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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

64th Annual DPI/NGO Conference “Sustainable Societies; Responsive Citizens” 3 - 5 September 2011, Bonn, Germany

English: <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/documents/64IS1.pdf> and
<http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/documents/64AN1.pdf>

German: <http://www.unric.org/de/component/content/article/26368>

DPA Multi-Year Appeal 2011-2013

http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/undpa/shared/undpa/pdf/Multi-Year%20Appeal%202011-2013_WEB.pdf

The Department of Political Affairs (DPA) held a donor meeting on 16 November in New York to launch its Multi-Year Appeal for 2011-13. The meeting was attended by more than 50 delegations, many of whom took the floor to register support for DPA's leading efforts in preventive diplomacy and mediation, as well as electoral assistance.

This new Appeal, requesting US\$17.9 million for its first year, emphasizes the importance of voluntary funding for allowing DPA to respond rapidly and flexibly to opportunities for preventive action in the field. It constitutes DPA's first multi-year appeal and also the first to be aligned to the Strategic Framework presented to the General Assembly.

Les Nations Unies aujourd'hui

<http://www.un.org/fr/aboutun/untoday/>



La publication Les Nations Unies aujourd'hui, auparavant intitulée l'ABC des Nations Unies, reflète les multiples facettes de l'Organisation et montre comment elle interagit avec la vie des gens dans le monde entier. C'est une introduction générale au rôle et aux fonctions de l'ONU et de ses institutions spécialisées.

UNCSD 2012 (Rio+20) - new website launched

<http://www.uncsd2012.org>

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Division for Sustainable Development has launched a new website for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio+20). DESA is using a Content Management System with interactive features. This dynamic site provides new opportunities for sharing information and interacting with users. Among the news features are a newsletter, video, calendar, blog, news feeds, RSS, polls, surveys and more.



50th Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (14 December 2010)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/decolonization50/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/decolonization50/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/decolonization50/>

On 29 June 2010, recognizing the crucial role of the Declaration to the expansion of the United Nations membership, the UN General Assembly decided to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of resolution 1514 (1960), which contains the landmark document. The commemoration on 14 December 2010 will invite a renewed commitment to decolonization and emphasize that all Member States must ensure that all Non-Self-Governing Territories could exercise the right to self-determination and remove the scourge of colonialism.

Peace and Security

Security Council Concept Paper for the Security Council High-level Event on Iraq

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2010/621>

The President of the Security Council for the month of December, United States, has transmitted a concept paper for the Security Council high-level event on Iraq taking place on 15 December 2010 (S/2010/621).

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 31 October 2010

(DPI/1634/Rev.114, November 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:

31 October 2010 (DPI/2166/Rev.89, November 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 Children Left Behind: A league table of inequality in child well-being in the world's rich countries (UNICEF)

Report & Video: http://www.unicef.org/media/media_57131.html

The report has found that children in many wealthy European nations and the United States suffer greater inequality than children in numerous industrialized nations.

High Mountain Glaciers and Climate Change: Challenges to Human Livelihoods and Adaptation (UNEP)

Full Report, Interactive E-book, Maps, Graphics, Flyer, Posters:

<http://www.grida.no/publications/high-mountain-glaciers/>

Climate change is causing significant mass loss of glaciers in high mountains worldwide. Although glacier systems show a great amount of inherent complexity and variation, there are clear overall trends indicating global glacier recession, which is likely to accelerate in coming decades. Large gaps remain in our understanding and ability to model accurately the key processes and cause-effect relationships driving glacier response to climate change. In addition, a lot of data on glacier mass changes are not available to the public due to national interests concerning water supply.

The Least Development Countries Report 2010: Towards a new international development architecture for LDCs (UNCTAD)

Report in English, Summary in English, French & Spanish:

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/WebFlyer.asp?intItemID=5737&lang=1>

Current international support measures for the least developed countries (LDCs) have failed to accelerate their growth and development and significant changes are needed to ensure better support structures for the poorer States, according to this UNCTAD report. The Least Developed Countries Report 2010, released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), analyses development in the LDCs over the last decade, addressing the issue of how the international community can best support the world's poorest and most vulnerable countries.

Results of Informal Surveys on Progress in Country Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (FAO)

http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/genetics/documents/ITWG_AnGR_6/CGRF_A_WG_AnGR_6_10_Inf10.pdf

A growing number of countries are taking steps to catalogue, conserve and better manage the genetic diversity of livestock in order to help safeguard the resilience of the world's food production systems, says this informal FAO survey. FAO cautioned, however, that much more needs to be done to better manage animal genetic resources.

Revolution: From Food Aid to Food Assistance (WFP)

<http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/newsroom/wfp228797.pdf>

The World Food Programme (WFP) publication Revolution: From Food Aid to Food Assistance - Innovations in Overcoming Hunger documents a compilation of state-of-the-art food assistance innovations by WFP. It lays out both new tools and traditional responses that provide life-saving relief, improve nutrition, enhance human capital and strengthen food markets, while supporting country-led food security strategies.

Rural Poverty Report 2011 (IFAD)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.ifad.org/poverty/index.htm>

The overall rate of extreme poverty in rural areas of developing countries – people living on less than US\$1.25 a day – has dropped from 48 per cent to 34 per cent. Dramatic gains in East Asia, particularly China, account for much of the decline.

The State of African Cities 2010: Governance, Inequalities and Urban Land Markets (UN-Habitat)

English & French:

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=9141&catid=7&typeid=46&subMenuId=0>

This new report - released by the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) - warns that Africa's urban population is set to triple in the next 40 years, putting massive pressure on governments and infrastructure across the continent. It urges careful urban planning from governments to meet the needs of the poor.

UNAIDS Report on the Global Aids Epidemic 2010

http://www.unaids.org/globalreport/Global_report.htm

Global efforts to halt and even reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS are showing welcome results, with the number of people newly infected declining and AIDS-related deaths falling, according to the latest report from the United Nations agency leading the fight against the disease. This report, produced by the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), contains basic HIV data from 182 countries and includes country-by-country scorecards. It shows that an estimated 2.6 million people became newly infected with HIV, nearly 20 per cent fewer than the 3.1 million people infected in 1999. In 2009, 1.8 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses, nearly one-fifth lower than the 2.1 million people who died in 2004.

Waste and Climate Change: Global trends and strategy framework (UNEP)

<http://www.unep.or.jp/Ietc/Publications/spc/Waste&ClimateChange/index.asp>

The waste management sector is contributing 3-5 per cent of global man-made greenhouse gas emissions. Cutting emissions from the global waste sector, including the potent greenhouse gas methane, could play a part in combating climate change.

World Social Security Report 2010/11 (ILO)

Report in English, Summary in English, French & Spanish:

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/ilo-bookstore/order-online/books/WCMS_142209/lang--en/index.htm

This is the first in a new series of biennial reports - published by the International Labour Organization (ILO) - that aim to map social security coverage globally, to presenting various methods and approaches for assessing coverage, and to identifying gaps in coverage. Backed by much comparative statistical data, this first report takes a comprehensive look at how countries are investing in social security, how they are financing it, and how effective their approaches are. The report examines the ways selected international organizations (the EU, OECD and ADB) monitor social protection and the correlation of social security coverage and the ILO Decent Work Indicators. The report's final section features a typology of national approaches to social security, with a focus on countries' responses to the economic crisis of 2008 -- and the lessons to be learned, especially concerning the short- and long-term management of pension schemes.

World Youth Report 2010

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/WYR2010Final%20online%20version.pdf>

The 2010 World Youth Report focus on youth and climate change, and is intended to highlight the important role young people play in addressing climate change, and to offer suggestions on how young people might be more effectively integrated as individuals and collective agents of change within the realm of climate change adaptation and mitigation. The Report is designated to assist youth and youth organizations in educating themselves and to become more actively involved in combating the threat of climate change.

Human Rights

Harmful Traditional Practices and Implementation of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women in Afghanistan (UNAMA/OHCHR)

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

Widespread harmful traditional practices – child marriage, giving away girls for dispute resolution, forced isolation in the home, exchange marriage and "honour" killings – cause suffering, humiliation and marginalization for millions of Afghan women and girls.

Model Law against Smuggling of Migrants (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/Model_Law_Smuggling_of_Migrants_10-52715_Ebook.pdf

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has released a new publication on Model Law against the Smuggling of Migrants. The report was prepared in response to a request by the General Assembly to promote and assist the efforts of Member States to become party to and implement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto. It was developed in particular to assist States in implementing the provisions contained in the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the Convention.

Humanitarian Affairs

UNHCR 60th Anniversary

English: <http://www.unhcr.org/4d063d736.html>

French: <http://www.unhcr.fr/4d064f56c.html>

The UN refugee agency was founded on December 14, 1950, to help the forcibly displaced after World War Two. It has since assisted tens of millions.

New information material

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

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Junio de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 6.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 21 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-59481s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Mayo de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 5.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 19 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-58387s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, marzo de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 3.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 31 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-58384s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, June 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 6.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 17 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/DB244760F373DE11852577690056B69E>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, March 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 2.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 27 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/E721A5DC934013C385257744004A2145>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, juin 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 6.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 20 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-59481f.pdf>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, mai 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 5.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 19 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-58387f.pdf>

Bulletin: Mesures prises par les organismes du système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, Mars 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n°. 3.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 30 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-58384f.pdf>

Politically Speaking: Fall-Winter 2010-2011 issue (DPA).

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/news>

A new UNRIC Library Backgrounder has been issued:

Forests (English & French)

(2011 will be the International Year of the Forests)

Updated versions of the following UNRIC Library Backgrounders are available:

Biodiversity and **Somalia**

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

UN Chronicle. Volume XLVII, Number 3, 2010. 42 p.

"What is the UN Academic Impact?"

Online version: http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/archive/issues2010/un_academic_impact

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

The Least Developed Countries Report 2010: Towards a New International Development Architecture for LDCs.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xvi, 258 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2010)

Sales No. E.10.II.D.5. ISBN 978-92-1-112813-0.

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ldc2010_en.pdf

The Least Developed Countries Report 2010: Towards a New International Development Architecture for LDCs; Overview by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. 39 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2010 (Overview))

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ldc2010overview_en.pdf

Rapport 2010 sur les pays les moins avancés: Vers une nouvelle architecture internationale du développement pour les PMA ; Aperçu général du Secrétaire général de la CNUCED.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. 52 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2010 (Overview))

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/ldc2010overview_fr.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Environmental Performance Reviews: Georgia; Second Review.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xxxii, 222 p. (ECE/CEP/157)

Sales No. E.10.II.E.9. ISBN 978-92-1-117025-2.

Online version: http://www.unece.org/env/epr/epr_studies/Kyrgyzstan%20II%20En.pdf

Intergenerational Family Relationships in Ageing Societies.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. iii, 19 p.

Sales No. E.10.II.E.13. ISBN 978-92-1-117030-6.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/pau/pub/Intergenerational.htm>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Forum de comercio internacional, número 2, 2010. 39 p.

“Mercados cambiantes”

Online version: <http://www.forumdecomercio.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/850>

Forum du commerce international, numéro 2, 2010. 39 p.

“Les marchés en mutation”

Online version: <http://www.forumducommerce.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/849>

V International Law

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2003. Volume I: Comptes rendus analytiques des séances de la cinquante-cinquième session, 5 mai–6 juin et 7 juillet–8 août 2003.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. xxiii, 287 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2003)

Sales No. F.09.V.2. ISBN 978-92-1-233455-4.

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2003. Volume II, Deuxième partie : Rapport à l'Assemblée générale sur les travaux de sa cinquante-cinquième session.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010.iii, 107 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2003/Add.1 (Part 2))

Sales No. F.09.V.7 (Part 2). ISBN 978-92-1-233470-7.

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2000. Volume II, Première partie: Documents de la cinquante-deuxième session.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. iv, 304 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2000/Add.1 (Part 1))
Sales No. F.03.V.7 (Part 1). ISBN 978-92-1-233379-3.

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

Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking: Commentary.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. 255 p. + CD-ROM. (HR/PUB/10/2)
Sales No. E.10. XIV.1. ISBN 978-92-1-154190-8.

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Commentary_Human_Trafficking_en.pdf

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1071, Vol. LXIV, No. 9, September 2010 / Edition n° 1071, Vol. LXIV, n° 9, septembre 2010.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2010. xii, 368 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/453)

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 88, Number 12, December 2010, p. 877-956.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/12/en/>

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