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UNRIC Library Newsletter – December 2009

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

2010 - International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=39761&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2010 - Année internationale du rapprochement des cultures

http://portal.unesco.org/culture/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=39761&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2010 - Año Internacional de Acercamiento de las Culturas

http://portal.unesco.org/culture/es/ev.php-URL_ID=39761&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2010 - International Year of Biodiversity

2010 - Année internationale de la biodiversité

2010 - Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica

<http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/>

High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

1 – 3 December 2009, Nairobi, Kenya

<http://southsouthconference.org/>

The General Assembly decided by resolution 64/1 of 6 October 2009 that the Conference is to be held "at the highest possible level". It will have the overarching theme of "Promotion of South-South Cooperation for Development" and will consist of plenary meetings and interactive multi-sector stakeholder round tables on two sub-themes: (i) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations system in supporting South-South and triangular cooperation; and (ii) South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Development: complementarities, specificities, challenges and opportunities".

The Conference is the outcome of a United Nations decision to convene such a conference on the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among developing countries (TCDC).

Voting records of the General Assembly resolutions

<http://unbisnet.un.org>

Dag Hammarskjöld Library has completed the two-year-long project of adding voting information for General Assembly resolutions previously not available online into the library catalogue (UNBISnet). With the voting records from the 1st to the 37th sessions now available, the UNBISnet provides the complete voting history on all General Assembly resolutions.

A World of Information

Workshop for UN Libraries in the Nordic and Baltic Countries - Dag Hammarskjöld Library, Uppsala University, Sweden, 19 November 2009

http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/deplib/workshop_uppsala_09.htm

The Workshop was organized by Dag Hammarskjöldbiblioteket, Uppsala University, Sweden, in cooperation with the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library in New York.

Climate Change

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 15, 7 to 18 December 2009

<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>; <http://en.cop15.dk/>

Climate Change Connections: A Resource Kit on Climate, Population and Gender

English & French: <https://www.unfpa.org/public/cache/offonce/publications/pid/4028;jsessionid=A454C07B105BEE59FC642AD733E126F4>

Developed by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) as a comprehensive resource kit on gender, population and climate change it allows one to learn how gender equality can reduce vulnerability to climate change impacts and how women are uniquely positioned to help curb the harmful consequences of a changing climate.

Children's Climate Forum

<http://uniteforclimate.org/category/childrenclimateforum/>

Children's Climate Forum organised by UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Denmark and the City of Copenhagen will take place 28 November-4 December 2009 - just before the intergovernmental negotiations on climate change (COP15) in December in Copenhagen. The 160 participants from 44 countries aged between 14 and 17 will come together to voice their concerns about the global climate change.

Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN: The UN system's footprint and efforts to reduce it (UNEP)

Report: http://www.unemg.org/sustainableun/Portals/41/documents/UNperformance/CNUN_report_scr.pdf

e-book: <http://www.unep.org/publications/MovingTowardsClimateNeutralUN/>

Press release: <http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=606&ArticleID=6424&l=en&t=long>

The report, compiled in response to the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's determination to make the UN system a climate-friendly body, indicates that the biggest international body is emitting the equivalent of 1.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, of which approximately 1 million tonnes comes from peacekeeping operations. It also includes an overview of the initial steps that have been taken by the organization to manage its greenhouse gas emissions as well as a few examples of offsetting.

Portal de la labor del sistema de las Naciones Unidas sobre el cambio climático

<http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/climatechange/lang/es/pages/gateway>

En este portal de la labor del sistema de las Naciones Unidas sobre el cambio climático se pone de relieve la labor que están realizando las Naciones Unidas y sus organismos. Aquí encontrará información relativa al cambio climático y a los organismos de las Naciones Unidas implicados, así como información sobre la Conferencia de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio Climático que se celebrará en Copenhague en diciembre de 2009, las negociaciones para concluir un acuerdo para el período posterior a 2012, declaraciones oficiales, noticias, documentos, informes e ideas sobre lo que se puede hacer para contribuir a crear un mundo más ecológicamente sano.

Toward a Global Science and Technology Policy Agenda for Sustainable Development (UNU-MERIT Policy Brief, Number 4, 2009)

http://www.merit.unu.edu/publications/pb/unu_pb_2009_4.pdf

In preparation for the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen from 7-18 December, UNU-MERIT has written a policy brief on the long-term policy commitments that are needed to combat climate change and Greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions. The UNU-MERIT team emphasises the importance of increasing spending on climate change relevant R&D to improve technologies which would reduce the marginal costs of GHG emission control and argues further that a global commitment to invest in a portfolio of R&D solutions is necessary.

UNEP Climate Pledges Site

<http://www.unep.org/climatepledges/>

People around the world can now keep tabs on countries' promises and proposals on combating climate change, thanks to a new online tool launched by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Climate Pledge Tracker was launched on 11 December 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark, where nations are currently meeting with the aim of agreeing on an ambitious new agreement. The new programme will be updated as new proposals are made in the Danish capital, and it compares and consolidates all pledges made to date with the goal of keeping global temperature rise at or under 2 degrees centigrade from pre-industrial levels.

The World Development Report 2010: Development and Climate Change (World Bank)

Report in English, Overview in French, Spanish and Portuguese:

<http://go.worldbank.org/VQDL8EDGQ0>

The Report explores how public policy can change to better help people cope with new or worsened risks, how land and water management must adapt to better protect a threatened natural environment while feeding an expanding and more prosperous population, and how energy systems will need to be transformed.

Economic & Social Development

2009 AIDS epidemic update (WHO / UNAIDS)

http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2009/2009_epidemic_update_en.pdf

This publication, published jointly by the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Health Organization, shows that since 2001 HIV infections have been reduced by 17% worldwide, 15% in sub-Saharan Africa, 25% in East Asia, 10% in South and South East Asia. The report highlights the importance of preventing programmes and explores how "modes of transmission" studies are changing the approach of HIV prevention efforts.

**Bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL:
Consolidated Bibliography (1968 - 2009)**

http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/publications/bibliography_consolidated.html

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) has created a consolidated bibliography of works related to the work of UNCITRAL for all years 1968-2009. The bibliography is organized by subjects, such as international sale of goods, international commercial arbitration, and privately financed infrastructure projects.

Making It: Industry for Development – new UNIDO magazine

<http://www.makingitmagazine.net/>

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has launched a new quarterly magazine that aims to stimulate informed debate about the role of industry as a dynamic force in wealth creation and development on the one hand, and the need to ensure the environmental and social sustainability of industry on the other. The magazine website includes additional material and relevant links, and provides a platform for discussion and debate about the intersection of industry and development.

Peace and Security

Department of Field Support, Conduct and Discipline Unit – new website

<http://cdu.unlb.org/>

The Department of Field Support's Conduct and Discipline Unit launched a new website in November. The site concerns activities by DFS and DPKO regarding peacekeeping conduct, and particularly to prevent and redress sexual exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers. The site will soon also include a database by which sexual exploitation and abuse cases can be tracked.

Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) – updated website

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

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

The DPKO website has a new, more user-friendly URL. The French website has also been significantly improved and updated.

Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2010 (UNMAS / UNDP / UNICEF)

<http://www.mineaction.org/downloads/1/PortfolioMAP2010.pdf>

This 13th edition of the annual Portfolio features overviews and project outlines for 27 countries, territories or missions affected by landmines and explosive remnants of war.

**Protecting Civilians in the Context of UN Peacekeeping Operations: Successes,
Setbacks and Remaining Challenges (OCHA / DPKO) – Advanced version**

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/EGUA-7XVSZJ/\\$file/dpko-ocha-protecting-civilians-nov09.pdf?openelement](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/EGUA-7XVSZJ/$file/dpko-ocha-protecting-civilians-nov09.pdf?openelement) or

<http://www.peacekeepingbestpractices.unlb.org/PBPS/Library/Protecting%20Civilians%20in%20the%20Context%20of%20UN%20PKO.pdf>

This study examines the creation, interpretation, and implementation of mandates for United Nations peacekeeping missions to protect civilians. Commissioned jointly by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) as an independent study, it contains insights and recommendations for the entire range of UN protection actors, including the Security Council, troop and police contributing countries, the Secretariat, and the peacekeeping operations implementing protection of civilians' mandates.

Security Council Concept Paper: "Peace and Security in Africa: Drug Trafficking as a Threat to International Security" (S/2009/615)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2009/615>

During its Presidency of the Security Council this month, Burkina Faso is organizing, under the agenda item entitled, Peace and Security in Africa, an open debate on Drug trafficking as a threat to international security. A concept paper has been prepared in preparation for this meeting to be held on 8 December (S/2009/615): "The main objectives of the debate are, on one hand, to raise awareness of the challenge posed to the international community by the increasing illicit cross-border and cross-regional drug trafficking and, on the other hand, to strengthen solidarity and cooperation in tackling this menace to international security."

Human Rights

New Online Forum for UN Business & Human Rights Mandate

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

The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Business & Human Rights (SRSG) on Business and Human Rights, John Ruggie, launched a global online forum. The purpose of the forum is to gather input for the SRSG as he develops guiding principles to operationalize the UN "Protect, Respect, Remedy" framework, as requested by the Human Rights Council. Anybody can register to participate in the discussion and post comments.

UNAMI Human Rights Report: 1 January – 30 June 2009

http://www.uniraq.org/documents/UNAMI_Human_Rights_Report15_January_June_2009_EN.pdf

The latest report of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) shows improvement beside renewed concerns on the situation of human rights in Iraq. The document makes special emphasis on the areas of rule of law and impunity, the reimplementation of the death penalty, the situation in prisons and detention centres, and allegations of torture.

Humanitarian Affairs

Urban Refugees (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4b0e4cba6.html>

As many as 50 per cent of the world's 10.5 million refugees under UNHCR's mandate are now living in cities and towns across the globe

New information material

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

Boletín sobre las medidas adoptadas por el sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales respecto de la cuestión de Palestina, Julio de 2009, Volumen XXXII, Boletín núm. 7.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 14 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-57719s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las medidas adoptadas por el sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales respecto de la cuestión de Palestina, Marzo de 2009, Volumen XXXII, Boletín núm. 3.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 20 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-57168s.pdf>

Bulletin: Mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, Mars 2009, Volume XXXII, Bulletin n° 3. Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 20 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-57168f.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, Volume XXXI, Bulletin No. 7, July 2008.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 2009. 11 p

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/6889AA2FFA31BC908525758B0052550D>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, juillet 2008, Volume XXXI, Bulletin N° 7. Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 11 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-57719f.pdf>

Día internacional de solidaridad con el pueblo palestino: Nota Informativa

Naciones Unidas. División de los derechos de los palestinos. (2009). 2 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-59770s.pdf>

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People: Information Note.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. (2009). 2 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/6A6BD340B8DDAD468525766C00665CD8>

Journée internationale de solidarité avec le peuple palestinien : Note d'information

Nations Unies. Division des droits des palestiniens (2009). 2 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-59770f.pdf>

Renewing Hope, Rebuilding Lives: Partnership between the United Nations and the European Commission in Post-Crisis Recovery.

United Nations System in Brussels. 2009. 61 p.

Online version: http://www.unbrussels.org/UN-EC_Partnership-Report_2009.pdf

Special Bulletin on the Commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2008.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. (2009). v, 73 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/C75C47006ED7294F8525760F005A3239>

United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People: Cairo, 10-11 March 2009.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. (2009). 22 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/07FAF5F8D5DDD4808525767400660B71>

Two new UNRIC Library Backgrounders in English has been issued:
Biodiversity, Responsibility to Protect

An updated version of the following UNRIC Library Backgrounder is available:
Climate Change

Copies can be requested by e-mail (info@unric.org)
or downloaded from the library website at <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library?start=3>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in December

I General Information and Reference

Index to Proceedings of the Security Council: Sixty-third year – 2008.
United Nations. New York. 2008. xxiv, 293 p. (ST/LIB/SER.B/S.45)
Sales No. E.09.I.7. ISBN 978-92-1-101193-7.

Yearbook of the United Nations 2005: Volume 59.
United Nations. New York. 2008. xv, 1686 p.
Sales No. E.07.I.1. ISBN 978-92-1-1000967-5.
Online version: <http://unyearbook.un.org>

Yearbook of the United Nations 2006: Volume 60.
United Nations. New York. 2009. xv, 1795 p.
Sales No. E.08.I.1. ISBN 978-92-1-101170-8.

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Guidance on Water and Adaption to Climate Change.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xi, 127 p. (ECE/MP.WAT/30)
Sales No. E.09.II.E.14. ISBN 978-92-1-117010-8.
Online version: http://www.unece.org/env/documents/2009/Wat/mp_wat/ECE_MP.WAT_30_E.pdf

River basin commission and other institutions for transboundary water cooperation:
Capacity for Water Cooperation in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. x, 50 p. (ECE/MP.WAT/32)
Sales No. E.09.II.E.16. ISBN 978-92-1-117012-2.
Online version: http://www.unece.org/env/water/cwc/joint_bodies/publication_CWC_english.pdf

Transboundary flood risk management: Experiences from the UNECE region.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xii, 79 p. (ECE/MP.WAT/31)
Sales No. E.09.II.E.15. ISBN 978-92-1-117011-5.
Online version: http://www.unece.org/env/documents/2009/Wat/mp_wat/ECE_MP.WAT_31_E.pdf

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Environmental Assessment of the Gaza Strip following the escalation of hostilities in December 2008 – January 2009.

United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi, Kenya. 2009. 97 p.

ISBN 978-92-807-3041-8.

Online version: http://www.unep.org/PDF/dmb/UNEP_Gaza_EA.pdf

IV Social Questions

2009 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development: Women's Control over Economic Resources and Access to Financial Resources, including Microfinance.

United Nations. New York. 2005. x, 87 p. (ST/ESA/326)

Sales No. E.09.IV.7. ISBN 978-92-1-130275-2.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/public/WorldSurvey2009.pdf>

V International Law

Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 69.

United Nations. New York. 2009. vi, 126 p.

ISBN 978-92-1-133669-6.

United Nations Juridical Yearbook 2006.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xxix, 625 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/46)

Sales No. E.09.V.1. ISBN 978-92-1-133670-2.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/law/UNJuridicalYearbook/index.htm>

VIII Transport and Communications

Recommandations relatives au transport des marchandises dangereuses: Manuel d'épreuves et de critères, Cinquième édition révisée.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. vii, 470 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5)

Sales No. F.05.VIII.4. ISBN 92-1-239100-1.

XIII Demography

World Contraceptive Use 2009.

United Nations. New York. 2009. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/285)

Sales No. E.09.XIII.7. ISBN 978-92-1-151456-8.

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1060, Vol. LXIII, No. 10, October 2009 / Edition n° 1060, Vol. LXIII, n° 10, octobre 2009.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xii, 303 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/442)

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

National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, 2007; Part IV.

United Nations. New York. 2008. xxv, 872 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.X/40, Part III)

Sales No. E.09.XVII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-161523-4.

National Accounts Main Aggregates Database: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/dnllist.asp>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 87, Number 12, December 2009, p. 885-964.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/12/en/>

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

