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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

2007 Millennium Development Goals Report

English: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/mdg2007.pdf>

French: http://www.un.org/french/millenniumgoals/docs/mdg_2007.pdf

2007 marks the mid-point from the time the goals were adopted to their completion date in 2015. According to the report, although progress towards implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) has been made, their overall success is still far from assured and will depend on whether developed countries make good on their aid commitments.

A/INF/62/1 (3 July 2007): Opening dates of forthcoming regular sessions of the General Assembly and dates of the general debate: 62nd session : note / by the Secretariat

English, French, Spanish:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/INF/62/1>

Please note: Opening date for the 62nd session will be 18 September 2007

Forum on Youth and ICT for Development

<http://un-gaid.org/en/gfyouth>

The United Nations Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Development on 21 June launched the website of the Forum on Youth and ICT for Development, to be held on 24-26 September in Geneva, Switzerland. The Youth Forum aims to involve young people in discussions with policymakers, thought leaders and representatives from the private sector and civil society, and to explore ways to empower them and encourage their full participation in society through the use of ICT. The website will feature information and updates about the Forum and includes a blog to stimulate conversation within the Global Alliance's main areas of concentration -- education, entrepreneurship, governance and health.

Security Council reform reports

<http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/follow-up/securitycouncilreform.shtml>

Two latest reports on the Security Council reform are available online only.

- Report of the facilitators to the President of the General Assembly on the consultations regarding "the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council" United Nations, New York, 19 April 2007.

English: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/letters/SC-reform-Facil-report-20-April-07.pdf>

French: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/follow-up/scr/0731380F.doc>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/follow-up/scr/0731382S.doc>

- Report to the President of the General Assembly on the consultations regarding "the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council" - United Nations, New York, 26 June 2007.

English: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/letters/SCR-Report-26June07.pdf>

French: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/follow-up/scr/report26June07/SecurityCouncilRptFrench.doc>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/follow-up/scr/report26June07/SecurityCouncilRptSpanish.doc>

Peace & Security

Lebanon Independent Border Assessment Team Report (S/2007/382)

English, French, Spanish:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/382>

A new letter of the Secretary-General to the Security Council transmits the report of the Lebanon Independent Border Assessment Team. According to the report, the team visited Lebanon from 27 May to 15 June 2007, and worked with the Lebanese government to "assess all aspects of Lebanese border security with special emphasis on preventive measures against arms smuggling." The report contains recommendations of the Team, including the establishment of a multi-agency mobile force focused on arms smuggling in the border area.

Liberia Panel of Experts (S/2007/340)

English, French, Spanish:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/340>

The report of the Panel of Experts on Liberia has been issued. The Panel investigates sanctions on arms, diamonds and on individuals and entities deemed a threat to regional peace, and assesses the effectiveness of those sanctions, as well as their humanitarian and socioeconomic impact. The report covers the work of the Panel to June 2007.

Economic & Social Development

Agricultural Outlook 2007-2016 (Joint OECD-FAO report)

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/6/10/38893266.pdf>

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have issued a joint report entitled, Agricultural Outlook 2007-2016. According to the report, increased demand for bio-fuels is causing fundamental changes to agricultural markets that could drive up world prices for many farm products.

Global Compact Summit Declaration

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/summit2007/GENEVA_DECLARATION.pdf

The second United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit was held 5-6 July in Geneva. Participants, including business leaders from developed and developing countries, pledged to comply with labour, human rights, environmental and anti-corruption standards. The Geneva Declaration spells out concrete actions for business, governments and United Nations Global Compact participants.

Sudan: Post-Conflict Environmental Assessment (UNEP report)

<http://www.unep.org/sudan/>

Synthesis report and press release also available in French.

A new United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report presents the findings of the Post-Conflict Environmental Assessment of Sudan and provides detailed recommendations for follow-up action. The goal of the UNEP assessment was to develop a solid technical basis for medium-term corrective action in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development. The assessment identified a number of critical environmental issues that are closely linked to the country's social and political challenges.

The United Nations Development Agenda: Development for All

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

Published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) this publication is a review of the distinctive purposes and decisions of United Nations world conferences held between 1990 and 2005 and of their implications for current and future development strategy.

World Drug Report 2007

Report: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/wdr07/WDR_2007.pdf

Press releases in English, French and Spanish:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html>

The Report shows global markets for illicit drugs remained largely stable in 2005-06, while a few years ago the world appeared to be heading for an epidemic of drug abuse.

World Economic and Social Survey 2007

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

Press Release, Overview and Fact Sheet are also available in French and Spanish.

The full text of the World Economic and Social Survey Survey 2007 is now available on the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs web site. With the theme "Development in an Ageing World", the survey discusses the opportunities and challenges of ageing populations on world economies and calls for increased and sustained attention from policymakers. It emphasizes that, while the challenges posed by rapidly ageing populations are large, they can be overcome through well-focused planning.

Human Rights

Human Rights and Business Learning Tool

<http://www.unssc.org/web/hrb/Default2.asp>

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights launched an electronic and interactive learning course for companies on human rights and business at the Global Compact Leaders Summit (5 July 2007) in Geneva. The tool's objective is to help managers and corporate social responsibility professionals in companies

participating in the UN Global Compact, as well as those not yet participating, to understand human rights and how they are relevant to their business operations. The tool focuses on the two Global Compact human rights principles that are:
Principle 1: Business should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights, and
Principle 2: Make sure that they are not complicit in human right abuses.

Humanitarian Affairs

UNHCR 2006 Global Trends

Report: <http://www.unhcr.org/gr06/>

Overview: <http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4666d25b0.pdf>

The UNHCR 2006 Global Trends report released prior to World Refugee Day, Wednesday, 20 June, noted that 2006 marks the end of a five-year downward trend in the number of refugees, largely as a result of the crisis in Iraq. It further noted that during 2006, almost all continents saw at least some progress towards solutions to forced displacement. A total of 2.6 million refugees and internally displaced people returned to their homes, including almost 400,000 to Afghanistan, and around 1.4 million people in Africa.

International Law

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation

FOCUS 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation – A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights (25-27 September and 1-2 October 2007, United Nations Headquarters)

English: <http://untreaty.un.org/English/treaty.asp>

French: <http://untreaty.un.org/French/treaty.asp>

OPT-OCHA Special focus: Three years later - The humanitarian impact of the barrier since the International Court of Justice opinion, July 2007

Abstract: <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/LSGZ-74XGWU?OpenDocument>

Full report: [http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/LSGZ-74XGWU/\\$File/Full_Report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/LSGZ-74XGWU/$File/Full_Report.pdf)

The report looks at several communities of the northern West Bank, severed by the Barrier from their neighbouring communities, from agricultural lands and livelihoods.

New information material

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

Afrique Renouveau: Vol. 21, No.1, avril 2007. 24 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol21no1/index.html>

Boletín sobre medidas adoptadas por el sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales en lo que respecta a la cuestión de Palestina, Mayo 2006, Volumen XXIX, Boletín No. 5.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 16 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-35822s.pdf>

Politically speaking: Bulletin of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Summer 2007. 19 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/newsletters/DPA%20Bulletin%20Summer%202007.pdf>

The United Nations and Darfur (Fact Sheet)

Published by the Peace and Security Section of the United Nations Department of Public Information. July 2007. 4 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/sudan/fact_sheet.pdf

Italian translation produced by UNRIC:

http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=11370&Itemid=426&lang=it

Peacebuilding at a glance Flyer. 1 p. (PSBO, May 2007)

Italian translation produced by UNRIC: <http://www.unric.org/html/italian/peace/peacebuilding.pdf>

**The UNRIC Library has updated its backgrounders
in English and French on the following subjects:**

- **Migration** (first issued in July 2006, updated July 2007)
- **Peacebuilding Commission** (first issued in June 2006, updated July 2007)
- **Sudan/Darfur** (first issued in September 2006, updated July 2007)

Copies can be requested by e-mail (info@unric.org) or downloaded from the library website at <http://www.unric.org/unric-brussels-reference-library/4/>

New titles added to the library collection in July

I General Information and Reference

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2007.
United Nations. New York. 2007. 36 p. Includes progress chart.
Sales No. E.07.I.15. ISBN 978-92-1-101153-1.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/mdg2007.pdf>

Resolutionen und Beschlüsse des Sicherheitsrats: 1. August 2005 – 31. Juli 2006.
Sicherheitsrat. Offizielles Protokoll. (S/INF/61).
Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2006. vii, 299 S.
Online version: http://www.un.org/Depts/german/sr/sr_05-06/s-inf-61.pdf

Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-first session - Volume II: Decisions, 12 December - 22 September 2006.
General Assembly. Official Records. Sixty-first session. Supplement No. 49 (A/61/49/Vol.II).
United Nations. New York. 2007. 36 p.

Résolutions et décisions adoptées par l'Assemblée générale au cours de sa soixante et unième session - Volume II: Décisions, 12 septembre – 22 décembre 2006.
Assemblée générale. Documents officiels. Soixante et unième session. Supplément n°49 (A/60/49/Vol.II).
Nations Unies. New York. 2007. 38 p.

III.B United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Making Globalization Work for All: Annual Report 2007.
United Nations Development Programme. New York. 2007. 44 p.
Online version: <http://www.undp.org/publications/annualreport2007/index.shtml>

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Our Planet: Melting ice – a hot topic; Climate Change and the Cryosphere. May 2007.
United Nations Environment Programme. 26 p.
Online version: <http://www.unep.org/pdf/Ourplanet/2007/may/en/OP-2007-05-en-FULLVERSION.pdf>

Notre Planète: La fonte des glaces – une question brûlante ; le changement climatique et la cryosphère. Mai 2007.
Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement. 26 p.
Online version: <http://www.unep.org/pdf/Ourplanet/2007/may/fr/OP-2007-05-fr-FULLVERSION.pdf>

Nuestro Planeta: El seshielo – un tema candente ; El cambio climático y la criosfera. Mayo de 2007.
Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente. 26 p.
Online version: <http://www.unep.org/pdf/Ourplanet/2007/may/sp/OP-2007-05-sp-FULLVERSION.pdf>

III.E United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Annual Report 2006: Industrial Development Board, thirty-third session; Programme and Budget Committee, twenty-third session.
United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna. 2006. vi, 87 p. plus CD-Rom. (IDB.33/2-PBC.23/2)
Online version: <http://www.unido.org/doc/3480>

Rapport annuel 2006: Conseil du développement industriel, trente-troisième session, Comité des programmes et des budgets, vingt-troisième session.
Organisation des Nations Unies pour le développement industriel. Vienne. 2007. vi, 92 p. (IDB.33/2-PBC.23/2)
Online version: <http://www.unido.org/doc/3480>

III.H United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Crecer en las ciudades: Estado de la población mundial 2007; suplemento jóvenes.
Fondo de la Población de las Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2007. vii, 47 p.
Sales No. S.07.III.H.2. ISBN 978-0-89714-847-4.
Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2007/youth/spanish/index.html>

Estado de la población mundial 2007: Liberar el potencial del crecimiento urbano
Fondo de la Población de las Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2007. iii, 99 p.
Sales No. S.07.III.H.1. ISBN 978-0-89714-809-2.
Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2007/spanish/introduction.html>

État de la population mondiale 2007: libérer le potentiel de la croissance urbaine.
Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population. New York. 2007. iii, 99 p.
Sales No. F.07.III.H.1. ISBN 978-0-89714-808-5.
Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2007/french/introduction.html>

Grandir en milieu urbain: État de la population mondiale 2007: supplément jeunesse.
Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population. New York. 2007. vii, 47 p.
Sales No. F.07.III.H.2. ISBN 978-0-89714-845-0.
Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2007/youth/french/index.html>

Growing up urban: State of the World Population 2007; Youth Supplement.
United Nations Population Fund. New York. 2007. vii, 47 p.
Sales No. E.07.III.H.2. ISBN 978-0-89714-843-6.
Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2007/youth/english/index.html>

State of World Population 2007: Unleashing the Potential of Urban Growth.
United Nations Population Fund. New York. 2007. iii, 99 p.
Sales No. E.07.III.H.1. ISBN 978-0-89714-807-8.
Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2007/english/introduction.html>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

CNUCED Rapport annuel 2006.
Nations Unies. Genève. 2006. v, 46 p. (UNCTAD/DOM/2001/1)
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/dom20071_fr.pdf

Forum du commerce international, No. 1/2007. 39 p.

Changer la «marque Afrique»

Online version: <http://www.forumducommerce.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/596/2006.html>

Forum de Comercio Internacional, Número. 1/2007. 39 p.

La "Marca África" en pleno cambio

Online version: <http://www.forumdecomercio.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/620>

III.Q United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)

Habitat Debate, March 2007, Vol.13, No.1. 23 p.

Financing for the urban poor.

Online version: <http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/getPage.asp?page=periodView&period=2342>

VII Security Council and Peacekeeping Operations

Focus Kosovo – Number 33, May 2007: Taking the right path. 16 p.

Online version: http://www.unmikonline.org/pub/focuskos/may07/FK_33_ENG_WEB.pdf

VIII Transport and Communications

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations;
Volume 1 – Fifteenth revised edition.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vi, 417 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.15
(Vol.1))

Sales No. E.07.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139121-3.

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations;
Volume 2 – Fifteenth revised edition.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vii, 352 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.15
(Vol.2))

Sales No. E.07.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139122-0.

Recommendations relatives aux transport des marchandises dangereuses:
Règlement type; Volume 1 – Quinzième édition révisée.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2007. vi, 432 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.15
(Vol.1))

Sales No. F.07.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139111-3.

Recommendations relatives aux transport des marchandises dangereuses:
Règlement type; Volume 2 – Quinzième édition révisée.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2007. viii, 374 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.15
(Vol.2))

Sales No. F.07.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139112-0.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, two, 2007: The Peacebuilding Commission ? / Forum du désarmement, deux, 2007: La commission de consolidation de la paix (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=1020-7287-2007-2-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2007-2-fr

XIII Demography

World Population Ageing 2007.

United Nations. New York. 2007. xlvii, 517 p. (ST/ESA/SER.A/260)

Sales No. E.07.XIII.5. ISBN 978-92-1-151432-2.

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 85, Number 6, June 2007, p. 421-500.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/6/en/>

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 85, Number 7, June 2007, p. 500-568.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/7/en/>

Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)

NGLS Go Between no. 113, March - May 2007. 36 p.

Online version: http://www.un-ngls.org/site/IMG/pdf/GB_113.pdf

NGLS Roundup 128, June 2007. 6 p.

Second Phase of the Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy: Mobilizing the Necessary Political Will?

Online version: <http://www.un-ngls.org/site/IMG/pdf/RU128.pdf>

UN-Civil Society Engagement: Year in Review 2006

United Nations .New York and Geneva. 2007. viii, 100 p. (UNCTAD/NGLS/2007/3)

Online version: <http://www.un-ngls.org/site/IMG/pdf/YiR2006.pdf>

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<http://www.unric.org/unric-brussels-reference-library/3/>.