

August 2015 (125th issue)

New UN websites & publications

UN in General

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/70/1)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/70/1>

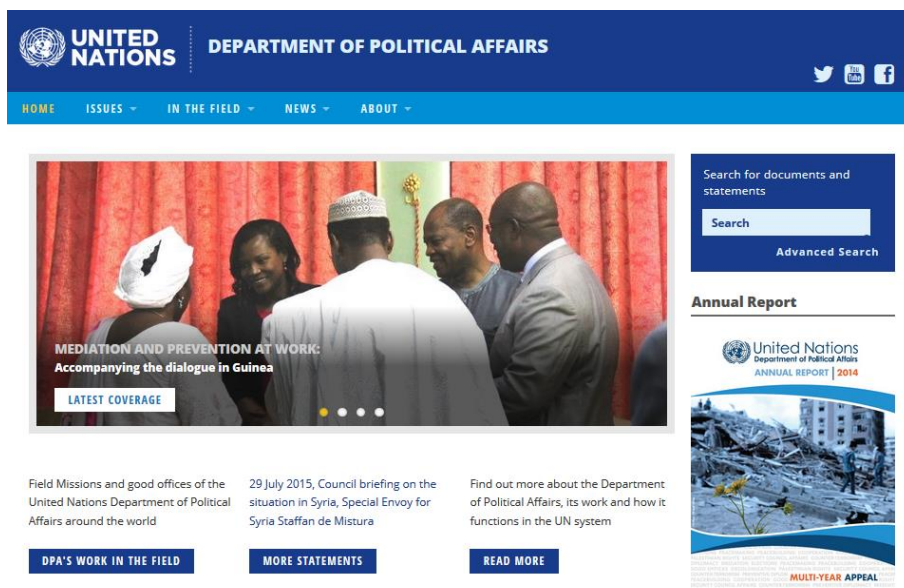
The Annual Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization is now available. The annex to the report includes "Millennium Development Goals, targets and indicators, 2015: statistical tables".

Department of Political Affairs (DPA) - new website

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

Redesigned through a collaborative effort with the Department of Public Information's (DPI) Web Development Unit, the new site has a clean, airy look and user-friendly design that complies with the web accessibility initiative. A more engaging layout illustrates DPA's work with photos, videos, and graphics. The site also features easy access to DPA's multimedia magazine, Politically Speaking, and links to the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the Security Council, and UN Peacemaker.

The new look is not just at Headquarters. The majority of DPA's Special Political Missions and Good Offices are also moving to the new platform, known as Drupal. The United Nations Electoral Observation Mission in Burundi (MENUM) was the first to launch. Since 1 January 2015, some 30 websites are currently being revamped by a joint effort between the Department of Field Support (DFS), DPA, DPI, and the Department for Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO).



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the UN Department of Political Affairs website, including the UN logo, the text "UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS", and social media icons for Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook. Below the navigation bar is a main content area with a large image of a group of people in a meeting. The image is captioned "MEDIATION AND PREVENTION AT WORK: Accompanying the dialogue in Guinea" and includes a "LATEST COVERAGE" button. To the right of the image is a search bar with the text "Search for documents and statements" and a "Search" button, along with a link to "Advanced Search". Below the search bar is a section for the "Annual Report" featuring a cover image of the "United Nations Department of Political Affairs ANNUAL REPORT | 2014" and a "MULTI-YEAR APPEAL" banner. At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: "DPA'S WORK IN THE FIELD", "MORE STATEMENTS", and "READ MORE".

Transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Finalised text for adoption (1 August)

<http://un4.me/1LfbpmC>

The 193 Member States of the United Nations reached agreement on 2 August 2015 on the draft outcome document that will constitute the new sustainable development agenda that will be adopted this September by world leaders at the Sustainable Development Summit in New York. Concluding a negotiating process that has spanned more than two years and has featured the unprecedented participation of civil society, countries agreed to an ambitious agenda that features 17 new sustainable development goals that aim to end poverty, promote prosperity and people's well-being while protecting the environment by 2030.

A Post-2015 Monitoring and Accountability Framework / by José Antonio Ocampo (CDP Background Paper No. 27, August 2015)

http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/cdp/cdp_background_papers/bp2015_27.pdf

This paper proposes a bottom-up, multi-layered and multi-stakeholder framework for the accountability of the post-2015 agenda. It would be built upon national follow-up processes supported by the UN country teams, and complemented by consultations (and possibly peer reviews) at the regional level, and global accountability exercised by the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), with support from the ECOSOC system, UN organizations and other relevant international organizations. It would also be accompanied by parallel accountability mechanisms for civil society and the private sector as key partners in the achievement of the post-2015 development agenda.

Useful tips »



UN Documents

Did you know you can type in the address bar of your browser: 'undocs.org' and 'document symbol' to view a document?

Example:

To find Security Council Resolution S/RES/1969(2011), you would only need to type in [undocs.org/S/RES/1969\(2011\)](http://undocs.org/S/RES/1969(2011)) and hit enter.

If you want the document in French, type 'undocs.org/fr', and you can do that for all the 6 official languages!

You can also visit <http://ods.un.org/> to do a search or subscribe to receive new official documents, including the Journal, at <http://undocs.org/>

Peace and Security

Concept note for the Security Council open debate on peace and security challenges facing small island developing States

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2015/543>

The Security Council held an open debate on 30 July 2015 on the subject "Maintenance of international peace and security: peace and security challenges facing small island developing States". The Security Council President for the month of July, New Zealand, had prepared this concept note.

Concept note for the Security Council briefing on peace and security in Africa: the global response to the 2013 Ebola virus disease outbreak

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2015/600>

The Security Council held a briefing on 13 August 2015 on the global response to the 2013 Ebola virus disease outbreak. The Security Council President for the month of August, Nigeria, had prepared this concept note.

Concept note for the Security Council open debate on the maintenance of international peace and security: regional organizations and contemporary challenges of global security

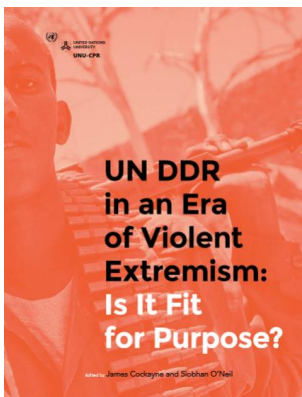
English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2015/599>

The Security Council held an open debate on regional organizations and contemporary challenges of global security on 18 August 2015. The Security Council President for the month of August, Nigeria, had prepared this concept note.

Guidebook on CEDAW general recommendation no. 30 and the UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security (UN Women)

<http://un4.me/1N9xAg2>

The purpose of this Guidebook is to increase knowledge about general recommendation no. 30 and the Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security, and how these frameworks can be used to strengthen and reinforce each other. The Guidebook provides information on the content of the general recommendation and the Security Council resolutions and on the reporting and monitoring mechanisms. It includes a checklist for States parties reporting to the CEDAW Committee and also provides some examples of where the general recommendation and Security Council resolutions have been referred to in the CEDAW Committee's concluding observations and lists of issues to States parties. The Guidebook also contributed to the global study on implementation of Security Council resolution 1325.



UN DDR in an Era of Violent Extremism: Is It Fit for Purpose? (UNU-CPR)

<http://un4.me/1KtBb6g>

This publication is a collection of essays by senior experts that contemplate the future of principled UN DDR (Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration) programming and support in conflict scenarios where there is no peace to keep, forcing DDR programming to operate in the shadow of offensive operations, and there is a proliferation of radicalized combatants, many of them suspected members of listed terrorist groups.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 June 2015 (DPI/1634/Rev.170, August 2015)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote0615.pdf>

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>

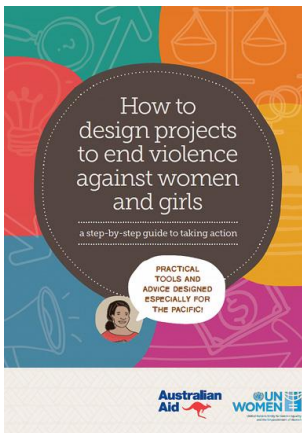
United Nations Peace Operations – new website

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

The UN is working towards peace in several regions around the world. Scroll down for a comprehensive list of all missions' websites and social media links to learn more about our peacekeeping, peacebuilding and conflict prevention activities.



Economic & Social Development



How to design projects to end violence against women and girls: a step-by-step guide to taking action (UN Women)

<http://un4.me/1ToPT5T>

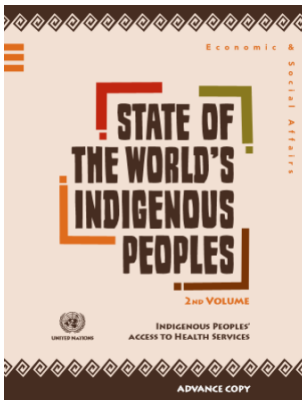
Violence against women and girls in the Pacific region is a serious and complex issue requiring urgent action. After years of advocacy by women's rights and civil society organisations, Pacific Island governments have begun to adopt laws and policies to address this issue. However, governments and civil society organisations continue to face a number of barriers, including access to funding and resources, as well as a need for capacity building in key areas of project design and implementation. This toolkit was developed by UN Women's Pacific Regional Ending Violence against Women Facility Fund (Pacific Fund) in response to requests by stakeholders for practical, user-friendly materials and resources that would help them design and implement successful projects to end violence against women and girls.

International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (UNODC)

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/statistics/iccs.html>

When people need to talk about crime at the international level, there is a multitude of terms and concepts which are hard to compare, and which prevent a common understanding and measurement of criminal activities. Language is only part of the problem (for example, the Spanish term *robo* can be translated into English both as *robbery* or *theft*). The differences in legal definitions and statistical categories are even more sensitive. Data on *intentional homicides*, for example, may include involuntary manslaughter in one country but not in another; *kidnapping* may include the abduction of minors or not; and concepts such as

cybercrime or *trafficking in protected species* may or may not be included in the crime statistics of different countries. The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes was developed by UNODC in order to overcome such challenges. Endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in its 46th session and by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in its 24th session, the ICCS classifies criminal offences based on internationally agreed concepts, definitions and principles in order to enhance the consistency and international comparability of crime statistics, and improve analytical capabilities at both the international and national levels. To continue developing the ICCS and to fully implement its standards, UNODC will soon unveil the tool in the six official languages of the UN.



**State of the World's Indigenous Peoples, 2nd Volume:
Indigenous Peoples' access to Health Services
(Advanced Copy)**

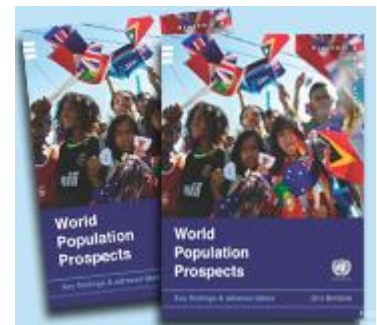
<http://un4.me/1hKE5tO>

This publication sets out to examine the major challenges for indigenous peoples to obtain adequate access to and utilization of quality health care services. It provides an important background to many of the health issues that indigenous peoples are currently facing. Improving indigenous peoples' health remains a critical challenge for indigenous peoples, States and the United Nations.

World Population Prospects, the 2015 Revision

<http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>

The world's population is projected to reach 8.5 billion by 2030, 9.7 billion by 2050 and exceed 11 billion in 2100, with India expected to surpass China as the most populous around seven years from now and Nigeria overtaking the United States to become the world's third largest country around 35 years from now, according to the 2015 Revision of World Population Prospects released on 29 July 2015. Moreover, the report reveals that during the 2015-2050 period, half of the world's population growth is expected to be concentrated in nine countries: India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Tanzania, the United States, Indonesia and Uganda.



Human Rights

Afghanistan: Midyear Report 2015; Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict, August 2015 (OHCHR / UNAMA)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/HRReports.aspx>

The Afghan conflict continued to exact a heavy toll on civilians in the first six months of 2015, with civilian casualties projected to equal or exceed the record high numbers documented in 2014, a UN report revealed on 5 August 2015. The 2015 Midyear Report on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict, prepared by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the UN Human Rights Office, documented 4,921 civilian casualties (1,592 deaths and 3,329 injured) in the first half of 2015, a one per cent increase in total civilian casualties compared to the same period in 2014. The vast majority – or 90 per cent – of civilian casualties resulted from ground engagements, improvised explosive devices, complex and suicide attacks and targeted killings, according to the report.

Humanitarian Affairs

After the Earthquake: Nepal's Children Speak Out

<http://un4.me/1GXumVw> (low resolution)

<http://un4.me/1LSc6oE> (high resolution)

UNICEF in collaboration with Plan International, Save the Children and World Vision carried out one of the largest ever child consultations undertaken following a disaster in May and June 2015 after Nepal earthquake. In the consultation report released on 25 July, children shared their top priorities as adequate shelter, to be able to return to school and to have access to safe water supplies, sanitation and health care. The report reveals the deep fears and anxieties of children, who are among the hundreds of thousands of people whose homes were destroyed.



Interoperability: Humanitarian Action in a Shared Space (OCHA Policy and Studies series 13, July 2015)

https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/OCHA_TB13_Interoperability_online.pdf

Interoperability describes the effort to optimize the response to the needs of affected people by making systems that are very different work better together in a predictable way, based on their respective comparative advantage, without co-opting them and while accommodating different values.



Yemen: Childhood Under Threat (UNICEF)

<http://un4.me/1J5VUMS>

An average of eight children are being killed or maimed every day in Yemen as a direct result of the conflict gripping the country, according to a report released by UNICEF on 19 August 2015. It says that nearly 400 children have been killed and over 600 others injured since the violence escalated some four months ago. Disrupted health services, increased levels of child malnutrition, closed schools and higher numbers of children recruited by fighting groups are among the effects of the conflict now ravaging the Arab world's poorest country.

New information material

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

Africa Renewal: "Financing the planet's future".
August 2015. 31 p.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/august-2015/>

Afrique Renouveau : « Financer l'avenir de la planète »
Août 2015. 31 p.
Online version : <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/fr/magazine/august-2015>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in August

I General Information and Reference

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015.
United Nations. New York. 2015. 72 p. Includes 2015 Progress Chart.
ISBN 978-92-1-101320-7.
Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/English2015.pdf>
Progress chart: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Progress_E.pdf

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Le développement économique en Afrique : Rapport 2015 ; Libérer le potentiel du commerce des services en Afrique pour la croissance et le développement.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2015. x, 154 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2015)
Sales No. F.15.II.D.12. ISBN 978-92-1-212408-7.
Online version: http://unctad.org/fr/PublicationsLibrary/aldcafrica2015_fr.pdf

Economic Development in Africa Report 2015: Unlocking the potential of Africa's services trade for growth and development.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2015. viii, 136 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2015)
Sales No. E.15.II.D.2. ISBN 978-92-1-112888-8.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/aldcafrica2015_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 21, Number 3. v, 82 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2014/1)
ISBN 978-92-1-112883-3.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeia2014d1_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 22, Number 1. v, 86 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2014/2)
ISBN 978-92-1-112884-0.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeia2014d2_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 22, Number 2. v, 92 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2014/3)
ISBN 978-92-1-112885-7.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeia2014d2_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Best Policy Practices for Promoting Energy Efficiency: A structured framework of best practices in policies to promote energy efficiency for climate change mitigation and sustainable development (UNECE Energy Series 43).
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2015. xii, 61 p. (ECE/ENERGY/100)
Sales No. E.15.II.E.9. ISBN 978-92-1-117091-7.
Online version:
http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/geee/pub/ECE_Best_Practices_in_EE_publication.pdf

VIII Transport and Communications

ATP as amended on 30 September 2015: Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP).
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2015. viii, 81 p. (ECE/TRANS/249)
Sales No. E.15.VIII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-139153-4.
Online version: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp11/1509197_ECE_TRANS_249_Anglais.pdf
<http://un4.me/1Krwcl>

ATP tel que modifié au 30 septembre 2015 : Accord relatif aux transports internationaux de denrées périssables et aux engins spéciaux à utiliser pour ces transports (ATP).
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2015. viii, 83 p. (ECE/TRANS/249)
Sales No. F.15.VIII.2.
Online version: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp11/1509798_ECE_TRANS_249.pdf

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 93, Issue 8, August 2015, p. 513-588.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/93/8/en/>

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