

January 2016

New UN websites & publications

UN in General

Commemoration the 70th anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly

On 10 January 1946, representatives from the 51 Member States of the United Nations convened at Central Hall in London, England for the first session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly held a plenary meeting on 11 January 2016, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of this historic first meeting.

UN News Centre Feature: From misplaced emblem in London to iconic hall – the UN General Assembly across 70 years - <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52973>
Further information: UN Pulse - http://tumblr.co/ZE4p7x1-RU3_D

Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of ECOSOC, 22 January 2016

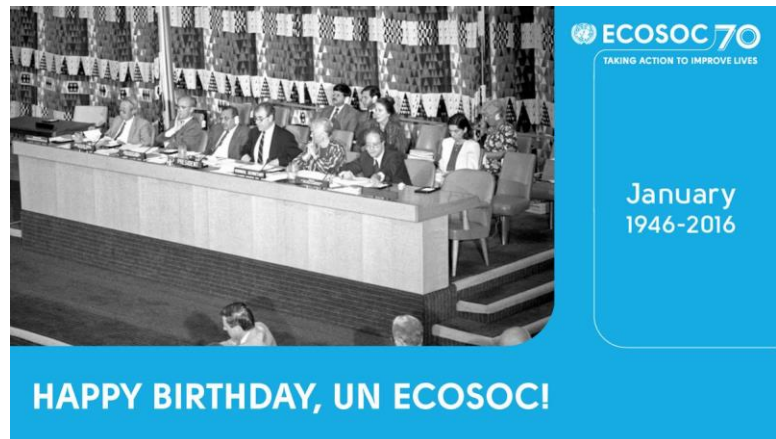
English: <http://un4.me/1P9WmOG>

French: <http://un4.me/1TbXEuc>

Spanish: <http://un4.me/20izyzV>

On 23 January 1946, The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) commenced its work at Church House in London, England. ECOSOC President Oh Joon convened a special high-level meeting on 22 January 2016 to mark 70 years of the Council's efforts in support of the three dimensions of sustainable development—economic, social and environmental.

Further information: UN Pulse - <http://tumblr.co/ZE4p7x20FpkMY>



Looking Ahead – 2016 (United Nations Depository Libraries)

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/looking-ahead-2016.htm>

An updated version of the "Looking Ahead" webpage is now available. This page provides an advance list for some of the main events that will take place at the United Nations in 2016, along with information and direct links to useful resources (websites, research guides and documents).

Procedure of Selecting and Appointing the next UN Secretary-General

English: <http://www.un.org/pga/70/sq/>

French: <http://www.un.org/pga/70/fr/nomination-du-secretaire-general/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/pga/70/es/nombramiento-del-secretario-general/>

President Lykketoft has committed to running his Presidency in the most open and transparent manner possible. This also applies to the process of selecting and appointing the next United Nations Secretary-General. ... The Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council will jointly circulate to all Member States, on an ongoing basis, and publish on this webpage, the names of individuals that have been submitted for consideration.

Selecting the United Nations Secretary-General (United Nations Blog)

<http://blogs.un.org/blog/2016/01/07/selecting-the-united-nations-secretary-general/>

2016 will see the election of a new Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Ban Ki-moon's second term ends on 31 December 2016. Even though there is no limit to the number of terms a Secretary-General may serve, none has held office for more than two terms.

But how does it all work? This blog post explains the appointment process.

Assessment of Member States' advances to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 and contributions to the United Nations regular budget for 2016 (ST/ADM/SER.B/932, 28 December 2015)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/ST/ADM/SER.B/932>

Assessment of contributions by non-member States towards the 2016 expenses of the United Nations for their participation in United Nations activities (ST/ADM/SER.B/933, 28 December 2015)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/ST/ADM/SER.B/933>

Further information: Committee on Contributions website -

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/contributions/budget.shtml>

UNEP Live SDG Portal

<http://uneplive.unep.org/portal>



This interactive dashboard visualizes the multiple pathways from indicators to targets and goals showing their connections through data and definitions in the SDG Interface Ontology. It also provides access to a new set of multilingual web intelligence tools to help users analyse stakeholder perceptions and track emerging trends - the information is assimilated, filtered and annotated from a wide range of online sources (news media, social networking platforms, Fortune 1000 company sites and environmental organizations).

UN ARTS AND GIFTS

Non-violence: A global tribute to peace by Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd

<http://un4.me/1T8IMxP>

This sculpture is a gift from the Government of Luxembourg and was presented to the United Nations in 1988. It consists of a large replica in bronze of a .45-calibre revolver, the barrel of which is tied into a knot. It was created in 1980 as a peace symbol by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd.



ANYANWU: Awakening - Nigerian sculptor Ben Enwonwu envisions Africa rising

<http://un4.me/1JqX9Ka>

A bronze sculpture by the Nigerian artist Ben Enwonwu was formally presented to the United Nations on 5 October 1966. It is a statue of a woman, clad in the regalia of Royal Benin, an ancient kingdom which is now part of Nigeria, and is symbolic of the rising sun of a new nation. The work symbolizes the sun's various aspects - the light of the day, dawn, rebirth, a new day, hope and awakening.

Peace and Security

Highlights of Security Council Practice 2015

<https://unite.un.org/sites/unite.un.org/files/app-schighlights/index.html>

<http://www.un.org/en/sc/inc/pages/pdf/highlights/2015.pdf>

2015 was another very busy year for the Security Council: it adopted 64 resolutions and 26 presidential statements, and held 245 meetings. The main global body for the maintenance of international peace and security considered 45 agenda items and went on 2 missions – one to the Haiti and one to the Central African Republic, Addis Ababa and Burundi. The Council also established three subsidiary bodies: the United Nations Electoral Observer Mission in Burundi (MENUM), which closed on 31 December 2015; the 2206 Security Council Committee on South Sudan, and the OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism (JIM) in Syria.



PLAN of ACTION to PREVENT VIOLENT EXTREMISM

www.un.org/counterterrorism/ctitf

A/70/674 - Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism: Report of the Secretary-General - English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/70/674>

A/70/675 - Letter dated 22 December 2015 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly - English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/70/675>

Further information:

<https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/ctitf/plan-action-prevent-violent-extremism>

Background information: UN Pulse - <http://tumblr.co/ZE4p7x1-pzz7b>

On Friday, 15 January, the Secretary-General presented his Plan of Action on Preventing Violent Extremism to the General Assembly. The report is a call to action by the Secretary-General to Member States and puts emphasis on preventing the further spread of violent extremism. Specifically, it requests that each Member State develop its own national plan of action along seven priority areas: dialogue and conflict prevention, strengthening governance and human rights, engaging communities, empowering youth, gender equality and empowering women, education and strategic communications (including the internet and social media). The United Nations also has an important role to play. All relevant entities within the UN System will collaborate in developing deliverables in the seven priority areas of the Plan of Action to enhance the support they can offer to Member States.

Security Council open debate on the protection of civilians in armed conflict – Concept note

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2016/22>

The Security Council held an open debate on 19 January 2016 on the topic “Protection of civilians”. In order to help guide the debate, the Security Council President for January, Uruguay, has prepared this concept note.

Further information on this topic:

UNRIC Library Backgrounder - <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/26575>

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 December 2015 (DPI/1634/Rev.176, January 2016)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

German: <http://www.unric.org/html/german/dpi1634dt.pdf>

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 30 November 2015 (DPI/2166/Rev.174, November 2015)

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

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

German: <http://www.unric.org/html/german/dpi2166dt.pdf>

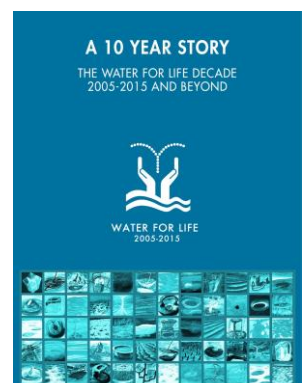
Economic & Social Development

10-Year Story: The “Water for Life” Decade and Beyond (United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action “Water for Life” 2005-2015)

English: <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/pdf/WaterforLifeENG.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.unwaterbestpractices.org/WaterforLifeESP.pdf>

On 23 December 2003, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the period 2005-2015 “the International Decade for Action ‘Water for Life’”. It was decided that the primary goal of the ‘Water for Life’ Decade was to promote efforts to fulfil international commitments made on water and water-related issues by 2015. Much progress has been made over the past 10 years. This and how to move forward on the basis of what we have learned is the topic of this publication.





Industrial Development Report 2016: The Role of Technology and Innovation in Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (UNIDO)

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

<http://un4.me/1NmWJVg>

Under what conditions can technological change trigger structural change in developing countries and lead to long-term, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable industrial development? That is the central question addressed in this report. The Lima Declaration, adopted by the Member States of UNIDO in December 2013, set the foundation for a new vision of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). The ISID concept is part of the new Sustainable Development Goal 9 to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

Overview of the Report on the World Social Situation 2016

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/documents/2016/RWSS2016ExecutiveSummary.pdf>

In adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, world leaders committed themselves to leaving no one behind in pursuit of the eradication of extreme poverty and protection of the planet. Through concerted efforts galvanized by the MDGs, the world has made progress in reducing poverty, but social exclusion persists in both developed and developing countries. At the same time, some countries have been able to effectively promote inclusion even at low levels of income and development. This volume of the Report on the World Social Situation (RWSS) focuses on social inclusion. In particular, it will examine patterns of social exclusion and will assess whether growth and development processes have been inclusive, paying particular attention to the links between poverty and inequality trends, changes in the world of work and inclusion –or exclusion. The report also highlights policy options to promote inclusive development through social and macroeconomic policies and institutional transformation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



Trends in International Migrant Stock: The 2015 Revision

<http://un4.me/1JZCvkl>

According to new data presented on 12 January 2016, nearly two thirds of international migrants live in Europe (76 million) or Asia (75 million). North America has the third largest number of international migrants (54 million), and globally, women comprise half of all of them. Meanwhile, two thirds of all international migrants were reported to be living in only 20 countries, with the largest number in the United States – about a fifth of the world's total migrants. The next in line is Germany, followed by Russia, and Saudi Arabia.

UNIDO and European Union Cooperation (2005-2015)

<http://un4.me/1Pk5HVP>

This report aims to document the continuous expansion of cooperation over the last ten years. UNIDO and the EU have worked together in various thematic areas such as private sector development, productive and trade capacity building, environment and sustainable energy, agribusiness and investments, productive youth employment, as well as research and innovation. Detailed information on all joint initiatives and projects is presented in a transparent and documented manner.



Human Rights

Report on the Protection of Civilians in the Armed Conflict in Iraq: 1 May – 31 October 2015 (OHCHR / UNAMI)

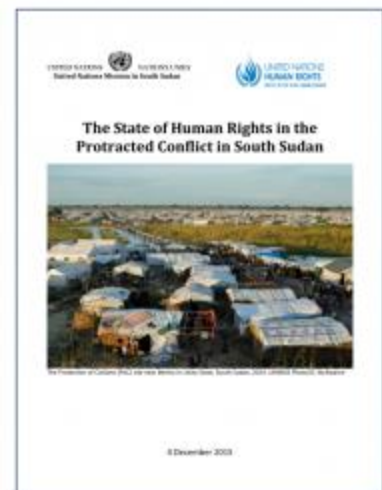
<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/IQ/UNAMIRreport1May31October2015.pdf>

A UN report released on 19 January 2016 details the severe and extensive impact on civilians of the ongoing conflict in Iraq, with at least 18,802 civilians killed and another 36,245 wounded between 1 January 2014 and 31 October 2015. Another 3.2 million people have been internally displaced since January 2014, including more than a million children of school age. Of the total number of casualties, at least 3,855 civilians were killed and 7,056 wounded between 1 May and 31 October last year – the period covered by the report, although the actual figures could be much higher than those documented. About half of these deaths took place in Baghdad. The report, compiled by the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), is based largely on testimony obtained directly from the victims, survivors or witnesses of violations of international human rights or international humanitarian law, including interviews with internally displaced people.

The State of Human Rights in the Protracted Conflict in South Sudan (UNMISS / OHCHR)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/SS/UNMISS_HRD4December2015.pdf

Widespread human rights violations and abuses have been committed in South Sudan by all parties to the conflict since December 2013, including hundreds of extra-judicial killings, enforced disappearances, sexual violence, forced recruitment and indiscriminate attacks against civilians, according to a UN report published on 21 January 2016. The report, by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), shows that “very few places in areas of conflict have been safe, as the parties have intentionally attacked traditional safe havens, such as places of worship, hospitals and, from time to time, United Nations bases.”



Humanitarian Affairs

High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing - Report to the Secretary-General: Too important to fail—addressing the humanitarian financial gap

<http://www.un.org/news/WEB-1521765-E-OCHA-Report-on-Humanitarian-Financing.pdf>

https://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org/whs_finance/hlphumanitarianfinancing

“The true measure of the success for the United Nations is not how much we promise but how much we deliver for those who need us most”. Ban Ki-moon, 2006

The world spends today around US\$ 25 billion to provide life-saving assistance to 125 million people devastated by wars and natural disasters. Despite the generosity of many donors, the gap between the resources needed for humanitarian action and the available resources is increasing, reaching an estimated US\$ 15 billion. In May 2015, the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon appointed a High-Level Panel (HLP) of experts to work on finding concrete and actionable solutions to this widening gap. The panel identified a set of actionable recommendations, listed under the following three categories: 1. Shrink the needs: a shared responsibility 2. Deepen and broaden the resource base for humanitarian action 3. Improve delivery: a Grand Bargain on efficiency.

Initial Assessment Report - Protection Risks for Women and Girls in the European Refugee and Migrant Crisis: Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (UNHCR / UNFPA / WRC)

<http://www.unhcr.org/569f8f419.html>

The UN refugee agency (UNHCR), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the Women's Refugee Commission (WRC) are concerned about the grave risks to refugee and migrant women and girls on the move in Europe. UNHCR, UNFPA and WRC conducted a joint field assessment of risks involved for refugee and migrant women and girls in Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in November 2015. As noted in the subsequent field report: "Single women travelling alone or with children, pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls, unaccompanied children, early-married children – sometimes themselves with newborn babies – persons with disabilities, and elderly men and women are among those who are particularly at risk and require a coordinated and effective protection response." This joint venture was the first among several field missions and profiling exercises that aid and advocacy agencies are conducting to accurately assess the problems on the ground and recommend key actions to address these concerns.

New information material

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

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NEW TITLES added to the library collection in January

I General Information and Reference

UN Chronicle. Volume LII, Number 3, 2015: "Sustainable Energy". 51 p.

Online version: <http://unchronicle.un.org/issue/sustainable-energy/>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2015 / Manuel de Statistiques de la CNUCED 2015.
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York and Geneva / New York et Genève. 2015.
xviii, 376 p. (plus CD-ROM). (TD/STAT/40)

Sales No. B.15.II.D.8. ISBN 978-92-1-012078-4.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdstat40_en.pdf

Rapport 2015 sur l'économie de l'information : Libérer le potentiel du commerce électronique pour les pays en développement.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2015. xv, 132 p. (UNCTAD/IER/2015)

Sales No. F.15.II.D.1

Online version: http://unctad.org/fr/PublicationsLibrary/ier2015_fr.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 23, Number 1. iv, 98 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2015/1)
ISBN 978-92-1-112897-0.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeia2015d1_en.pdf

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

International Trade Forum, Issue 3, 2015. 38 p.
"The role of standards in development"
Online version: http://www.tradeforum.org/uploadedFiles/Trade_Forum_3_2015_20151117_web_pages.pdf

V International Law

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2010, Volume II, Deuxième partie : Rapport de la Commission à l'Assemblée générale sur les travaux de sa soixante-deuxième session. Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2015. iii, 216 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2010/Add.1 (Part 2))
Sales No. F.15.V.3. ISBN 978-92-1-233522-3.
Online version: <http://legal.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/yearbooks.htm>

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

Questions courantes sur les principes directeurs relatifs aux entreprises et aux droits de l'homme.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2014. v, 58 p. (HR/PUB/14/3)
Sales No. F.14.XIV.6. ISBN 978-92-1-254183-9.
Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FAQ_PrinciplesBusinessHR_FR.pdf

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 94, Issue 1, January 2016, p. 1-76.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/1/en/>

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