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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

UN Secretary-General – redesigned website

English: <http://www.un.org/sg/>

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

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/sg/>

Equal parts diplomat and advocate, civil servant and CEO, the Secretary-General is a symbol of United Nations ideals and a spokesman for the interests of the world's peoples, in particular the poor and vulnerable among them. The current Secretary-General, and the eighth occupant of the post, is Mr. Ban Ki-moon of the Republic of Korea, who took office on 1 January 2007.

The Secretary-General's Five-Year Action Agenda

English: <http://www.un.org/sg/priorities/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/sg/priorities/index.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/sg/priorities/index.shtml>

On 25 January 2012 Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon outlined a series of actions he believes the global community must take over the next five years to build "the future we want." In a speech to the General Assembly last September Mr. Ban presented five imperatives – or generational opportunities – that must be addressed to ensure a better future for the world's people. These are sustainable development; preventing and mitigating conflicts, human rights abuses and the impacts of natural disasters; building a safer and more secure world; supporting countries in transition; and working to engage the talents of women and young people.

Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing; Report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability

<http://www.un.org/gsp/report>

Overview also available at http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/gsp_report_overview

Now more than ever, leaders need to focus on what matters most - the long-term resilience of people and the planet - the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability urged in its report presented on 30 January 2012 to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Addis Ababa. The 22-member Panel, established by the Secretary-General in August 2010 to formulate a new blueprint for sustainable development and low-carbon prosperity, was co-chaired by Finnish President Tarja Halonen and South African President Jacob Zuma. The Panel's final report, "Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing," contains 56 recommendations to put sustainable development into practice and to mainstream it into economic policy as quickly as possible.



UN Pulse has moved to Tumblr

<http://un-library.tumblr.com/>

The UN Pulse weblog of the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library has moved to Tumblr (<http://un-library.tumblr.com/>). Follow DHL as they continue to alert you to selected just-released UN on-line information, major reports, publications and documents.

Peace and Security

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 January 2012

(DPI/1634/Rev.129, February 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote010101.pdf>

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

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 31 January 2012

(DPI/2166/Rev.103, February 2012)

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

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/pdf/ppbmf.pdf>

Economic & Social Development

21 Issues for the 21st Century: Results of the UNEP Foresight Process on Emerging Environmental Issues

Report & Executive Summary: <http://www.unep.org/publications/ebooks/foresightreport/>

The UNEP Foresight Report contains a description of the 21 emerging environmental issues identified through the UNEP Foresight Process, including food, land, freshwater, marine, biodiversity, climate change, energy, waste, technology, better environmental governance, human behavioral change towards the environment.

Adaptation Private Sector Initiative database (UNFCCC)

<http://unfccc.int/6547>

The secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has launched a new online tool that showcases how businesses and communities can adapt to the inevitable effects of climate change. The new Adaptation Private Sector Initiative database features climate change adaptation activities pioneered by leading private companies.

GEO-5 Summary for Policy Maker (UNEP Global Environment Outlook)

English, French & Spanish: http://www.unep.org/geo/GEO5_SPM.asp

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the GEO-5 Summary for Policy Makers on 20 February 2012 as a prelude to the full report. The Summary, which was negotiated and endorsed by governments on 31 January 2012, warns of the continued deterioration in the state of the global environment, pointing out that internationally agreed goals have only been partially met. It calls for policies that focus on the underlying drivers of environmental change (such as the negative aspects of population growth, consumption and production, urbanization) rather than just concentrating on reducing environmental pressures or symptoms.

Green Economy in a Blue World

(UNEP / UNDP / FAO / IMO / DESA / IUCN / WorldFish Center / GRID-Arendal)

http://www.unep.org/pdf/green_economy_blue.pdf

Healthy seas and coasts would pay healthy dividends in a green economy, according to a report released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and partners that highlights the huge potential for economic growth and poverty eradication from well-managed marine sectors. The report argues that the ecological health and economic productivity of marine and coastal ecosystems, which are currently in decline around the globe, can be boosted by shifting to a more sustainable economic paradigm that taps their natural potential - from generating renewable energy and promoting eco-tourism, to sustainable fisheries and transport.

ICPD Beyond 2014 – new website

<http://icpdbeyond2014.org/>

ICPD Beyond 2014 is the official website for the UNFPA-led global review process of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action. This site details the progress of the Cairo vision to improve the lives of all people. ICPD Beyond 2014 aims to consolidate comprehensive information and personal reflections about the continuing relevance of the PoA. The site is open for engagement and contributions from our partners, stakeholders, and the general public.

Mobilising Men in Practice: Challenging sexual and gender-based violence in institutional setting (UNFPA)

http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2012/Mobilising_Men_in_Practice.pdf

This report – released by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) - documents the work of one such effort, the Mobilising Men initiative, led by the Institute of Development Studies (University of Sussex in Britain) with support from UNFPA. Through partnerships with civil society groups in India, Kenya and Uganda beginning in 2009, the initiative trained men to be team activists in seeking gender balances. By immersing the participants in a programme of dialogue and action that challenge the inherent nature of male privileges and power structures in society – government, academia and workplace – the men learned a lot about themselves and how they can begin to address inequities.

World Youth Report: Youth Employment: Youth Perspectives on the Pursuit of Decent Work in Changing Times

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



A lack of job opportunities, inadequate education, vulnerable working conditions and insufficient government investment are some of the main concerns of young people around the world, according to a United Nations report on youth published on 6 February 2012. The latest World Youth Report, released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), for the first time included inputs from young people – with many participating in an online discussion on youth employment.

Human Rights

Analytical study on the relationship between human rights and the environment: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/19/34)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/19/34>

This analytical study examines the key components of the relationship between human rights and the environment, with emphasis on the following themes: the conceptual relationship between human rights and the environment; environmental threats to human rights; mutual reinforcement of environmental and human rights protection; and extraterritorial dimensions of human rights and the environment.

Thematic study by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on participation in political and public life by persons with disabilities (A/HRC/19/36)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/19/36>

The present study focuses on participation in political and public life by persons with disabilities. It analyses relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, highlights good practices in the field of participation of persons with disabilities in elections and in the conduct of public affairs, and identifies the main challenges that still prevent or limit the equal and effective participation of persons with disabilities in the political and public life of their countries.

New information material

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

Africa Renewal, Special Edition on Women 2012. 43 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/special-edition-women/index.html>

Afrique Renouveau, Hors-Série Femmes 2012. 43 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/special-edition-women/index.html>

The Question of Palestine and the United Nations.

United Nations. New York. April 2011. v, 117 p. DPI/2499/Rev.1.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/DPI2499.pdf>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in February

I General Information and Reference

Groupe de réflexion sur le retard pris dans la réalisation des objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement Rapport de 2011: Huitième objectif du Millénaire pour le développement - Le partenariat mondial pour le développement : l'heure est aux résultats.

United Nations. New York. 2011. xx, 91 p.

Sales No. F.11.I.11.

Online version: http://www.un.org/fr/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG_GAP_Report2011.pdf

Grupo de Tareas sobre el desfase en el logro de los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio Informe de 2011: Objetivo de Desarrollo del Milenio 8 – La alianza mundial para el desarrollo: es hora de cumplir.

United Nations. New York. 2011. xvii, 93 p.

Sales No. S.11.I.11.

Online version:

http://www.un.org/es/comun/docs/?path=/spanish/millenniumgoals/pdf/mdg_gapreport2011_es.pdf

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to UNCTAD XIII; Development-led globalization: Towards sustainable and inclusive development paths.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xv, 136 p. (UNCTAD (XIII)/1)

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

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Environmental Performance Reviews: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Second Review.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xxx, 245 p. (ECE/CEP/164)

Sales No. E.12.II.E.1. ISBN 978-92-1-117054-2.

Online version:

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/epr/epr_studies/the_former_yugoslav_republic_of_macedonia_II.pdf

III.B United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Human Development Report 2011: Sustainability and Equity; A Better Future for All..

United Nations Development Programme. New York. 2011. xi, 176 p.

ISBN 978-0-230-36331-16.

Online version: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2011/download/>

Rapport mondial sur le développement humain 2011 : Durabilité et Equité ; Un Meilleur avenir pour tous.

Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement. New York. 2011. xi, 195 p.

ISBN 978-92-1-226037-2.

Online version: <http://hdr.undp.org/fr/rapports/mondial/rdh2011/telecharger/>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

International Trade Forum, Issue 4, 2011. 39 p.

"Aid for trade & the private sector".

Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/2011-4/>

V International Law

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2004, Volume II, Part Two: Report of the Commission to the General Assembly on the work of its fifty-sixth session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. iii, 128 p.

(A/CN.4/SER.A/2004/Add.1 (Part 2))

Sales No. E.10.V.9 (Part 2). ISBN 978-92-1-133692-4.

Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/2004.htm>

XIII Demography

The Age and Sex of Migrants 2011.

United Nations. New York. 2012. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/312)

Sales No. E.12.XIII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-151490-2.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2011Migration_Chart/2011IttMig_chart.htm

Urban Population, Development and the Environment 2010.

United Nations. New York. 2011. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/309)

Sales No. E.11.XIII.11. ISBN 978-92-1-151488-9.

Online version:

http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2011UrbanPopDevEnv_Chart/urbanpopdevenv2011wallchart.html

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

Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. iv, 35 p. (HR/PUB/11/04)

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

XVII International Statistics

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1085, Vol. LXV, No. 11, November 2011 / Edition n° 1085, Vol. LXV, n° 11, novembre 2011.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. viii, 343 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/467)

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

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1086, Vol. LXV, No. 12, December 2011 / Edition n° 1086, Vol. LXV, n° 12, décembre 2011.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. vii, 311 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/468)

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 2, February 2012, p. 77-156.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/2/en/>

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