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## UNRIC Library Newsletter – February 2010

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## New websites within the UN system

### UN in General

#### **Memorial website with condolence book honouring UN family members lost in the earthquake in Haiti**

English: <http://www.un.org/en/memorial/haiti/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/memorial/haiti/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/memorial/haiti/>

On 12 January 2010 at 4:53 PM, an earthquake of a magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter scale shook the earth under Haiti, leaving death, destruction and suffering in its wake. The UN's memorial website remembers those members of the UN family who lost their lives in the earthquake and lists those confirmed to have died. Visitors to the site can leave a message in the online condolence book.

#### **Haiti, January 2010**

<http://www.youtube.com/user/unitednations#p/u/0/pWj1DldmY48>

A short film marking the one-month anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti captures the first few days of UN-led rescue and relief operations.

### **2010 - International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures**

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/iyrc2010/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/iyrc2010/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/iyrc2010/>

### **Le bilan de l'année 2009**

Video en ligne : <http://www.un.org/fr/multimedia/yearinreview/index.shtml>

Les défis de l'année 2009 ont requis une coopération internationale sans précédent : la fonte des glaces de l'Arctique s'est accélérée et le monde s'est trouvé confronté à de nombreuses crises (crise alimentaire, crise de l'énergie, récession et pandémie de grippe). Parallèlement, les Casques bleus ont continué à servir dans des missions à travers le monde et la lutte contre la pauvreté et la faim s'est poursuivie.

### **Les États Membres de l'ONU**

*(UN Member States on the Record – French version)*

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/dhlf/unms/>

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library launched on Monday, 8 February 2010, the French version of the new research tool, UN Member States on the Record.

### **General Assembly, 65th session - Preliminary list of items (A/65/50)**

*English, French & Spanish:* <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/65/50>

The preliminary list of items (A/65/50) has been issued for the 65th session of the General Assembly, which will convene at UN Headquarters on Tuesday, 14 September 2010. The list includes a total of 165 preliminary items covering, among others, such topics as the promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development (items 9-28), the maintenance of international peace and security (items 29-62), the promotion of human rights (items 64-69), disarmament (items 89-106) and organization and administrative matters (items 110-165).

### **International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding (12 August 2010 – 11 August 2011)**

<http://social.un.org/youthyear/>

On the official website for this year you will find information on events planned throughout the year, as well as suggestions on how to get involved and participate.

### **“Sport for Development and Peace – The UN System in Action” - new website**

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

Learn more about why and how the UN Family and UN Member States use sport and physical education to create positive social change worldwide!

### **UN Chronicle – redesigned website**

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

The website was launched in beta on 4 December 2009. In the coming months the website's functionality will be improved and more languages added. The “UN Chronicle” is a quarterly magazine published by the United Nations Department of Public Information and available worldwide through subscription. This website currently contains articles from the print magazine from 2007 to 2009. While migrating content from the older website, please visit the archive page to access magazines from 1997 to 2006:

<http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/lang/en/home/archive/>

## **Peace and Security**

### **CTBTO launches Newsroom for journalists**

<http://newsroom.ctbto.org/>

Journalists writing about the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) need to be able to quickly find accurate and reliable information at their fingertips. With this in mind the CTBTO Newsroom has been established. Please visit the newsroom for clear and concise information about the Treaty, its purpose and status, the \$1 billion investment that has been made in it, as well as information about the benefits of the verification regime, and the Treaty organization, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

**Joint study on global practices in relation to secret detention in the context of countering terrorism..."**

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/13session/A-HRC-13-42.doc>

The two independent UN experts on counter-terrorism and torture, and two UN expert bodies on arbitrary detention and enforced or involuntary disappearances issued this study on states' use of secret detention in connection with counter-terrorism activities. The 222-page joint study, while stressing that it is "not exhaustive," lists a total of 66 states. Some are mentioned in the context of a historical analysis of secret detention practices prior to 11 September 2001, but most in connection with secret detention and related activities – including so-called 'proxy detention' and 'rendition' or 'extraordinary rendition' – over the past nine years of the "Global War on Terror."

**United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 31 December 2009**  
(DPI/1634/Rev.104, January 2010)

English: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/bnote.htm>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/bnote.htm>

**United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions - Background Note: 31 December 2009** (DPI/2166/Rev.78, January 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**

**2010 Education for All Global Monitoring Report: Reaching the Marginalized (UNESCO)**

Report in English: <http://www.unesco.org/en/efareport/reports/2010-marginalization/embargo-media/>

Summary, Press Releases and Overview in French & Spanish:

<http://www.unesco.org/en/efareport/reports/2010-marginalization/embargo-media/>

Education systems in many of the world's poorest countries are now experiencing the aftershock of the global economic downturn. The 2010 Education for All Global Monitoring Report argues that the crisis could create a lost generation of children whose life chances will have been irreparably damaged by a failure to protect their right to education. The Report examines who these children are and why they are being left behind, and shows that the cost of providing Education for All is much higher than previously estimated. The report looks at concrete solutions for making sure that no children are excluded from schooling.

**Afghanistan Opium Survey 2010: winter rapid assessment (UNODC)**

[http://www.unodc.org/documents/frontpage/Afghanistan Opium Survey 2010 Final.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/frontpage/Afghanistan%20Opium%20Survey%202010%20Final.pdf)

According to this report – issued by UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) - "the cultivation of opium in Afghanistan is likely to remain stable in 2010 but the number of poppy-free provinces may decrease" from 20 to 17. However, the report claims that "if timely poppy eradication measures are implemented and/or drought-like conditions prevail, a total of 25 provinces, an increase of 5 compared to 2009, could be poppy-free in 2010".

**Beyond the Midpoint: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (UNDP)**

Report & Executive Summary: <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/publications/poverty-reduction/poverty-website/mdgs/beyond-the-midpoint.en>

This is UNDP's forward-looking review of the factors that shape MDG progress, along with the constraints and bottlenecks that have hampered MDG achievement in many countries.

The findings build on MDG assessments in 30 countries that were undertaken for this review. The report shows that while there has been notable progress on many targets and indicators across countries, it is clear that much more needs to be done for MDG achievements to be realized by 2015.

**Global Economic Prospects 2010: Crisis, Finance, and Growth (World Bank)**

<http://www.worldbank.org/gep2010>

Report in English: <http://go.worldbank.org/OE8NEB3JPO>

Overview available in English, French and Spanish.

The global economic recovery that is now underway will slow later this year as the impact of fiscal stimulus wanes. Financial markets remain troubled and private sector demand lags amid high unemployment, according to this new report from the World Bank.

**Global Employment Trends, January 2010 (ILO)**

[http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_emp/---emp\\_elm/---trends/documents/publication/wcms\\_120471.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/---emp_elm/---trends/documents/publication/wcms_120471.pdf)

The number of jobless worldwide reached nearly 212 million in 2009 following an unprecedented increase of 34 million compared to 2007, on the eve of the global crisis, the International Labour Office (ILO) said in its annual "Global Employment Trends" report.

**The importance of China's forest products markets to the UNECE region**

<http://timber.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/publications/dp-57.pdf>

This joint publication by UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) - claims that "China has emerged as the world's second largest exporter and third largest importer in recent years" and is an important trading partner for countries in the UNECE region.

**National Human Development Report 2009 'Ties That Bind, Social Capital in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

English & Bosnian: <http://europeandcis.undp.org/home/show/56BA37D8-F203-1EE9-BDBA5775318AC81E>

Bosnia and Herzegovina has made great economic strides in the 14 years since conflict divided the country, but work remains to be done on healing social fragmentation a new report says. Through the lens of social capital, the report examines the positive and negative effects of social networks and their role in democratization, social inclusion and social cohesion.

**Recycling – From E-Waste to Resources (UNEP)**

[http://www.unep.org/PDF/PressReleases/E-Waste\\_publication\\_screen\\_FINALVERSION-sml.pdf](http://www.unep.org/PDF/PressReleases/E-Waste_publication_screen_FINALVERSION-sml.pdf)

Sales of electronic products in countries like China and India and across continents such as Africa and Latin America are set to rise sharply in the next 10 years. And, unless action is stepped up to properly collect and recycle materials, many developing countries face the spectre of hazardous e-waste mountains with serious consequences for the environment and public health, according to UN experts in a landmark report released by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Rethinking Poverty - Report on the World Social Situation 2010 (DESA)**

Report, Executive Summary and Media Kit: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/rwss/2010.html>

Global poverty levels have changed very little over the past two decades except in China and East Asia. Poverty levels remain stubbornly—and unacceptably—high in sub-Saharan Africa. The report seeks to contribute to rethinking poverty and its eradication.

### **UNAIDS Outlook 2010**

*English:* [http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2009/JC1796\\_Outlook\\_en.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2009/JC1796_Outlook_en.pdf)

*French:* [http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2010/jc1796\\_outlook10\\_fr.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2010/jc1796_outlook10_fr.pdf)

This new publication explores new ideas and ways to use the data collected in the "AIDS Epidemic Update" companion report

([http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2009/JC1700\\_Epi\\_Update\\_2009\\_en.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2009/JC1700_Epi_Update_2009_en.pdf)).

Outlook gives an overview of the epidemic with global and regional statistics, but also contains analysis offering the UNAIDS interpretation and eyes the data available in the more detailed AIDS Epidemic Update report from different angles.

### **Women in Power and Decision-Making - Online discussion**

[http://www.unifem.org/news\\_events/event\\_detail.php?EventID=321](http://www.unifem.org/news_events/event_detail.php?EventID=321)

<http://www.unifem.org/forums/governance/>

This month-long online discussion on "Women in Power and Decision-Making," facilitated by The United Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), is part of a series of UN online discussions hosted by WomenWatch, dedicated to the fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), as well as outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000). These discussions will be a contribution to the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women to take place 1–12 March 2010.

### **Youth in Cyprus: aspirations, lifestyles & empowerment - Cyprus human development report 2009 (UNDP)**

*Report in English, Summary in English, French & Greek:*

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/nationalreports/europethecis/cyprus/name,19663,en.html>

This first Human Development Report for Cyprus focuses on the lives and aspirations of the island's young people. The Report is unique as it is the first time that aspects of the life of youth in both the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities have been mapped out in tandem. This is significant given the long existing division between the two communities that has resulted in young Cypriots growing up apart from one another.

## **Human Rights**

### **Follow-up to the report of the UN Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict (A/64/651)**

*English, French & Spanish:* [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/64/651](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/64/651)

"Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" by the Secretary-General has been issued (A/64/651) pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/10 ([http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/10](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/10)) of 5 November 2009. The "Report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" was issued as (A/64/490 - [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/64/490](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/64/490)).

### **Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**

*English:* <http://www.un.org/en/pseataskforce/>

*French:* <http://www.un.org/fr/pseataskforce/>

*Spanish:* <http://www.un.org/es/pseataskforce/>

On this site you can explore the subject of protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) by personnel of the United Nations (UN), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or other international organizations.

## New information material

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

Africa Renewal, Volume 23, No. 4, January 2010. 24 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol23no4/index.html>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 February 2010.

Online version: <http://conf.un.org/DGAACS/Meetings.nsf/wByYear?OpenForm>

United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine, Qawra, Malta, 3 and 4 June 2008.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 28 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/969E4305AFED9D45852576AA00567D85>

UN Police Magazine: Sustainable Peace through Justice and Security.

United Nations. 4th edition, January 2010. DPI/2550. 20 p.

Online version: [http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/sites/police/pdf/UNPolice\\_mag4.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/sites/police/pdf/UNPolice_mag4.pdf)

## NEW TITLES added to the library collection in February

### I General Information and Reference

Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific; Bangkok, 26-29 October 2009: Report of the Conference.

United Nations. New York. 2009. iii, 25 p. (E/CONF.100/9)

Sales No. E.10.I.2. ISBN 978-92-1-101209-5.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=E/CONF.100/9>

Strengthening Dialogue: UN Experience with Small Farmer Organizations and Indigenous People.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xii, 49 p. (UNCTAD/NGLS/2009/1)

Sales No. E.09.I.18. ISBN 978-92-1-101207-1.

Online version: [http://www.un-ngls.org/IMG/pdf\\_NGLS\\_strengthening\\_dialogue\\_final.pdf](http://www.un-ngls.org/IMG/pdf_NGLS_strengthening_dialogue_final.pdf)

### II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Review of Maritime Transport, 2009: Report by the UNCTAD secretariat.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xv, 201 p. (UNCTAD/RMT/2009)

Sales No. E.09.II.D.11. ISBN 978-92-1-112771-3.

Online version: [http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/rmt2008\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/rmt2008_en.pdf)

Trade and Environment Review 2009/2010: Promoting Poles of Clean, Sustainable Growth in Developing Countries to Enhance Resilience to the Inter-related Economic, Food and Climate Crises.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xvii, 208 p. (UNCTAD/DITC/TED/2009/2)

Sales No. E.09.II.D.21. ISBN 978-92-1-112782-9.

Online version: [http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ditcted20092\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ditcted20092_en.pdf)

Transnational Corporations, Volume 18, Number 2, August 2009. v, 167 p.  
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment,  
Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2009/10 (Vol.18, No.2))  
ISBN 978-92-1-112783-6.

Online version: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=5165&lang=1>

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

Investor Interest and Capacity Building Needs (ECE Energy Series No.32, Financing Energy  
Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation Project.

United Nations. New York. 2009. vi, 171 p. (ECE/ENERGY/72)

Sales No. E.09.II.E.17. ISBN 978-92-1-117013-9.

Online version: [http://www.unece.org/energy/se/pdfs/eneff/eneff\\_pub/InvInt\\_CapBuilNeeds\\_ese32\\_e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/energy/se/pdfs/eneff/eneff_pub/InvInt_CapBuilNeeds_ese32_e.pdf)

## **III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)**

International Trade Forum, Issue 3, 2009. 42 p.

"Creative Industries: An engine for growth"

Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/1088>

International Trade Forum, Issue 4, 2009. 46 p.

"Public-privatePartnerships"

Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/1101>

## **V International Law**

Bulletin du droit de la mer. No. 68.

Nations Unies. New York. 2009. iv, 69 p.

ISBN 978-92-1-233465-3.

## **VIII Transport and Communications**

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Good: Manual of Test and Criteria; Fifth  
revised edition.

United Nations. New York et Genève. 2009. vi, 450 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5)

Sales No. E.09.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-139135-0.

## **XIII Demography**

International Migration 2009.

United Nations. New York. 2009. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/288)

Sales No. E.09.XIII.8. ISBN 978-92-1-151457-5.

Online version: [http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2009Migration\\_Chart/2009IttMig\\_chart.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2009Migration_Chart/2009IttMig_chart.htm)

Population Ageing and Development 2009.

United Nations. New York. 2009. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/290)

Sales No. E.09.XIII.10. ISBN 978-92-1-151459-9.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/ageing/ageing2009.htm>



## **IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy**

Disarmament forum, four, 2009: A Safer Space Environment? / Forum du désarmement, quatre, 2009: Un environnement spatial plus sûr ? (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=1020-7287-2009-4-en](http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2009-4-en)

French online version: [http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref\\_periodique=1020-7287-2009-4-fr](http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2009-4-fr)

## **XVII International Statistics**

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1061, Vol. LXIII, No. 11, November 2009 / Edition n° 1061, Vol. LXIII, n° 11, novembre 2009.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xii, 367 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/443)

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

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1062, Vol. LXIII, No. 12, December 2009 / Edition n° 1062, Vol. LXIII, n° 12, décembre 2009.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xii, 321 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/444)

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

## **World Health Organization (WHO)**

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 88, Number 1, January 2010, p. 1-80.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/1/en/>

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