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## New websites within the UN system

### UN in General

#### United Nations Environment Assembly

English: <http://unep.org/unea/>

French: <http://unep.org/french/unea/landing.asp>

Spanish: <http://unep.org/spanish/unea/landing.asp>

From 24 to 28 June 2014, the first session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of the United Nations Environment Programme will convene at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi with more than 1,200 participants, including Environment Ministers, Government delegates and representatives of major groups and stakeholders. The overarching theme of the first session is "Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including sustainable consumption and production", which is designed to inform ongoing discussions on the formulation of a set of targets and indicators that would succeed the Millennium Development Goals.



UNEA

United Nations Environment Assembly  
of the United Nations Environment Programme  
*Towards A Life of Dignity for All*



#### United Nations Yearbook - new and improved website

<http://unyearbook.un.org/>

Enhancing the standing of the Yearbook as the authoritative reference on the annual activities and concerns of the United Nations system, the new website boasts a powerful search engine and enhanced, e-book quality readability across all platforms and mobile devices. A scrolling gallery of Yearbook cover art provides clickable access to each of the 63 published Yearbook volumes.

#### UNOG Library Research Guide: People of African Descent

<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/africandescent>

This guide provides links to the most relevant UN documents (resolutions, reports, declarations, treaties) on people of African descent, a group of specific interest to the United Nations because of the discrimination it continues to suffer even after the end of the historic slave trade. It also highlights the collections of the UNOG Library on the topic - both print and online resources (books, articles, journals, and databases). In addition, key websites have been selected by your UNOG librarians to help you to keep up-to-date on this subject.

## Peace and Security

### **Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guide: Counter-Terrorism**

<http://research.un.org/en/counter-terrorism>

### **Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guide: The Situation in Ukraine**

<http://research.un.org/en/ukraine>

### **News Focus: Ukraine**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=153&Body=Ukraine&Body1=>

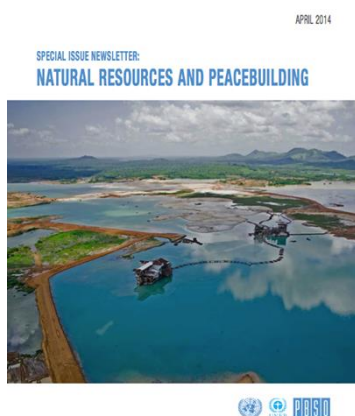
### **Security Council Concept Note: Threat to international peace and security: prevention of and fight against genocide (16 April 2014)**

*English, French & Spanish:* <http://undocs.org/S/2014/265>

The Security Council held a briefing on the prevention of and fight against genocide on 16 April 2014. In order to help steer the discussion on the subject, the delegation of Rwanda has prepared this concept note.

### **Natural Resources and Peacebuilding - Special Issue Newsletter (PBSO / UNEP)**

[http://www.un.org/en/peacebuilding/pbso/pdf/PBSO\\_UNEP\\_NRM&Peacebuilding\\_newsletter.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/peacebuilding/pbso/pdf/PBSO_UNEP_NRM&Peacebuilding_newsletter.pdf)



The UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) in collaboration with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) have issued a newsletter dedicated to natural resources and peacebuilding. In many post-conflict countries and fragile contexts, natural resources are a cornerstone for peacebuilding and development. The challenge lies in sustainably transforming a country's natural assets into employment, livelihoods, revenues, infrastructure and state services without creating new sources of conflict or causing major environmental damage. This new Special Issue Newsletter is dedicated to exploring the latest developments at the field and policy levels in the UN system in addressing natural resources and peacebuilding. It aims to showcase and share lessons learned by practitioners and policy makers in an effort to support an emerging community of practice in this field.

### **United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)**

*English:* <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/minusca/>

*French:* <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/missions/minusca/>

*Spanish:* <http://www.un.org/es/peacekeeping/missions/minusca/>

Concerned with the security, humanitarian, human rights and political crisis in the Central African Republic and its regional implications, the Security Council authorized on 10 April 2014 deployment of a multidimensional United Nations peacekeeping operation – MINUSCA, with the protection of civilians as its utmost priority. Its other initial tasks included support for the transition process; facilitating humanitarian assistance; promotion and protection of human rights; support for justice and the rule of law; and disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and repatriation processes.

The newly established mission subsumed the UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) on the date of the establishment and has been set to take over authority in military and police matters from the African Union-led peacekeeping operation – MISCA – on 15 September 2014.

**United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 28 February 2014 (DPI/1634/Rev.154, March 2014)**

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

German: <http://www.unric.org/html/german/dpi1634dt.pdf>

**United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 28 February 2014 (DPI/2166/Rev.128, March 2014)**

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

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

German: <http://www.unric.org/html/german/dpi2166dt.pdf>

**Action for Disarmament: 10 Things You Can Do! (UNODA)**

Publishing information: <http://is.gd/ggP4gN>

Digital preview: <http://is.gd/JdznLE>

In a world where weapons remain a threat to humanity, this UN Sales publication speaks to young people by encouraging them to engage in an active and thoughtful way in this important issue for all of humankind. It is full of practical ideas including starting a discussion group, hosting a film screening, or creating an event where students and their friends can become informed, express their opinions and reach out to others on this important subject.



## Economic & Social Development

**Burden of disease from Household Air Pollution for 2012 (WHO)**

[http://www.who.int/phe/health\\_topics/outdoorair/databases/FINAL\\_HAP\\_AAP\\_BoD\\_24March2014.pdf](http://www.who.int/phe/health_topics/outdoorair/databases/FINAL_HAP_AAP_BoD_24March2014.pdf)

Air pollution – both indoor and outdoor – killed some 7 million people across the globe in 2012, making it the world’s largest single environmental health risk, according to new figures released by the UN World Health Organization (WHO) on 25 March 2014.

**Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability (IPCC)**

<http://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/>

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a report today that says the effects of climate change are already occurring on all continents and across the oceans. The world, in many cases, is ill-prepared for risks from a changing climate. The report also concludes that there are opportunities to respond to such risks, though the risks will be difficult to manage with high levels of warming.

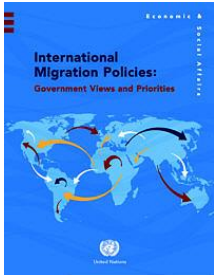
**Global Study on Homicide (UNODC)**

Report in English, Executive Summary in English & Spanish: <http://www.unodc.org/gsh/>

Almost half a million people (437,000) across the world lost their lives in 2012 as a result of intentional homicide, according to a new study launched on 10 April 2014 by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Globally, some 80 per cent of homicide victims and 95 per cent of perpetrators are men. Almost 15 per cent of all homicides stem from domestic violence (63,600). However, the overwhelming majority - almost 70 per cent - of domestic violence fatalities are women (43,600). Over half of all homicide victims are under 30 years of age, with children under the age of 15 accounting for just over 8 per cent of all homicides (36,000), the Study highlighted.

### **International Migration Policies : Government Views and Priorities (DESA)**

<http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/policy/international-migration-policies-report-2013.shtml>



This report describes Government views and policy priorities related to immigration and emigration, and how these have evolved along with changing international migration patterns for 196 countries. It provides information on levels and trends in international migration, policies to influence the level of immigration, policies to promote immigration of highly skilled workers, policies to foster the integration of migrants into the host society, including naturalization policies, and other policies designed by Governments in countries of origin, such as policies on emigration, acceptance of dual citizenship, policies to encourage the return of citizens, and measures to promote involvement of diaspora in countries of origin.

### **Multidimensional Poverty Assessment Tool (MPAT)**

<http://www.ifad.org/mpat/>

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will unveil on 3 April a simple and innovative tool that will change the way rural development can be analysed and measured. The Multidimensional Poverty Assessment Tool (MPAT) is the result of a collaborative, international initiative started in 2008 and led by IFAD. It provides a clear picture of rural poverty's key dimensions by taking into account the complex realities on the ground. By pointing development partners to areas where support is most needed and by monitoring and measuring the actions and initiatives implemented to improve rural lives and livelihoods, MPAT can facilitate and enhance successful interventions.

### **Reading in the Mobile Era (UNESCO)**

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002274/227436e.pdf>

Mobile technology can advance literacy and learning in underserved communities around the world, according to a new report published on 23 April 2013 by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day.

The report highlights that hundreds of thousands of people currently use mobile technology as a portal to text. Findings show that in countries where illiteracy rates are high and physical text is scarce, large numbers of people read full-length books and stories on rudimentary small screen devices.



## **Human Rights**

### **OHCHR Management Plan 2014-2017**

[http://www2.ohchr.org/english/ohchrreport2014\\_2017/omp\\_web\\_version/index.html](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/ohchrreport2014_2017/omp_web_version/index.html)

The goal for the Plan is to make the most of the resources in implementing the human rights mandate of the United Nations. The six thematic priorities are: strengthening international human rights mechanisms; enhancing equality and countering discrimination; combating impunity and strengthening accountability and the rule of law; integrating human rights in development and the economic sphere; widening the democratic space; and the early warning and protection of human rights in situations of conflict, violence and insecurity. This is the first time that OHCHR has identified a set of thematic priorities for a four year period. OHCHR also commissioned a review of forecasting studies.

## **Progress and Obstacles in the Fight against Impunity for Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (April 2014)**

English: <http://is.gd/5LP8BL>

French: <http://is.gd/di63Y4>

Rape and sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) remain very serious concerns, with thousands of victims, in particular in the east of the country, over the past four years, according to a UN report released on 9 April 2014. The report also indicates that, while some progress has been made in the fight against impunity for sexual violence, much more needs to be done to hold perpetrators of sexual violence accountable.

## **Report on the human rights situation in Ukraine (15 April 2014)**

[http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/UA/Ukraine\\_Report\\_15April2014.doc](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/UA/Ukraine_Report_15April2014.doc)

Misinformation, propaganda and incitement to hatred need to be urgently countered in Ukraine to avoid the further escalation of tension in the country, according to a UN human rights report issued on 15 April 2014. The report by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights looks at the root causes of the protests that have taken place since November 2013, including corruption and widespread economic inequality, as well as the lack of accountability for human rights violations by the security forces and weak rule of law institutions. It also assesses the human rights situation in Crimea, including in the context of the 16 March referendum, and makes recommendations for the way forward.

## **Humanitarian Affairs**

### **Education Cluster (UNICEF / Save the Children)**

<http://educationcluster.net/>

The Education Cluster is an open formal forum for coordination and collaboration on education in humanitarian crises. The Education Cluster brings together NGOs, UN agencies, academics, and other partners under the shared goal of ensuring predictable, well coordinated and equitable provision of education for populations affected by humanitarian crises.

This new platform offers more flexibility in terms of structure and visual identity and strengthens the exchange of information across clusters. It contains broad information on the Education Cluster, both at global and country level, tools and resources, videos, news, information on upcoming events as well as key contact information.

### **Saving Lives Today and Tomorrow: Managing the Risk of Humanitarian Crises (OCHA)**

Report: <http://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/OCHA%20SLTT%20Web%20Final%20Single.PDF>

Overview & Highlights:

<http://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/OCHA%20SLTTHighlights%20Web%20Final%20Single.pdf>

Humanitarian organizations face a choice: Should they continue to respond to the growing number of people affected by crises, with the commensurate increase in resources and efficiency gains that this will require? Or is a more fundamental shift required, towards a model which—working with Governments and the development sector—not only fine tunes and improves the response to humanitarian crises, but learns to anticipate them, to act before they become catastrophes and to prevent their recurrence? An increasing number of experts and practitioners are concluding that the second option is not only preferable, but essential. This report aims to explain why, and how to make that shift a reality.

## International Law

### Transparency Registry (UNCITRAL)

<http://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/>

The Transparency Registry is a central repository for the publication of information and documents in treaty-based investor-state arbitration. The Transparency Registry has been established under the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based investor-State Arbitration (the "Rules on Transparency"), effective as of 1 April 2014.

## New information material

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail: [info@unric.org](mailto:info@unric.org)

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## NEW TITLES added to the library collection in April

### II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

The Value of Forests: Payment for Ecosystem Services in a Green Economy (Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper 34).

United Nations. Geneva. 2014 83 p. (ECE/TIM/SP/34)

Sales No. E.14.II.E.2. ISBN 978-92-1-117071-9.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/publications/SP-34-PES.pdf>

### World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 92, Issue 4, April 2014, p. 229-308.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/92/4/en/index.html>

Health and environment: communicating the risks.

WHO Regional Office for Europe. Copenhagen, Denmark. 2013. Vii, 54 p.

ISBN 978-92-890-00512.

Online version: [http://www.euro.who.int/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/233759/e96930.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/233759/e96930.pdf)

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