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UNRIC Library Newsletter – July 2008

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

61st Annual DPI/NGO Conference “Reaffirming Human Rights: The Universal Declaration at 60” (UNESCO, Paris, 3 – 5 September 2008)

English: <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/conference>

French: <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/conference/homefr.asp>

The Outreach Division's NGO Relations of the Department of Public Information (DPI) of the United Nations launched on 3 July its own website designed to provide useful information -- in English and French -- to the community of non-governmental organizations (NGO) and other actors of the civil society worldwide interested in participating in and/or contributing to the work of the sixty-first annual DPI/NGO Conference. The website will constantly be updated and completed as more information becomes available.

“Towards a Culture of Security and Accountability”: The Report of the Independent Panel on Safety and Security of UN Personnel and Premises Worldwide, 9 June 2008

<http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/terrorism/PanelOnSafetyReport.pdf>

UN budget documents

<http://unhq-appspub-01.un.org/lib/dhlrefweblog.nsf>

A new chapter on the UN regular budget has been added to the UN Documentation Research Guide. The chapter introduces the major documents produced and describes the key UN bodies involved in the budgeting process. In addition, search tips for finding budget documents in the major UN databases are included.

UNPAN portal

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

The UN Public Administration Network (UNPAN) has redesigned its portal. The site includes a searchable library with major publications and other documents. The Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) has made available the reports of Secretary-General on topics related to public administration, a searchable bibliography, and other information resources.

Economic & Social Development

Enable - United Nations Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

This website is now available in French and Spanish.

French: Enable - Droits et dignité des personnes handicapées

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

La Convention pour les droits des personnes handicapées est entrée en vigueur le 3 mai 2008. Découvrez ce que fait l'ONU pour promouvoir les droits et la dignité des personnes handicapées sur le nouveau site de Enable.

Spanish: Enable - Los derechos y la dignidad de las personas con discapacidad

<http://www.un.org/spanish/disabilities/>

Global trends in Sustainable Energy

Full text: <http://sefi.unep.org/english/globaltrends.html>

Executive summary:

http://sefi.unep.org/fileadmin/media/sefi/docs/publications/Exec_summary.pdf

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative (SEFI) has issued a new report on Global Trends in investment in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. The report finds that 2007 was a record-setting year for clean energy investment and that growth should continue in 2008.

MDG Africa Steering Group Recommendations

English & French: <http://www.mdgafrica.org/index.html>

The MDG Africa Steering Group has launched its report of its 2008 Recommendations at the African Union summit meeting. The steering group, composed of leaders of multilateral development organizations, aims to identify the practical steps needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals in Africa.

Questions thématiques: Enfants

<http://www.un.org/french/issues/children/>

Le nouveau portail des questions thématiques propose des informations sur l'action de l'ONU en faveur des enfants : assurer la survie et le développement de tous les enfants, leur offrir une éducation de base de qualité et les protéger contre la violence et les mauvais traitements.

Safer Water, Better Health (WHO report)

http://www.who.int/quantifying_ehimpacts/publications/saferwater/en/index.html

This is the first-ever report providing country-by-country estimates of the burden of disease due to poor water, sanitation and hygiene. The report highlights how much disease could be prevented through increased access to safe water and better hygiene.

WTO accession process

http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/acc_e/cbt_course_e/signin_e.htm

The World Trade Organization (WTO) has a new publication and interactive website on the WTO accession process. The book, A Handbook on Accession to the WTO, describes how the process of accession has evolved and offers details on the process as it is now applied. The website was developed by WTO specialists on the accession process and includes interactive tests to measure progress in learning the content.

World Drug Report 2008 (UNODC report)

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/unodc-launches-2008-world-drug-report.html>

This flagship report of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) shows that the recent stabilization in the world drugs market is under threat because a surge in opium and coca cultivation and the risk of higher drug use in developing countries threaten to undermine recent progress in drug control.

World Economic and Social Survey 2008: Overcoming Economic Insecurity

Full report in English: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess/index.html>

Overview available in English, French & Spanish.

The annual report says there can be no doubt that we are living in a time of increased threats and vulnerabilities. Bank runs, mortgage defaults, rising commodity prices, climate change and problems of conflict are all factors. Overall economic performance has been fairly strong in recent years, but globalization, market deregulation and rising inequality have created growing anxiety about the direction of the world economy.

World Trade Indicators 2008

<http://go.worldbank.org/SLZHGS3EN0>

The World Bank has made available a new interactive tool, "World Trade Indicators (WTI)", designed to benchmark a country's trade policy and institutions and help policy makers, advisors, and analysts' identify the main border and behind-the border constraints to trade integration. The database is organized in five thematic categories, namely Trade Policy, External Environment, Institutional Environment, Trade Facilitation and Trade Outcome. An overview report summarizes global patterns in trade policy and trade outcomes revealed by the database focusing mainly on regional and income level variations. The User Guide provides descriptions for the 299 indicators in the database, including data sources.

Human Rights

Human Rights, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Factsheet32EN.pdf>

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) issued "Human Rights, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism: Fact Sheet No.32" as part of "The Human Rights Fact Sheet" series. It defines the impact of terrorism and counter-terrorism on enjoyment of human rights; provides guidance on ensuring compliance with human rights and looks at specific human rights challenges in the context of terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Humanitarian Affairs

Food and Fuel Prices - Recent Developments, Macroeconomic Impact, and Policy Responses (IMF report)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2008/063008.pdf>

This report – published by the International Monetary Fund's – claims that the sharp rise in food and fuel prices "have had adverse effects on the poor and could pose risks to macroeconomic stability in a number of low and middle-income countries." The report also assesses countries' policy responses and the role of IMF in responding to the challenges.

Humanitarian Appeal 2008 – Mid-year review

<http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/index.htm>

UNICEF Humanitarian Action Report 2008

English: <http://www.unicef.org/har08/index.html>

French: <http://www.unicef.org/french/har08/>

Spanish: <http://www.unicef.org/spanish/har08/index.html>

The [Humanitarian Action Report](#) is UNICEF's annual appeal for children and women affected by emergencies around the globe. The report includes:

- regional and country chapters and human interest stories;
- an overview of funding requirements for 2008 and a look back at emergency funding in 2007
- a review of lessons learned from the tsunami disaster – one of the largest emergency situations ever faced.

International Law

ICC Prosecutor presents case against Sudanese President, Hassan Ahmad AL BASHIR, for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in Darfur

English: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/press/pressreleases/406.html>

French: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/press/pressreleases/406.html&l=fr>

The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia - The Prosecutor of the Tribunal against Radovan Karadžić

<http://www.un.org/icty/indictment/english/kar-ai000428e.htm>

- Press Release (21 July 2008): Statement of the Office of the prosecutor on the Arrest of Radovan Karadžić
<http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2008/pr1274e.htm>
- Press Release (21 July 2008): Tribunal Welcomes the Arrest of Radovan Karadžić
<http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2008/pr1275e.htm>

New information material

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail:
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Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, January 2008, Volume XXXI, Bulletin No. 1.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 14 p.

Online version:

<http://domino.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/250ae0c296ade273852574180049ba33!OpenDocument>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 July 2008.

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

Marque-page, Bibliothèque UNRIC.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: Report 2008.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. 143 p. (ECE/INF/2008/1)

Online version: http://www.unece.org/pub_cat/topics/annual_report_2008.pdf

NEW VIDEOS/DVDs added to the library collection in July

Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport; The British Scheme that saved 10,000 Children from the Nazi Regime.

DVD. 113 min. 2000.

<http://www.intothearmsofstrangers.com>

The film describes how for nine months prior to the outbreak of World War II, in an unprecedented act of mercy, Great Britain conducted an extraordinary rescue mission known as the Kindertransport. Ten thousand endangered children were transported from their homes in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland and placed into foster homes and hostels, expecting eventually to be reunited with their parents. The majority of the children never saw their families again. Told in the words of the child survivors, rescuers, parents and foster parents and illustrated with rare archival footage and photographs, Into the Arms of Strangers recounts the remarkable story of this rescue operation and its dramatic impact on the lives of the children who were saved.

A French version is also available: "Les chemins de liberté"

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in July

The Holocaust and the UN Outreach Programme

Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport; The British Scheme that saved 10,000 Children from the Nazi Regime / Mark Jonathan Harris and Deborah Oppenheimer, Preface by Lord Richard Attenborough, Introduction by David Cesarani. Bloomsbury. London. 2000. xiii, 292 p. ISBN 0-7475-5092-1.

A Study Guide Based on the Film "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport" / Written by Scott Chamberlin and Gretchen Skidmore. Warner Home Video. 2001. 36 p.

I General Information and Reference

Chronique ONU, Volume XLIV, Numéro 4, décembre 2007. 46 p.
Les OMD: Sommes-nous sur la bonne voie?

Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-second session - Volume II: 18 September – 22 December 2007.
General Assembly. Official Records. Sixty-second session. Supplement No. 49 (A/62/49/Vol.II).
United Nations. New York. 2008. 36 p.
Online version: [http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/49\(Vol.II\)\(SUPP\)](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/49(Vol.II)(SUPP))

Résolutions et décisions adoptées par l'Assemblée générale au cours de sa soixante-deuxième session - Volume II: 18 septembre - 22 décembre 2007.
Assemblée générale. Documents officiels. Soixante-deuxième session.
Supplément n°49 (A/62/49/Vol.II).
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. 36 p.
Online version: [http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/49\(Vol.II\)\(SUPP\)](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/49(Vol.II)(SUPP))

II.C World Economy

World Economic and Social Survey 2008: Overcoming Economic Insecurity.
United Nations. New York. 2008. xxx, 202 p. (E/2008/50/Rev.1-ST/ESA/317)
Sales No. E.08.II.C.1. ISBN 978-92-1-109157-1.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess/wess2008files/wess08/wess2008.pdf>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

The Least Developed Countries Report 2008: Growth, Poverty and the Terms of Development Partnership
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. xiv, x, 171 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2008)
Sales No. E.08.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112751-5.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ldc2008_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Measuring Population and Housing: Practices of UNECE countries in the 2000 round of censuses.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. viii, 198 p. (ECE/CES/STAT/2008/2)
Sales No. E.07.II.E.15. ISBN 978-92-1-116968-3.

Online version: http://www.unece.org/stats/publications/Publication_on_2000_censuses.pdf

Nouveaux risques mondiaux en matière de sécurité énergétique. (CEE – Série "Énergie" No 36)

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2007. vii, 116 p. (ECE/ENERGY/70)
Sales No. F.07.II.E.22. ISBN 978-92-1-216497-7.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: Report 2008.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. 143 p. (ECE/INF/2008/1)

Online version: http://www.unece.org/pub_cat/topics/annual_report_2008.pdf

III.B United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Capacity Development: Empowering People and Institutions; Annual Report 2008.

United Nations Development Programme. New York. June 2008. 36 p.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/publications/annualreport2008/downloads.shtml>

El fomento de la capacidad: Empoderamiento de las personas y las instituciones: Informe anual 2008.

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo. Nueva York. Junio de 2008. 36 p.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/spanish/publicaciones/annualreport2008/downloads.shtml>

Le renforcement des capacités: l'habilitation des gens et des institutions; Rapport annuel 2008.

Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement. New York. Juin 2008. 36 p.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/french/publications/annualreport2008/downloads.shtml>

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Our Planet: Kick the Habit: Towards a low carbon economy. May 2008.

United Nations Environment Programme. 27 p.

Online version: <http://www.unep.org/ourplanet/2008/may/en/>

Notre Planète: Non à la dépendance : Pour une économie à faible émission de carbone. Mai 2008.

Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement. 27 p.

Online version: <http://www.unep.org/ourplanet/2008/may/fr/>

IV Social Questions

Femmes en l'an 2000 et au-delà, Décembre 2007: "Les femmes, l'égalité des sexes et le sport".

Nations Unies. Division de la promotion de la femme. 43 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/public/Women_and_Sport_French-web.pdf

V International Law

Bulletin du droit de la mer. No. 61.
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. iii, 124 p.
ISBN 978-92-1-233423-3.

Bulletin du droit de la mer. No. 58.
Nations Unies. New York. 2006. iv, 63 p.
ISBN 978-92-1-233416-5.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Verification in all aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification. (Study Series 32)
United Nations. New York. 2008. v, 48 p.
Sales No. E.08.IX.5. ISBN 978-92-1-142262-7.
Online version: <http://disarmament.un.org/DDApublications/Study-Series/StudySeries32.pdf>

XI Narcotic Drugs (including United Nations Office on Drug and Crime - UNODC)

Perspectives, Number 5, May 2008: Guinea-Bissau: New hub for cocaine trafficking.
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. 23 p.

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

Claiming the Millennium Development Goals: A human rights approach.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. viii, 52 p. (HR/PUB/08/3)
Sales No. E.08.XIV.6. ISBN 978-92-1-154184-7.
Online version: http://www2.ohchr.org/SPdocs/Claiming_MDGs_en.pdf

XVII International Statistics

2005 Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles / Bilans énergétiques et profils du secteur de l'électricité.
United Nations / Nations Unies. 2008. xxxv, 629 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.W/14)
Sales No. E/F.08.XVII.6. ISBN 978-92-1-061244-9.

2005 Energy Statistics Yearbook / Annuaire des statistiques de l'énergie.
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York. 2008. I, 561 p.
(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.J/48)
Sales No. E/F.08.XVII.4. ISBN 978-92-1-061229-6.

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1043, Vol. LXII, No. 5, May / Edition n° 1043, Vol. LXII, n° 5, mai.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xii, 305 p.
(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/425)
Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, 2006; Part III. United Nations. New York. 2008. xxvi, 1109 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.X/39, Part III) Sales No. E.08.XVII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-161508-1.

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