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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

UN Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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

In an historic move, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously on 2 July 2010 to create a new entity to accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide. The establishment of this entity is a result of years of negotiations between UN Member States and advocacy by the global women's movement. It is part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact.

Nelson Mandela International Day, 18 July

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/mandeladay/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/mandeladay/>

In November 2009, the UN General Assembly declared 18 July "Nelson Mandela International Day" in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom.

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2010

English: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG%20Report%202010%20En%20r15%20-low%20res%2020100615%20-.pdf>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/millenniumgoals/report2010.shtml>

Spanish: http://www.un.org/es/comun/docs/?path=/spanish/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG_Report_2010_SP.pdf

The report notes that even though the economic crisis took a heavy toll on jobs and incomes around the world, the world is still on track to achieve the MDG target of cutting the rate of extreme poverty in half by 2015.

The path to achieving the Millennium Development Goals: A synthesis of evidence from around the world (UNDP)

http://content.undp.org/go/cms-service/stream/asset/?asset_id=2658993

This report synthesizes country-level evidence generated through a sample of 34 MDG Country Reports — 20 of which are in Africa — that have completed their national MDG assessments and shows trends in progress, successes, failures and the impact of the recent global crises.

Todo lo que siempre has querido saber sobre las Naciones Unidas

<http://www.un.org/es/aboutun/booklet/index.shtml>

La publicación «Todo lo que siempre has querido saber sobre las Naciones Unidas» es un libro de texto para estudiantes de nivel intermedio y secundario.

UN publications go mobile

<https://unp.un.org/MobileApps.aspx>

United Nations Publications announced the release of the UN e-book applications for iPhone and e-books for Amazon's Kindle which give users easy access to offline reading and reference on global issues. The first UN publications available as iPhone applications, or 'apps', are UN flagship titles such as The Charter of the United Nations, The United Nations Today, and Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Available for a nominal fee at the App Store, UN e-book apps allow users to take advantage of the advanced capabilities of the iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch user interface. Features of the UN e-book apps include: Simple and clean user interface, Full-text search across the text, Intuitive navigation to different parts of the book, Linking to other UN titles.

UN Office for the Administration of Justice - new website

English: <http://www.un.org/en/oaj/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/oaj/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/oaj/>

The new website provides information about the internal justice system at the UN including the Office of Staff Legal Assistance, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal. All judgments rendered by the Tribunals are available for download on the website.

Peace and Security

Addressing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: An Analytical Inventory of Peacekeeping Practice (UNIFEM / DPKO / UN Action)

http://www.unifem.org/attachments/products/Analytical_Inventory_of_Peacekeeping_Practice_online.pdf

This publication captures best practices and emerging elements for a more effective response by peacekeepers to women's security concerns. From initiating firewood patrols in Darfur to establishing market escorts, night patrols and early-warning systems in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the document catalogues direct and indirect efforts to combat sexual violence during and in the wake of war. While the focus of this publication is on the practical methods by which military, police and civilian peacekeepers can prevent sexual violence, it is also part of a broader agenda to improve the capacities of peacekeepers to protect civilians effectively.

**New UN report cites lack of progress by Israel and Lebanon on key obligations
(Thirteenth report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) - S/2010/352)**

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2010/352>

While Israel and Lebanon have enjoyed the longest period of stability in their recent history, not enough progress has been made on key obligations under the Security Council resolution that ended the hostilities of 2006, according to this new United Nations report.

Operaciones de paz de las Naciones Unidas: Resumen del año 2008

<http://www.un.org/es/peacekeeping/publications/yir/2008/>

Mientras la comunidad internacional celebró durante el año 2008 el 60º aniversario de las operaciones de mantenimiento de la paz de las Naciones Unidas, los cascos azules se encontraban trabajando más allá de sus capacidades y afrontando numerosas operaciones cada vez más complejas en todos los lugares del mundo.

Security Council Concept Paper: The promotion and strengthening of the rule of law in the maintenance of international peace and security

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2010/322>

The President of the Security Council for June 2010, Mexico, has issued a concept paper for the Security Council open debate on The promotion and strengthening of the rule of law in the maintenance of international peace and security, to be held on Tuesday, 29 June 2010 (S/2010/322).

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 31 May 2010

(DPI/1634/Rev.109, June 2010)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/bnote.htm>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/bnote.htm>

**United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions - Background Note:
31 May 2010** (DPI/2166/Rev.84, July 2010)

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

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/pdf/ppbmf.pdf>

Economic & Social Development

Blame and Banishment: The underground HIV epidemic affecting children in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (UNICEF)

http://www.unicef.org/media/files/UNICEF_Blame_and_Banishment.pdf

An underground HIV epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia is intensifying at an alarming pace, fuelled by drug use, high-risk sexual behaviour and high levels of social stigma that discourage people from seeking prevention information and treatment, according to a new report released by UNICEF. It highlights the issues faced by children living with HIV, adolescents engaged in risky behaviours, pregnant women using drugs, and the more than one million children and young people who live or work on the streets of the region.

DESA launches new social media 'toolbox'

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/index.html>

The Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) has launched today a new communication campaign including a 'new media toolbox' to disseminate its information - including the World Economic and Social Survey 2010 - on the fastest growing media in recent years. Three social networks will be

part of this effort: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Through them DESA staff plans to build partnerships with colleagues in other UN Departments, Agencies and Commissions for promoting the UN Development Agenda.

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) for Business Report (UNEP)

<http://www.teebweb.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ubcryE0OUbw%3d&tabid=924&language=en-US>

Business leaders in biodiversity-rich developing economies are concerned about losses of 'natural capital', a new UNEP report highlights. Over 50 per cent of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) surveyed in Latin America and 45 per cent in Africa see declines in biodiversity as a challenge to business growth. In contrast, less than 20 per cent of their counterparts in Western Europe share such concerns. The findings, compiled by a study of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), indicate that those corporate chiefs who fail to make sustainable management of biodiversity part of their business plans may find themselves increasingly out of step with the market place.

FAOSTAT – free access to database of hunger statistics

<http://faostat.fao.org/default.aspx>

The world's largest and most comprehensive database on food, agriculture and hunger is now open to the public, free of charge, as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced. The database contains over one million data points covering more than 200 countries and territories.

Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2010/>

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford University today launched a new index to measure poverty levels which they said give a "multidimensional" picture of people living in hardship, and could help target development resources more effectively. The new measure, the Multidimensional Poverty Index, or MPI, was developed and applied by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) with UNDP support. It will be featured in the forthcoming 20th anniversary edition of the UNDP Human Development Report to be released in October 2010, and replaces the Human Poverty Index, which had been included in these reports since 1997.

Needs Assessment Toolkit on the Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/Needs_Assessment_Toolkit_ebook_09-87518_June_2010.pdf

Trafficking in persons is a complex phenomenon demanding a coordinated and multisectoral approach in order to achieve an effective response. The toolkit is analyzing country's criminal justice response to human trafficking.

Report on the second UNCTAD Public Symposium - Responding to global crises: New development Paths (TD/B/57/5)

http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tdb57d5_en.pdf

The Symposium discussed the enduring effects of the global economic and financial crises with a view to exploring new development paths, anchored on the premise that responding to global crises relies on the advancement of new thinking and new approaches.

Tourism and the Millennium Development Goals: sustainable - competitive – responsible (UNWTO)

<http://www.unwto.org/tourism&mdgsezine/>

Maximizing tourism's contribution as a main driver of economic growth and development, UNWTO is currently implementing numerous programmes to reduce poverty, fight gender inequality and foster sustainable development.

UNAIDS report on HIV treatment

Treatment 2.0: http://data.unaids.org/pub/Outlook/2010/20100713_outlook_treatment2_0_en.pdf

Outlook: http://data.unaids.org/pub/Outlook/2010/20100713_outlook_report_web_en.pdf

A new United Nations report says that a radically simplified approach to ensuring access to HIV treatment for everyone who needs it could prevent 10 million deaths by 2025 and 1 million new infections annually. The so-called 'Treatment 2.0', says the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), could lower the cost of treatment, simplify treatment regimens, ease the burden on health systems, and improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and their families. For the new plan to succeed, the agency's 'Outlook' report calls for action to be taken across five key areas.

World Drug Report 2010 (UNODC)

Report in English: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/WDR-2010.html>

Executive Summary available in English, French & Spanish.

The Report shows that drug use is shifting towards new drugs and new markets. Drug crop cultivation is declining in Afghanistan (for opium) and the Andean countries (coca), and drug use has stabilized in the developed world. However, there are signs of an increase in drug use in developing countries and growing abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and prescription drugs around the world.

World Economic and Social Survey 2010: Retooling Global Development (DESA)

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

Overview available in English, French & Spanish.

According to the 2010 World Economic and Social Survey a major rebalancing of the global economy is needed to make it sustainable. The main message in the report is that we have seen in the past couple of years, multiple global crises emerging - the food crisis, energy crisis, climate change crisis and the global financial crisis - all to a large extent a part of major systemic failures in the global economy and weaknesses in the mechanisms for global governance and particularly also a lack of coherence among many areas of policy-making.

Youth employment in crisis (ILO)

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inst/download/dp201.pdf>

The United Nations labour agency is calling for urgent action to tackle the crisis of youth unemployment, which has increased significantly in the wake of the global economic slowdown and has repercussions for the economy as well as social cohesion. Young people - those aged 15 to 24 - account for over 22 per cent of the increase in the number of unemployed since the beginning of 2007 and is now nearly three times the average level among adults aged 25 and over, according to the new report issued by International Labour Organization.

Humanitarian Affairs

Minimum Standards for Education: Preparedness, Response, Recovery (INEE Minimum Standards Handbook, updated 2010 edition)

<http://www2.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900SID/MUMA-86U2X9?OpenDocument>

http://www.unicef.org/media/media_54204.html

This handbook, produced by the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies and supported by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), aims to raise the quality of education in emergency situations to help the 25 million children who are living in conflict-affected areas and are missing out on primary education. The 2010 edition of the handbook encourages

preparedness, response and recovery, and focuses on the links between education, disaster risk reduction and conflict mitigation.

Les Nations Unies et l'assistance humanitaire (Nouvelle version du site)

<http://www.un.org/fr/humanitarian/overview/>

Face au bilan humain et financier des conflits et des catastrophes naturelles, le système des Nations Unies est l'un des principaux prestataires de secours d'urgence et de l'assistance à plus long terme. Il porte secours le plus rapidement possible aux victimes et s'efforce d'élaborer des stratégies efficaces pour prévenir les situations d'urgence.

UN Global Pulse: new website to protect the vulnerable from emerging crises

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

UN Global Pulse, an online platform which uses sources as varied as statistics, traditional warning systems and new sources such as mobile phone messages and social media to visually detect emerging crises and protect the most vulnerable, has launched a new website. The launch of Global Pulse, formerly the Global Impact and Vulnerability Alert System or GIVAS, coincides with the release of the Secretary-General's second 'Voices of the Vulnerable' Report. In addition to the report the website features detailed information about research and projects with UN agency partners, over 100 reports focusing on vulnerability and coping in response to external shocks, events and links to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube pages.

New information material

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

Affiche: Éliminer la pauvreté – Objectifs du millénaire pour le développement.
Département de l'information de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. DPI/2554 F. Mai 2010.
Online version : http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Poster-Africa_FR.pdf

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Febrero de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 2.
Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 20 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-36046s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, February 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 2.
United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 17 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/D704416CDEEDBED3852576FF00573C56>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, Février 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 2.
Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 20 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-36046f.pdf>

Cartel: Podemos Eradicar la pobreza – Objetivos de desarrollo del milenio.
Departamento de Información Pública des las Naciones Unidas. DPI/2554 S. Mayo 2010.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Poster-Latin%20America.pdf>

Opérations de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies 2009: Revue de l'année.
Produit par la Section de la paix et de la sécurité du Département de l'information des Nations Unies. 72 p. Mars 2010.
ISBN 978-92-1-200307-8.
Online version: http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/documents/yir2009_fr.pdf

Poster: 63rd Annual United Nations Department of Public Information / Non-Governmental Organization Conference. Melbourne, Australia, 30 August to 1 September 2010 – "Advance Global Health: Achieve the MDGs".

Poster: We can end poverty – Millennium Development Goals.
United Nations Department of Public Information. DPI/2554 E. May 2010.
Online version: http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Poster-Africa_EN.pdf

Poster: We can end poverty – Millennium Development Goals.
United Nations Department of Public Information. DPI/2555. May 2010.
Online version: http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Poster-Asia_EN.pdf

The Right to Adequate Food (Fact Sheet No. 34)
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. iv, 49 p.
Online version: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet34en.pdf>

World Food Programme Annual Report 2010: Fighting Hunger Worldwide.
WFP. Rome. 2010. 48 p.
Online version: <http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/communications/wfp220666.pdf>

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I General Information and Reference

Chronique ONU, Volume XLVI, Numéro 1&2, 2009. 78 p.
« Protéger les générations futures ... » (Numéro spécial sur les changements climatiques)
Online version : <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/lang/fr/home/archive/Issues2009>

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2010.
United Nations. New York. 2010. 76 p. Includes 2010 Progress Chart.
Sales No. E.10.I.7. ISBN 978-92-1-101218-7.
Report: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2010/MDG_Report_2010_En.pdf
Progress Chart: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2010/MDG_Report_2010_Progress_Chart_En.pdf

Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement.
Nations Unies. New York. 2010. 76 p.
Sales No. F.10.I.7. ISBN 978-92-1-200306-1.
Online version:
http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2010/MDG_Report_2010%20_Fr.pdf
Tableau de suivi: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2010/MDG_Report_2010_Progress_Chart_Fr.pdf

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Attirer les investissements étrangers directs dans les pays en développements : La contribution des AII (Études de la CNUCED sur les politiques d'investissement international au service du développement)

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. xv, 131 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2009/5)
Sales No. E.09.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-212372-1.

Investment Policy Review: Sierra Leone.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. ix, 114 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2009/14)
Sales No. E.10.II.D.8. ISBN 978-92-1-112785-0.

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/diaepcb200914_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Financing global climate change mitigation (The ECE Energy Series, No. 37)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xiv, 159 p. (ECE/ENERGY/81)
Sales No. E.10.II.E.1. ISBN 978-92-1-117017-7.

Online version:

http://www.unece.org/energy/se/pdfs/qee21/qee21_pub/GEE21_GlobalClimateChangeMitigation_ESE37.pdf

Revue annuelle du marché des produits forestiers, 2008-2009. (Études de Genève sur le bois et la forêt, no 24)

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. xxv, 216 p. (ECE/TIM/SP/24)
Sales No. F.09.II.E.11. ISBN 978-92-1-216510-3.

Online: <http://timber.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/images/fpamr2009french.pdf>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

International Trade Forum, Issue 1, 2010. 38 p.

"Climate Change & Trade"

Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/>

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, one 2010: Implementing the Convention on Cluster Munitions? / Forum du désarmement, un, 2010: Appliquer la Convention sur les armes à sous-munitions ? (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=1020-7287-2010-1-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2010-1-fr

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

Les instruments de l'état de droit dans les sociétés sortant d'un conflit : Consultations nationales sur la justice en période de transition.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2009. vi, 34 p. (HR/PUB/09/2)

Sales No. F.09.XIV.2. ISBN 978-92-1-254171-6.

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/NationalConsultationsTJ_fr.pdf

The Right to Adequate Food (Fact Sheet No. 34)
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. iv, 49 p.
Online version: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet34en.pdf>

XVII International Statistics

2006 Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook : Production Statistics (1997-2006) / 2006
Annuaire de statistiques industrielles par produit : Statistiques de production (1997-2006) -
Volume I: Physical Quantity Data / Données sur les quantités physiques.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2009. xvi, 783 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.P/46)
Sales No. E/F.09.XVII.10, vol. I. ISBN 978-92-1-061264-7.

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1067, Vol. LXIV,
No. 7, May 2010 / Edition n° 10676, Vol. LXIV, n° 5, mai 2010.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2010. xii, 321 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/449)
Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 88, Number 7, July 2010, p. 481-560.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/7/en/>

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