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New websites within the UN system

In Memoriam: In remembrance of those members of the United Nations Family killed in Algiers

English: <http://www.un.org/events/memorial/11december/>

French: <http://www.un.org//french/events/memorial/11december/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/events/memorial/11december/index.shtml>

News Focus: Terror strike at UN in Algier

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=136&Body=algeria&Body1=>

UN in General

CyberSchoolBus: Ask the Secretary-General

<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/>

Have a question about the UN or a global issue on the UN's agenda? Ask the Secretary-General. The UN Cyberschoolbus is pleased to offer primary, intermediate, and secondary school students around the world, the opportunity to send questions to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

International Years 2008

- **International Year of Languages** (A/RES/61/266)
English: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=35344&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
French: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=35344&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
Spanish: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/es/ev.php-URL_ID=35344&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- **International Year of Sanitation** (A/RES/61/192)
<http://esa.un.org/iys/>
- **International Year of Planet Earth** (A/RES/60/192)
<http://yearofplanetearth.org/>
- **International Year of the Potato** (A/RES/60/191)
English, French & Spanish: <http://www.potato2008.org/>

Lessons from Rwanda: The United Nations and the Prevention of Genocide

English: <http://www.un.org/preventgenocide/rwanda/>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/preventgenocide/rwanda/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/preventgenocide/rwanda/>

Lessons from Rwanda: The United Nations and the Prevention of Genocide, an information and educational outreach programme, has launched a new website. The programme, established by General Assembly resolution 60/225, aims to "mobilize civil society for Rwanda genocide victim remembrance and education in order to help prevent future acts of genocide". The site includes a variety of types of content, including key documents, audio-visual resources, and a discussion guide.

UN News Centre – redesigned website

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/>

The UN News Centre has redesigned its website. While most of the content is the same, the Resources section has useful links to peacekeeping and political mission websites and other UN system news pages. The "What, When" page includes links to the Journal, press releases by principle organ, Secretary-General's schedule, and News Conferences.

Peace and Security

1540 Committee website

English: <http://www.un.org/sc/1540/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/sc/1540/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/sc/1540/>

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540 (2004) has a new website. Resolution 1540 (2004) imposes binding obligations on all States to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and their means of delivery, including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials. It also encourages enhanced international cooperation on such efforts, in accord with and promoting universal adherence to existing international non proliferation treaties. The website includes a legislative database with links to the original texts of national laws, ordinances, decrees and decisions related to activities addressed in the resolution. The national reports to the Committee are also listed on the new website.

Partnership on Electoral Assistance (EC-UNDP)

<http://www.ec-undp-electoralassistance.org/>

On this new website you will be able to find historical background about the EC-UNDP partnership, precise information about the EC-UNDP approaches to electoral assistance culminated with the joint adoption of the "Electoral Cycle Approach" and details of the activities carried out within the Joint Task Force. In addition to that your will have the possibility to find and download all the operational tools, handbooks and publications necessary for a better understanding and better implementation of electoral assistance projects managed by UNDP with EC contributions. The site will be frequently updated also with contributions coming from EC Delegations, UNDP Country Offices and electoral experts working within UNDP-EC projects.

Peacekeeping Best Practices report (A/62/593)

English, French and Spanish:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/593>

A new report of the Secretary-General provides an update on Peacekeeping Best Practices policy and impacts (A/62/593). The report describes the methods and tools used to identify, collect, and share the work of mission staff around the world and describes the system implemented by the peacekeeping departments. According to the report, "In modern peacekeeping, support is no longer measurable solely in terms of the timely provision of people, funds and materiel. Today, it also includes the capacity to apply institutional knowledge to help solve new challenges and avoid any recurrence of problems of the past."

UNAMID becomes active

<http://unamid.unmissions.org/>

The African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) formally took over from the African Union Mission in the Sudan (AMIS) on 31 December 2007. At full strength, the new mission will be the UN's largest peacekeeping operation, with some 20,000 troops and more than 6,000 police and civilian staff.

Economic & Social Development

Climate Action

<http://www.climateactionprogramme.org/emagazine/2007>

Climate Action (e-book) is an international communication platform established by Sustainable Development International in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to educate businesses, governments and NGOs as to what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The publication and supporting website (<http://www.climateactionprogramme.org/>) will assist institutional investors in analysing and comparing companies that are responding to the business risks and opportunities resulting from global warming.

Determination of Fundamental Datasets for Africa: Geoinformation in Socio-Economic Development (ECA)

English:

http://www.uneca.org/istd/geoinfo/Geoinformation_Socio_Economic_Dev-en.pdf

French:

http://www.uneca.org/istd/geoinfo/Geoinformation_Socio_Economic_Dev-fr.pdf

The report - published by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) - is defining fundamental geospatial datasets for Africa. It's the first attempt to provide a continental common definition of what constitutes a minimally necessary core of geospatial data and information products to which policy makers can add other sectoral datasets to ensure geographic consistency in making decisions on socio-economic development issues.

Global Compact Local Networks Report

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/news_events/8.1/LNReport_FINAL.pdf

The UN Global Compact has launched a survey of Global Compact Local Networks, Local Network Report: Deepening the Engagement of Participants at the Local Level. The Global Compact is a framework for businesses committed to aligning their operations and strategies with principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption; local networks assist in rooting the Global Compact within different national and cultural contexts, and provide

support to companies in their efforts to integrate the Global Compact into their business operations and strategies. The report presents a detailed analysis of 90 emerging and existing networks and showcases numerous examples of network activities from all regions of the world.

ICT Competency Standards for Teachers (UNESCO)

<http://cst.unesco-ci.org/sites/projects/cst/default.aspx>

UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has issued new Information Communication Technology Competency Standards for Teachers. The standards aim to "help educational policy-makers and curriculum developers identify the skills teachers need to harness technology in the service of education."

Le pacte mondial (Nouvelle version du site)

<http://www.un.org/french/globalcompact/>

"Rainbow Strategy" for Afghanistan (UNODC)

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/regional/central-asia.html>

Five measures were proposed : "The Blue Paper"- to increase the number of opium-free provinces in Afghanistan; "The Green Paper" - to strengthen cross-border counter-narcotics cooperation; "The Yellow Paper" - to secure Central Asia's borders through intelligence cooperation and border management; "The Red Paper" - to reduce the smuggling of precursor chemicals into Afghanistan; and "The Purple Paper" - to improve security around the Caspian Sea.

State of Food and Agriculture 2007 (FAO report)

English: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/a1200e/a1200e00.htm>

French: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/a1200f/a1200f00.htm>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/a1200s/a1200s00.htm>

The State of Food and Agriculture 2007 has been released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The report noted that carefully targeted payments to farmers could serve as an approach to protect the environment and to address growing concerns about climate change, biodiversity loss and water supply.

UNAIDS Web site

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

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) unveiled its new look design web site in December 2007. The new site include many rich new features including a live Cosponsor newsfeed, a new Knowledge Centre which houses all UNAIDS key data and resources and a new-look publications section and multimedia centre housing video, audio and photographic materials and improved navigation menu.

World Bank Group - Year in Review 2007

English: <http://www.worldbank.org/endofyear/2007/endofyear-07.htm>

French: <http://www.worldbank.org/endofyear/2007/fr/endofyear-07.htm>

Spanish: <http://www.worldbank.org/endofyear/2007/Es/endofyear-07.htm>

The review covers the work of the Bank in 2007 in areas such as development assistance, climate change, agriculture, finance, governance, health, gender and education.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2008

Report in English: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wesp/wesp.html>

Summary also available in French and Spanish.

A sales publication of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the five UN regional commissions, the report provides an overview of recent global economic performance and short-term prospects for the world economy. It also highlights key global economic policy and development issues and serves as a reference for discussions in various UN entities during the year. In addition, out-of-print older editions (1947 - present) have been scanned and the full text posted to the website: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wesp/past-issues.htm>.

World Youth Report 2007

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr07.htm>

Fact sheets are also available in French and Spanish.

The report examines the challenges and opportunities existing for the young people around the world and provides a regional overview summarizing the major youth development trends in the priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth, and explores major issues of concern including employment, education, health, poverty and violence.

Human Rights

OHCHR - Strategic Management Plan 2008-2009

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Press/SMP2008-2009.pdf>

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) published its Strategic Management Plan for 2008-2009. The plan outlines the strategic priorities of the OHCHR, covers the work programme of the Office in the field and its budget and funding requirements.

Serious Human Rights Violations committed in Aftermath of Kinshasa Events of March 2007

Press release, English: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx>

Full text, French only:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/docs/KinshasaReport040108.doc>

OHCHR released on 4 January 2008 the preliminary findings of the United Nations Human Rights Office in the Democratic Republic of Congo (UNHRO) investigation into the Kinshasa events of March 2007.

Humanitarian Affairs

Kenya Emergency Humanitarian Response Plan 2008: Consolidated Appeals Process

Full text:

[http://ochadms.unog.ch/quickplace/cap/main.nsf/h_Index/2008_Kenya_EHRP/\\$FILE/2008_Kenya_EHRP_SCREEN.pdf?OpenElement](http://ochadms.unog.ch/quickplace/cap/main.nsf/h_Index/2008_Kenya_EHRP/$FILE/2008_Kenya_EHRP_SCREEN.pdf?OpenElement)

Executive Summary:

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/EGUA-7AWMLE?OpenDocument>

Three Year UNICEF Tsunami Anniversary Monitoring Report (UNICEF)
http://www.unicef.org/media/files/Tsunami_three_year_financial_figures_for_Nat_Coms_final.pdf

In the three years since a tsunami devastated entire regions around the Indian Ocean, UNICEF has improved the lives and health of millions of women and children affected by the December 2004 disaster.

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, Septiembre de 2007, Volumen XXX, Boletín No. 9.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 24 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-60627f.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, September 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin No. 9.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 21 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/4ff8c7d23bfa2a2c8525738b0052fbe0!OpenDocument>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, septembre 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin N° 9.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 23 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-60627f.pdf>

Le système des Nations Unies (Organigramme). DPI/2470. Décembre 2007.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/aboutun/chart.pdf>

United Nations System (Organization chart). DPI/2470. December 2007.

Online version: http://www.un.org/aboutun/chart_en.pdf

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NEW VIDEOS/DVDs added to the library collection in January 2008

Courage for Peace: A film about UN peacekeeping.

DVD. United Nations. 2007. 8min.

English, with French and Dutch subtitles.

Online version: <http://tinyurl.com/2tje85>

Year in Review 2007.

English, French & Spanish. DVD. United Nations 2007. 15 min.

English online version: <http://www.un.org/av/unfamily/yir2007.html>

The annual "Year in Review" programme includes coverage of global events and comments from world leaders, as well as citizens, dealing with the effects of climate change or malaria. It also provides an intimate view of the worldwide work of the United Nations in 2007 and concludes with the award of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize jointly to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Al Gore.

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in January 2008

0 Geneva Publications

Delivering better for peace, development and human rights / Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva = Mieux servir la paix, le développement et les droits de l'homme / Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Directeur général, Office des Nations Unies à Genève.

United Nations/Nations Unies. Geneva/Genève. 2007. 58/60 p. (ODG/2007/14)

English online version:

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/311C48276DEB2564C12573B0004EAB62/\\$file/0701736_ODG_ENG.pdf](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/311C48276DEB2564C12573B0004EAB62/$file/0701736_ODG_ENG.pdf)

French online version:

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/A552143747C040BCC12573B0004F0094/\\$file/0701736_ODG_FRA.pdf](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/A552143747C040BCC12573B0004F0094/$file/0701736_ODG_FRA.pdf)

I General Information and Reference

Chronique ONU, Volume XLIV, Numéro 3, septembre 2007. 65 p.

La Solidarité entre les peuples.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/pubs/chronique/2007/numero3/0307cont.html>

The United Nations Development Agenda: Development for All; Goals, commitments and strategies agreed at the United Nations world conferences and summits since 1990.

United Nations. New York. 2007. viii, 85 p. (ST/ESA/316)

Sales No. E.07.I.17. ISBN 978-92-101155-5.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/devagenda/UNDA1.pdf>

II.A Business, Economics, Science and Technology

The International Development Agenda and the Climate Change Challenge: Policy Note.

United Nations. New York. October 2007. iii, 20 p.

Sales No. E.07.II.A.7. ISBN 978-92-104571-0.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan/2007%20docs/climate.pdf>

Strengthening the International Partnership for Effective Poverty Reduction:
Policy Note.

United Nations. New York. October 2007. ix, 23 p.

Sales No. E.07.II.A.8. ISBN 978-92-1-104573-4.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan/2007%20docs/poverty.pdf>

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement: 2006 Review prepared under
The Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. 73 p. (ECE/EB.AIR/93)

Sales No. E.07.II.E. 24. ISBN 978-92-1-116977-5.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/env/eb/2006.Strat.PoliciesReview.E.pdf>

V International Law

Nations Unies Annuaire Juridique 2000.

Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xx, 529 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/38)

Sales No. F.04.V.1. ISBN 978-92-1-233396-0.

Reports of International Arbitral Awards / Recueil des Sentences Arbitrales:
Volume XXVIII.

United Nations / Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xvi, 464 p. (ST/LEG/RIAA/28)

Sales No. B.09.V.9. ISBN 978-92-1-033099-4.

United Nations Juridical Yearbook 2000.

United Nations. New York. 2007. xviii, 420 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/38)

Sales No. E.04.V.1. ISBN 978-92-1-133580-4.

United Nations Juridical Yearbook 1999.

United Nations. New York. 2007. xviii, 495 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/37)

Sales No. E.03.V.1. ISBN 978-92-1-133534-7.

VII Security Council and Peacekeeping Operations

Focus Kosovo – Number 36, November/December 2007: Kosovo Elections 2007.
16 p.

Online version: http://www.unmikonline.org/pub/focuskos/dec07/Focus_K_36_ENG_web.pdf

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

Handbook on HIV and Human Rights for National Human Rights Institutions.

United Nations. Geneva. 2007. 46 p. (HR/PUB/07/3)

Sales No. E.07.XIV.12. ISBN 978-92-1-154181-6.

Online version:

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/about/publications/docs/HandbookHIV_NHRIsAug2007.pdf

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1036, Vol. LXI, No. 10, October / Edition n° 1036, Vol. LXI, n° 10, octobre.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xii, 277 p.

(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/418)

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

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1037, Vol. LXI, No. 11, November / Edition n° 1037, Vol. LXI, n° 11, novembre.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xii, 351 p.

(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/419)

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 85, Number 12, December 2007, p. 901-980.

Special issue: public health education.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/12/en/>

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 86, Number 1, January 2008, p. 1-80.

"Life depends on water ... and so does health" (60th anniversary commemorative volume)

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/86/1/en/>

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http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30&limit=1&limitstart=2.