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UNRIC Library Newsletter – July 2009

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference "For Peace and Development: Disarm Now!" - Mexico City, Mexico, 9-11 September 2009

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

The Conference is the premier NGO event of the year, attracting 2,000 NGO representatives from 90 countries, organized in partnership with the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs and the Government of Mexico.

ECOSOC Innovation Fair

<http://esango.un.org/innovationfair/>

The Innovation Fair in 2009, held during the high-level segment of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is designed to showcase innovative projects and practices in the area of global public health by a wide range of stakeholders in support of successful global public health activities.

General Assembly 64th session - Provisional agenda (A/64/150)

English, French & Spanish:

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/64/150

The provisional agenda for the 64th session of the General Assembly had been issued (A/64/150). The session will begin on Tuesday, 15 September 2009 and the general debate is scheduled to be held from 22 September to 2 October 2009.

Millennium Development Goals Report 2009

English: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG%20Report%202009%20ENG.pdf>

French:

<http://www.un.org/french/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG%20Report%202009%20FR.pdf>

Spanish: http://www.un.org/spanish/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG_Report_2009_SP_r3.pdf

At the opening of the High-Level Segment of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in Geneva, the Secretary-General launched the Millennium Development Goals Report 2009. The report assesses the progress towards the MDGs and warns that, despite many successes, overall progress has been too slow for most of the targets to be met by 2015. It states that "although data are not yet available to reveal the full impact of the recent economic downturn, they point to areas where progress towards the eight goals has slowed or reversed."

Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development: Outcome Document

English, French & Spanish:

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/63/303

The Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development as it was adopted by the General Assembly is now available as an annex to General Assembly resolution 63/303.

Todo lo que siempre has querido saber sobre las Naciones Unidas: Para estudiantes de nivel intermedio y secundario

[http://www.unic.org.ar/mat-didactico/todosobreONU\(1\).pdf](http://www.unic.org.ar/mat-didactico/todosobreONU(1).pdf)

Produced by UNIC Buenos Aires, Spanish version of "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the UN: For Students at Intermediate and Secondary level".

Peace and Security

New Partnership Agenda: Charting a New Horizon for UN Peacekeeping

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/newhorizon.pdf>

This internal "non-paper" prepared by the by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and the Department of Field Support (DFS) reflects the departments' analysis and outlines a number of crucial recommendations for the future of peacekeeping operations.

Report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict (A/63/881-S/2009/304)

English, French & Spanish:

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/63/881

The report is submitted, after consultations with the Peacebuilding Commission, following the Security Council invitation (S/PRST/2008/16) to provide advice on how to support national efforts to secure sustainable peace more rapidly and effectively. The immediate aftermath of conflict, defined as the first two years after the main conflict in a country has ended, "offers a window of opportunity to provide basic security, deliver peace dividends, shore up and build confidence in the political process, and strengthen core national capacity to lead peacebuilding efforts thereby beginning to lay the foundations for sustainable development."

Report of the Security Council mission to the African Union; Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Liberia (S/2009/303)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2009/303>

The report of the Security Council mission to Africa from 14-21 May 2009 has been issued (S/2009/303). The report has 3 sections covering the Council's visits to the African Union; Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Liberia. Each section ends with specific recommendations to the Security Council, the parties involved and the international community.

Economic & Social Development

Background Research for the Human Development Report 2009 (UNDP)

English: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2009/>

French: <http://hdr.undp.org/fr/rapports/mondial/rmdh2009/>

Spanish: <http://hdr.undp.org/es/informes/mundial/idh2009/>

Each year before the annual Human Development Report (HDR) is published by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) a topical background research is done for the upcoming HDR and a number of research papers are issued. The theme of the 2009 HDR is human mobility, the research papers published so far can be downloaded. The list of events, consultations, seminars and network discussions related to the 2009 HDR theme can also be consulted.

Fiduciary Responsibility - Legal and Practical Aspects of Integrating Environmental, Social and Governance Issues into Institutional Investment (UNEP)

<http://www.unepfi.org/fileadmin/documents/fiduciaryII.pdf>

'Green' investments are no longer just a luxury, but are now a legal responsibility, according to a new report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and a powerful group of asset managers controlling some \$2 trillion in assets.

The Global Economic Crisis and HIV Prevention and Treatment Programmes: Vulnerabilities and Impact (UNAIDS / World Bank)

http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2009/jc1704_econcrisis_hivresponse_en.pdf

The report looks at the potential impact of the global financial crisis on HIV prevention and treatment programmes worldwide. Using data collected in March 2009 from 71 countries, the analysis looks at how the crisis could affect the nearly 4 million people living with HIV on treatment, and the 7 million who need treatment but don't have access to it.

The Least Developed Countries Report 2009: The State and Development Governance (UNCTAD)

Full report in English: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/webflyer.asp?docid=11721&intItemID=1397&lang=1&mode=downloads>

Overview available in English, French & Spanish.

The world economic crisis, which has hit least developed countries (LDCs) severely, should be a point of departure for a new development approach in which the state plays a greater role, UNCTAD argues in its Least Developed Countries Report 2009. The crisis has laid bare the structural deficiencies of the globe's 49 poorest nations and has demonstrated their inability to achieve long-term growth and poverty reduction, the study says. It contends that a re-consideration of the role of the state is necessary to overcome LDCs' structural constraints and reduce their dependence on external support.

The Megacity Resilience Framework (UNU-EHS Policy Brief)

<http://www.ehs.unu.edu/file.php?id=631>

More than half of the world's population lives in megacities. The United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) has prepared a policy brief providing policy recommendations on how to increase the resilience and sustainability of these cities.

Note by FAO for the G8 Summit - L'Aquila, 8-10 July 2009

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/newsroom/docs/FAO_G8_backgrounder.pdf

In a background paper, the UN agency explains the causes underlying today's food security crisis, the scope of the problem, the prospects for the longer term — and how climate change is poised to make matters even worse.

Resources on the Environment @ the UNOG Library

[http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/library.nsf/\(httpPages\)/E73B6D4C39799B34C12575C003BF3A4?OpenDocument&unid=60249FAB9674BFA0C1256F560035AB55](http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/library.nsf/(httpPages)/E73B6D4C39799B34C12575C003BF3A4?OpenDocument&unid=60249FAB9674BFA0C1256F560035AB55)

The Library of the United Nations Office at Geneva invites you to discover a bibliography of material on environmental protection and climate change.

Trade and Climate Change (WTO-UNEP Report)

English: http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/trade_climate_change_e.pdf

French: http://www.wto.org/french/res_f/booksp_f/trade_climate_change_f.pdf

Spanish: http://www.wto.org/spanish/res_s/booksp_s/trade_climate_change_s.pdf

What do we know about climate change? What is the relationship between trade and climate change? How does trade affect greenhouse gas emissions and can more open trade help to address climate change? What is the range of national measures that can contribute to global mitigation efforts? These are just some of the questions discussed by this report by the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme.

UNFPA Repository on Population Dynamics

<http://www.unfpa.org/pds/climate/messages.html>

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has created a repository for recent research and advocacy materials to foster understanding of links between population dynamics and climate change. The Repository provides information on several issues including Population Dynamics (age structure, household size, distribution), Urbanization, Gender, Vulnerability and adaptation, Migration or displacement, Reproductive Health.

Human Rights

Handbook on the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC))

http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/optional_protocol_eng.pdf

The publication describes the genesis, scope and content of the Protocol, and provides examples of measures taken by States Parties to fulfil their obligations under this instrument.

Silence is Violence: End the Abuse of Women in Afghanistan (UNAMA / OHCHR report)

<http://unama.unmissions.org/Portals/UNAMA/Press%20Releases/VAW%20Rpt%20FINAL%207%20July%2009.pdf>

This new UN report on women in Afghanistan, describes the extensive and increasing level of violence directed at women taking part in public life, as well as the "widespread occurrence" of rape against a backdrop of institutional failure and impunity. The 32-page report, issued jointly by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), notes that "violence, in the public and private spheres, is an everyday occurrence in the lives of a huge proportion of Afghan women."

United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/specialsession/9/FactFindingMission.htm>

Public Hearings on 28 and 29 June in Gaza and on 6 and 7 July in Geneva

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B9C2E/\(httpNewsByYear_en\)/7D0EA446F8B3ABFEC12575E000583BF0?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B9C2E/(httpNewsByYear_en)/7D0EA446F8B3ABFEC12575E000583BF0?OpenDocument)

On 3 April 2009, the President of the Human Rights Council established an international independent Fact Finding Mission with the mandate "to investigate all violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law that might have been committed at any time in the context of the military operations that were conducted in Gaza during the period from 27 December 2008 and 18 January 2009, whether before, during or after."

Humanitarian Affairs

Socio-Economic Developments in the oPt First Half 2008 (UNRWA)

http://www.un.org/unrwa/publications/pubs08/UNRWA_SocEconDevReport1stHlf08.pdf

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has released its previously internal report. The full 2008 report is expected in the fall.

International Law

Treaty Event 2009: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation

(23-25 and 28-29 September 2009, United Nations Headquarters)

English & Spanish:

http://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?pathtreaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_en.xml

French:

http://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?pathtreaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_fr.xml&clang=fr

New information material

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

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 July 2009.

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

United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign UNiTE to End Violence against Women: Framework for Action; Programme of United Nations Activities and Expected Outcomes 2008-2015.

Published by the United Nations Department of Public Information. DPI/2529. February 2009. 12 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/women/endviolence/pdf/Framework_booklet.pdf

Affiche: Types de drogues placées sous contrôle international.

Nations Unies Office contre la drogue et le crime. Illustrations: Stefano Longo

Poster: Types of drugs under international control.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Illustrations: Stefano Longo.

UN Newsletters, Journals, Bulletins

http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9146

The UNRIC library has updated its list of online newsletters, journals and bulletins published by the United Nations system. The compilation currently covers more than 50 subject areas from A for Africa to Y for Youth.

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in July

I General Information and Reference

Index to Proceedings of the Economic and Social Council: Organizational session – 2006, Substantive session - 2006.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xx, 117 p. (ST/LIB/SER.B/E.84)

Sales No. E.09.I.6. ISBN 978-92-1-101192-0.

Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly: Sixtieth-second session – 2007/2008 – Part I – Subject Index.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xi 351 p. (ST/LIB/SER.B/A.71 (Part I))

Sales No. E.09.I.2. ISBN 978-92-1-101188-3.

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2009.
United Nations. New York. 2009. 56 p. Includes 2009 Progress Chart.
Sales No. E.09.I.12. ISBN 978-92-1-101196-8.
Report: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2009/MDG_Report_2009_En.pdf
Progress Chart:
http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2009/MDG_Report_2009_Progress_Chart_En.pdf

Resolutionen und Beschlüsse des Sicherheitsrats: 1. August 2007 – 31. Juli 2008.
Sicherheitsrat. Offizielles Protokoll. (S/INF/63).
Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2008. vii, 298 S.
Online version: http://www.un.org/Depts/german/sr/sr_07-08/s-inf-63.pdf

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Assessing the impact of the current financial and economic crisis on global FDI flows.
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. April 2009. ix, 62 p.
(UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2009/3)
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/diaeia20093_en.pdf

Le développement économique en Afrique : Rapport 2009 ; Renforcer l'intégration économique régionale pour le développement de l'Afrique.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. viii, 127 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2009)
Sales No. F.09.II.D.7 ISBN: 978-92-1-212365-3.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/aldcafrica2009_fr.pdf

Directives de comptabilité et d'information financière pour les petites et moyennes entreprises : Orientations pour les PME du niveau III.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. vi, 16 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/ED/2009/2)
Sales No. F.09.II.D.3. ISBN no 978-92-1-212363-9
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/diaeed20092_fr.pdf

Economic Development in Africa 2009: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. viii, 115 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2009)
Sales No. E.09.II.D.7 ISBN: 978-92-1-112768-3.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/aldcafrica2009_en.pdf

Examen de la politique de l'investissement: Burkina Faso.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. xi, 120 p. (UNCTAD/ITE/IPC/2009/4)
Sales No. F.09.II.D.5. ISBN 978-92-1-212364-6.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/diaepcb20094_fr.pdf

Examen de la politique de l'investissement de la Mauritanie.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. xi, 120 p. (UNCTAD/ITE/IPC/2008/5)
Sales No. F.08.II.D.16. ISBN 978-92-1-212356-1.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/iteipc20085_fr.pdf

Policy Alternatives for Sustained Palestinian Development and State Formation.
United Nations. New York and Geneva, 2009. xii, 55 p. (UNCTAD/GDS/APP/2008/1)
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/gdsapp20081_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Policy Options and Instruments for Financing Innovation: A Practical Guide to Early-Stage Financing.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. ix, 62 p. (ECE/CECI/7)

Sales No. E.09.II.E.3. ISBN 978-92-1-116998-0

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/ceci/publications/fid2.pdf>

II.H Public Administration

People Matter: Civic Engagement in Public Governance; World Public Sector Report 2008.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xix, 139 p. (ST/ESa/PAD/SER.E/108)

Sales No. E.07.II.H.11. ISBN 978-92-1-123172-4.

Online version: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/UN/UNPAN028608.pdf>

III.B United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Development Programme Annual Report 2009.

UNDP. New York. 2009. 40 p.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/publications/annualreport2009/report.shtml>

Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement : Rapport annuel 2009.

PNUD. New York. 2009. 40 p.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/french/publications/annualreport2009/report.shtml>

IV Social Questions

Femmes en l'an 2000 et au-delà, décembre 2008: "Le rôle des hommes et des garçons dans l'égalité entre les sexes".

Nations Unies. Division de la promotion de la femme. 55 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/public/w2000/08-52640_Women2000_FR_REV.pdf

V International Law

La commission du droit international et son œuvre : Septième édition, Volume I.

Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xii, 411 p.

Sales No. F.07.V.9. ISBN 978-92-1-233434-9.

The Law of the Sea: A Select Bibliography, 2008.

United Nations. New York. 2009. v, 96 p. (LOS/LIB/23)

Sales No. E.09.V.6. ISBN 978-92-1-133667-2.

Nations Unies Annuaire Juridique 2002.

Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xix, 709 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/40)

Sales No. F.05.V.1. ISBN 978-92-1-233421-9.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/law/UNJuridicalYearbook/index.htm>

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Annuaire des Nations Unies sur le désarmement: Volume 30; 2005.

Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xix, 469 p.

Sales No. F.06.IX.1. ISBN 978-92-1-242148-3.

Online version:

http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/2005/PDF/2005_French.pdf

Assessing the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

United Nations. New York. 2009. vi, 29 p. (UNODA Occasional Papers, No. 16, April 2009)

Sales No. E.09.IX.4. ISBN 978-92-1-142269-6.

Online version:

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/OccasionalPapers/PDF/OP16.pdf>

Disarmament forum, one & two, 2009: Ideas for peace and security / Forum du désarmement, un et deux, 2009: Des idées pour la paix et la sécurité (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=1020-7287-2009-1-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2009-1-fr

XVII International Statistics

2006 Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles / Bilans énergétiques et profils du secteur de l'électricité.

United Nations / Nations Unies. 2008. xxxvii, 653 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.W/15)

Sales No. E/F.09.XVII.5. ISBN 978-92-1-061262-3.

Sample tables: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/energy/balance/default.htm>

Handbook on Geospatial Infrastructure in Support of Census Activities. (Studies in Methods, Series F, No. 103)

United Nations. New York. 2009. xii, 258 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/103)

Sales No. E.09.XVIII.8. ISBN 978-92-1-161527-2.

Online version: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/standmeth/handbooks/Series_F103en.pdf

International Recommendations for Distributive Trade Statistics. (Statistical papers Series M No. 89)

United Nations. New York. 2009. viii, 155 p. ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/89

Sales No. E.08.XVII.26. ISBN 978-92-1-161519-7

Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/M89%20EnglishForWeb.pdf>

World Statistics Pocketbook 2008.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xi, 241 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.V/33)

Sales No. E.09.XVII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-161524-1.

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 87, Number 7, July 2009, p. 485-565.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/87/7/en/>

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http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=category§ionid=4&id=33&Itemid=155