative impact of repeated cycles of violence on a country or region's development prospects. Preventing violence and building peaceful states that respond to the aspirations of their citizens requires strong leadership and concerted national and international efforts. The Report is based on new research, case studies and extensive consultations with leaders and development practitioners throughout the world.

Human Rights

Evaluating Human Rights Training Activities: A Handbook for Human Rights Educators (Professional Training Series No. 18)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/EvaluationHandbookPT18.pdf>

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) joined efforts with Equitas – International Centre for Human Rights Education to develop this handbook, which aims to support the rigorous, systematic and continuous evaluation of human rights training activities for adult learners in a variety of settings. The Handbook builds on existing research and practice in educational evaluation; it equips human rights educators with basic knowledge in evaluation and with step-by-step guidance, including examples of tools and techniques adaptable to different contexts.

Humanitarian Affairs

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries 2010 (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/4d8c5b109.html>

This new report, released by The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), gives a statistical overview of asylum applications lodged in Europe and selected non-European countries and notes a dramatic fall in the number of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world over the last 10 years.

Disaster Relief 2.0 Report: The Future of Information Sharing in Humanitarian Emergencies (OHCA)

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/VVOS-8FDL7N/\\$File/full_report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/VVOS-8FDL7N/$File/full_report.pdf)

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Foundation and Vodafone Foundation released at the Dubai International Humanitarian Aid & Development Conference a landmark publication examining how technology is reshaping the information landscape in which aid groups respond to sudden onset emergencies. The report analyzes how the humanitarian community and the emerging volunteer and technical communities worked together in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and recommends ways to improve coordination between them in future emergencies.

New OCHA Portal

<http://www.unocha.org>

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has launched a new portal. If you have any comments or feedback you can mail them at unocha@un.org.

New ReliefWeb Site

<http://reliefweb.int>

Using the latest web technology, the site has been designed to make it easier for you to get to the humanitarian content that you need, or to have it delivered to you by email or RSS.

To Stay and Deliver: Good practice for humanitarians in complex security environments (OCHA)

http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/Stay_and_Deliver.pdf

The study captures the best practices that have enabled aid organisations to work in high-risk areas, maintain operations, and provide protection and life-saving assistance to people in need. Over the past decade, violent attacks against humanitarian workers tripled, reaching over 100 deaths per year.

New information material

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

Africa Renewal, Volume 25, No.1, April 2011. 27 p.

"Investing in Africa".

Online version: <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol25no1/index.html>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Julio de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 7.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 32 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-22042s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Abril de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 4.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 12 p.

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, July 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 7.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 28 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/F83E803FA2A9B407852577FA0069848B>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, April 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 4.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 9 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/FAB7E40DDE929EE3852577C2006EB638>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, juillet 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 7.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 34 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-22042f.pdf>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, avril 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 4.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 12 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-22546f.pdf>

Corrections Update, Volume 1. October 2009.

Published by DPKO, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI). 13 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/cljas/corrections.pdf>

Corrections Update, Volume 2, October 2010.

Published by DPKO, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI). 36 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/cljas/corrections02.pdf>

Dossier de presse : Quatrième Conférence des Nations Unies sur les pays les moins avancés, Istanbul, Turquie, du 9 au 13 mai 2011.

Département de l'information des Nations Unies. DPI/2569. Avril 2011.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/lang/fr/home/pid/16505>

Justice Update, Volume 1, April 2010.

Published by DPKO, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI). Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service (CLJAS). 29 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/cljas/justice042010.pdf>

Press Kit: The Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011.

United Nations Department of Public Information. DPI/2569. April 2011.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home/pid/16506>

The United Nations and Water / Journal of the Colegio de ingenieros de caminos, canales y puertos, No. 91, 2010. 95 p.

Spanish online version: <http://www.ciccp.es/revistaIT/portada/index.asp>

United Nations System in Belgium: Directory (Updated version 2011). 14 p.

Online version: http://www.unbrussels.org/images/pdf/UNBT_directory.pdf

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in April

I General Information and Reference

Tugire Ubumwe: Let's Unite! Teaching lessons from the Rwanda genocide / by Rubert Bazambanza. 2011. 28 p.

Online version & contact form to request printed copies:

<http://www.un.org/preventgenocide/rwanda/education.shtml>

This graphic novel was produced by the Outreach Programme on the Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations, in collaboration with Rwandan artist and genocide survivor Rupert Bazambanza. It is designed for a young audience and uses the example of Rwanda to promote respect for diversity and reconciliation.

Chronique ONU, Volume XLVII, Numéro 3, 2010. 42 p.

« Qu'est-ce que l'Impact universitaire des Nations Unies? »

Online version :

http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/lang/fr/home/archive/issues2010/un_academic_impact

Yearbook of the United Nations 2007: Volume 61.

United Nations. New York. 2010. xvi, 1617 p.

Sales No. E.09.I.1. ISBN 978-92-1-101226-2.

Yearbook collection online (1946-2005): <http://unyearbook.un.org>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Différends entre investisseurs et État : Prévention et modes de règlement autres que l'arbitrage (Études de la CNUCED sur les politiques d'investissement international au service du développement).

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. xxvii, 137 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2009/11)

Sales No. F.10.II.D.11. ISBN 978-92-1-212375-2.

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/diaeia200911_fr.pdf

The Financial and Economic Crisis of 2008-2009 and Developing countries.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xiv, 324 p. (UNCTAD/GDS/MD/2010/1)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.11. ISBN 978-92-112818-5.
Online version: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/WebFlyer.asp?intItemID=5881>

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Principes directeurs pour la définition, d'objectifs, l'évaluation des progrès et l'établissement de rapports : Protocole sur l'eau et la santé à la Convention sur la protection et l'utilisation des cours d'eau transfrontières et des lacs internationaux. Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. xiii, 51 p. (ECE/MP.WH/5, EUDHP1003944/4.2/2/1)
Sales No. F.10.II.E.12. ISBN 978-92-1-216522-6

UNECE Countries in Figures 2010.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xiv, 138 p. (ECE/CES/12/1)
Sales No. E.11.II.E.1. ISBN 978-92-1-117037-5.

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

International Trade Forum, Issue 4, 2010. 39 p.
"Global value chains"
Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/1202>

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, four, 2010: Civil society and nuclear disarmament / Forum du désarmement, quatre, 2010: La société civile et le désarmement nucléaire (UNIDIR - United Nations Institut for Disarmament Research / Institut des Nations Unies pour la Recherche sur le Désarmement)
English online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2010-46-en
French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2010-4-fr

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1076, Vol. LXIV, No. 2, February 2011 / Edition n° 1076, Vol. LXIV, n° 2, février 2011.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. xii, 319 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/458)
Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

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