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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

State of the World's Volunteerism Report: Universal Values for Global Well-being (UNV)

English: <http://www.unv.org/about-us/swvr2011/report.html>

French: <http://www.unv.org/nc/fr/qui-nous-sommes/swvr-2011/contexte.html>

Spanish: <http://www.unv.org/nc/es/quienes-somos/swvr-2011/antecedentes.html>

Stressing that volunteerism contributes to the well-being of individuals, communities and society, a new United Nations report released today urges countries not to forget this largely untapped asset. This report by UN Volunteers (UNV) presents for the first time empirical evidence of the importance and contribution of volunteerism on a global scale. It was released today on the occasion of International Volunteer Day, which is observed annually on 5 December and which this year also marks the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers.

UN Development Business (UNDB)

<http://www.devbusiness.com>

This publication - an important vehicle for outreach to the private sector - launched its new website in November. The website offers innovative tools and a new design for intuitive searches of business opportunities advertised by multilateral development banks, national governments and United Nations agencies. The publication is also leveraging interactive tools like Facebook and Twitter to connect with its audience and share daily updates. With its new features, the website will improve efficiency of information exchanges as an important part of the procurement process.

UN System Organizational Chart - revised version (DPI/2470/Rev.2, October 2011)

English: http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

French: http://www.un.org/fr/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

German: http://www.unric.org/html/german/organigramm_oktober2011.pdf

Economic & Social Development

Child Safety Online: Global Challenges and Strategies (UNICEF)

http://www.unicef.org/protection/files/Child_Safety_online_-_Global_challenges_and_strategies_FINAL_1Dec.pdf

For many of today's children, the Internet, mobile phones and other technologies are a constant and familiar presence. The report examines how children are using the Internet, and how they can be protected.

Corruption in the Land Sector (FAO / Transparency International)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/014/am943e/am943e00.pdf>

Unprecedented pressures on land have been created as new areas are cultivated, taken over by expanding urban centres or abandoned due to degradation, climate change and conflict," according to a paper jointly prepared by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and global corruption watchdog Transparency International (TI). "These developments have strained the rules, processes and institutions that determine which land resources are used, by whom, for how long, and under what conditions," the working paper reads.

Energy-Smart Food for People and Climate (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/014/i2454e/i2454e00.pdf>

The global food system needs to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels to succeed in feeding a growing world population. High and fluctuating prices of fossil fuels and doubts regarding their future availability mean that agri-food systems need to shift to an "energy-smart" model.

Livelihood Security: Climate Change, Migration and Conflict in the Sahel

English: <http://www.unep.org/disastersandconflicts/Introduction/EnvironmentalCooperationforPeacebuilding/EnvironmentalDiplomacy/SahelReport/tabid/55812/Default.aspx>

French: <http://www.unep.org/disastersandconflicts/Introduction/EnvironmentalCooperationforPeacebuilding/EnvironmentalDiplomacy/rapportsahel/tabid/55815/Default.aspx>

A joint study involving four UN agencies has analyzed regional climate trends over the past 40 years and their implications for the availability of natural resources, livelihoods, migration and conflict in 17 West African countries. The analysis, released in Durban at the UN Climate Change Convention talks, shows that overall temperatures have raised, droughts have been recurrent and severe, rainfall has generally increased and floods have occurred more frequently and with more intensity. The study was conducted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United Nations University (UNU) and the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS).

Women at the Frontline of Climate Change: Gender Risks and Hopes (UNEP)

http://www.grida.no/files/publications/women-and-climate-change/rra_gender_screen.pdf

Women, particularly those living in mountain regions in developing countries, are facing disproportionately high risks to their livelihoods and health from climate change, as well as associated risks such as human trafficking. Women often play a stronger role than men in the management of ecosystem services and food security. Hence, sustainable adaptation must focus on gender and the role of women if it is to become successful.

World Malaria Report 2011 (WHO)

http://www.who.int/malaria/world_malaria_report_2011/en/index.html

Executive summary and key points also available in French & Spanish.

The expansion of malaria prevention and control measures have resulted in a decline of more than 25 per cent in the number of deaths caused by the disease in the past decade,

and a 33 per cent reduction in mortality rates in Africa, the disease's heartland, according to a United Nations report unveiled today. The World Malaria Report by the UN World Health Organization (WHO) attributes the success to the widespread use of bed nets, better diagnostics and greater availability of effective drugs.

Working towards a Balanced and Inclusive Green Economy (UNEP)

<http://www.unemg.org/MeetingsDocuments/IssueManagementGroups/GreenEconomy/GreenEconomyreport/tabid/79175/Default.aspx>

The report outlines steps and policies for pursuing a green economic transformation that generates new sources of sustainable and equitable economic growth that will assist in a global economic recovery.

Human Rights

Justice in Matters involving Child Victims: Online Training (UNICEF / UNODC)

<http://www.unodc.org/justice-child-victims/>

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2011/December/free-online-course-for-justice-professionals-dealing-with-child-victims.html?ref=fs3>

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Office for Drug and Crime (UNODC) have launched an online training portal for justice professionals who deal with cases involving child victims and child witnesses of crime. The training portal, the first of its kind, will target geographically diverse criminal justice professionals, including law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, social workers, health sector workers, lawyers and informal justice providers.

Report of independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (A/HRC/S-17/2/Add.1, 23 November 2011)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/S-17/2/Add.1>

Paragraph 14 of the resolution adopted by the Council at its 17th special session entitled "The situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic", requested that the report of an independent international commission of inquiry established pursuant to paragraph 13 of the same resolution be "made public as soon as possible and, in any case, before the end of November 2011".

Study documenting discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity (A/HRC/19/41)

English:

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/19session/A.HRC.19.41_English.pdf

Spanish:

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/19session/A.HRC.19.41_Spanish.pdf

The first ever United Nations report on the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people details how around the world people are killed or endure hate-motivated violence, torture, detention, criminalization and discrimination in jobs, health care and education because of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. The report, released on 15 December by the UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, outlines "a pattern of human rights violations... that demands a response," and says governments have too often overlooked violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

International Law

The ICTY Digest - No.106: Highlights of 14/11/2011 through 25/11/2011

English: http://www.icty.org/x/file/About/Reports%20and%20Publications/ICTYDigest/2011/icty_digest_106_en.pdf

French: http://www.icty.org/x/file/About/Reports%20and%20Publications/ICTYDigest/2011/icty_digest_106_fr.pdf

The ICTY Digest is a bi-monthly update on the activities of the Tribunal. In this issue: Tribunal's Global Legacy Conference, the incoming ICTY president and vice-president, and recent developments in the Mladić case and the Rašić contempt case.

New information material

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

2012 Calendar – The United Nations: Making a Difference.

This educational wall calendar illustrates the ways the United Nations works to solve global challenges. Published in all official languages, it highlights 24 areas of UN activity, features the new UN System chart, and UN observances throughout the year.

Only available for pick-up at the UNRIC Library.

2012 Calendrier – Nations Unies : Changer la donne.

Only available for pick-up at the UNRIC Library.

2012 Calendario – Naciones Unidas: Marcando el cambio.

Only available for pick-up at the UNRIC Library.

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, julio de 2011, Volumen XXXIV, Boletín núm. 7.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 17 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-54316s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, July 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 7.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 13 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/AF92618DF0B53A6B852579250073E771>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, juillet de 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin n° 7.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 18 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-54316f.pdf>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in December

I General Information and Reference

2011 State of the World's Volunteerism Report: Universal Values for Global Well-being.
United Nations Volunteers. 2011. xxiv, 121 p.
Sales No. E.11.I.12. ISBN 978-92-1-101246-0.
Online version: http://www.unv.org/fileadmin/docdb/pdf/2011/SWVR/English/SWVR2011_full.pdf

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

The Least Developed Countries Report 2011: The Potential Role of South-South
Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable; Overview
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. 25 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2011(Overview))
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ldc2011overview_en.pdf

Rapport 2011 sur les pays les moins avancés : Contribution potentielle de la coopération
Sud-Sud à un développement équitable et durable ; Aperçu général.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. 28 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2011(Overview))
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/ldc2011overview_fr.pdf

Rapport annuel de la CNUCED 2010.
Nations Unies. Genève. Novembre 2010. 72 p. (UNCTAD/DOM/2011/1)
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/dom2011d1_fr.pdf

Technology and Innovation Report 2011: Powering Development with Renewable Energy
Technologies.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xxv, 151 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2011)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112840-6.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tir2011_en.pdf

Technology and Innovation Report 2011: Powering Development with Renewable Energy
Technologies; Overview.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. vii, 27 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2011(Overview))
Sales No. E.11.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112840-6.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tir2011overview_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 19, Number 2, August 2010. v, 111 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment,
Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2011/4 (Vol.19, No2))
ISBN 978-92-1-112832-1.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/unctaddiaeia20114a_en.pdf

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, three, 2011: Children and conflict / Forum du désarmement, trois,
2011: Les enfants dans les conflits (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=1020-7287-2011-3-en
French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2011-3-fr

XIII Demography

Rural Population, Development and the Environment 2011.
United Nations. New York. 2011. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/310)
Sales No. E.11.XIII.10. ISBN 978-92-1-151487-2.

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

International Legal Protection of Human Rights in Armed Conflict.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. iv, 119 p. (HR/PUB/11/1)
Sales No. E.11.XIV.3. ISBN 978-92-1-154191-5.
Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR_in_armed_conflict.pdf

XVII International Statistics

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1084, Vol. LXV, No. 10, October 2011 / Edition n° 1084, Vol. LXV, n° 10, octobre 2011.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. x, 323 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/466)
Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

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