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UNRIC Library Newsletter – July 2012

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

The Future We Want: Outcome document adopted at Rio+20

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/thefuturewewant.html>

DPI-NGO Relations Section – new website

<http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/>

The new site is more user-friendly and aims to attract a more globally diverse clientele. We hope that UNICS will encourage NGOs in their respective countries to explore the new website and to take advantage of all the opportunities for networking and supporting partnerships it will offer as well as information on NGO weekly Thursday Briefings, its association and disassociation processes, communication workshops and orientation programmes, as well as the premier NGO event, the annual UNDPI/NGO Conference.

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) - newly revamped bilingual website

<http://new.uneca.org/>

The launch of the new website, which offers quick and easy access to essential information on UNECA and its programmes, is part of the organization's ongoing efforts to enhance the quality and availability of information to audience worldwide. The website harbours over 10,000 pages divided into seven sections: Home; About ECA; Programmes; Sub-regional Offices; Publications; Meetings and Events; and Press Releases. Each page provides detailed information on all seven aspects of the organization's functioning.

New enhancements to the website include: an improved navigation, cleaner user interface, integration of RSS feeds, email alerts, social networking page with links to online presence, and integration of advanced multimedia features.

UN News Focus: LRA - countering the threat and impact

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=143&Body=Resistance&Body1=Army>

UNRIC Library Backgrounder: Disarmament

English: http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/disarmament_eng.pdf

French: http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/disarmament_french.pdf

UNRIC Library Backgrounder: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - Selected Online Resources (updated version)

html version: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/27582>

pdf version: http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/mdgs_eng.pdf

Peace and Security

Fukushima Daiichi Status Report - 28 June 2012 (IAEA)

<http://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/fukushima/statusreport280612.pdf>

Previously TEPCO established the "Fukushima Nuclear Accidents Investigation Committee" and "Nuclear Safety and Quality Assurance Meeting Accident Investigation Verification Committee". In December 2011 they released an interim report on the accident. On 20 June 2012 TEPCO announced the release of the "Fukushima Nuclear Accidents Investigation Report". This report was produced by these committees and is presented in 7 Parts

Security Council established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/2048/>

The Security Council Committee concerning Guinea-Bissau was established on 18 May 2012, pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012), to oversee the relevant sanctions measures and to undertake the tasks set out by the Security Council in paragraph 9 of the same resolution.

UN Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), New York, 2 to 27 July 2012

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/>

The first-ever UN Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, starting on July 2, aims to agree on standards to regulate the international arms trade, making it harder for weapons to be diverted to conflict zones, illegal market and into the hands of terrorists, warlords, drug traffickers and criminal cartels. It is seen as the most important initiative ever regarding conventional arms regulation within the United Nations. A robust arms trade treaty can make a difference for millions of people confronted with insecurity, deprivation and fear.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 June 2012

(DPI/1634/Rev.134, July 2012)

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

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

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 30 June 2012

(DPI/2166/Rev.108, July 2012)

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

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

Economic & Social Development

Assessing Progress in Africa Towards the Millennium Development Goals: MDG Report 2012 (AUC / UNECA / AfDB / UNDP-RBA)

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/mdg/mdg-reports/africa-collection/>

Sub-Saharan Africa must provide universal access to decent jobs and social services if it is to achieve decisive development progress, according to a newly released report on the continent's progress on global anti-poverty goals. The report is published annually by the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). This year the report shows that progress has been made in primary school enrolment, gender parity in primary school enrolment, the proportion of seats held by women in national parliament and HIV and AIDS prevalence rates. In spite of this progress, Africa still faces the challenges of addressing pervasive income inequalities, creating decent jobs, access to health and sanitation services.

Big Data for Development: Challenges & Opportunities (UN Global Pulse)

<http://www.unglobalpulse.org/sites/default/files/BigDataforDevelopment-UNGlobalPulseJune2012.pdf>

Since the turn of the century, innovations in technology and greater affordability of digital devices have presided over the "Industrial Revolution of Data," characterised by an explosion in the quantity and diversity of real-time digital data resulting from the ever-increasing role of technology in our lives. This paper outlines the opportunities and challenges, which have guided the UN Global Pulse initiative since its inception in 2009.

Climate change vulnerability and the identification of least developed countries (CDP Background Paper No. 15)

http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/cdp/cdp_background_papers/bp2012_15.pdf

This paper reviews the role of climate change vulnerability in identifying least developed countries (LDCs), and proposes some refinements in the LDC criteria to better capture vulnerabilities from natural disasters and in coastal areas.

DESA: Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC) – redesigned website

<http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/oesc/>

The new and improved site includes news, events and exciting features, through which both existing users and new visitors can gain a greater understanding of the Division's activities and achievements.

Global Economic Prospects: Managing growth in a volatile world (World Bank)

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPROSPECTS/Resources/334934-1322593305595/8287139-1339427993716/GEPJune2012_Full_Report.pdf

Economic developments of the past year have been volatile, punctuated by natural disasters, large swings in investor sentiment, and periods of relative calm and improving prospects. Output in the second half of 2011, was particularly weak, buffeted by flooding in Thailand, the delayed impact of earlier policy tightening and a resurgence of financial market and investor jitters.

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2012

English - Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/English2012.pdf>

English - Progress chart: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/Progress_E.pdf

French - Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/French2012.pdf>

French - Progress chart: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/Progress_F.pdf

Spanish - Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/Spanish2012.pdf>

Spanish - Progress chart: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/Progress_S.pdf

German - Report: http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/mdg_report%202012_german.pdf

German - Progress chart: http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/mdg_2012%20Progress%20Chart.pdf

This year's report highlights several milestones. The target of reducing extreme poverty by half has been reached five years ahead of the 2015 deadline, as has the target of halving the proportion of people who lack dependable access to improved sources of drinking water. Conditions for more than 200 million people living in slums have been ameliorated—double the 2020 target. Primary school enrolment of girls equalled that of boys, and we have seen accelerating progress in reducing child and maternal mortality

Together we will end AIDS (UNAIDS)

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/togetherwewillendaids/>

Ahead of the 19th International AIDS Conference that will take place in Washington D.C. from 22-27 July 2012, UNAIDS has launched a new report containing the latest data on numbers of new HIV infections, numbers of people receiving antiretroviral treatment, AIDS-related deaths and HIV among children. The report also gives an overview of international and domestic HIV investments and the need for greater value for money and sustainability.

United Nations Social Development Network (UNSDN)

<http://unsdn.org/>

This new web portal was launched by the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DSPD/DESA) as a pilot project, aiming to share knowledge and good practices among social development professionals worldwide on ageing, civil society, cooperatives, disability, employment, family, indigenous peoples, poverty, social integration, technology and youth.

World Drug Report 2012 (UNODC)

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

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/WDR-2012.html>

Illicit drug markets have global dimensions and require coordinated responses on a comparable scale. In this context, the World Drug Report aims to improve understanding of the illicit drug problem and contribute to more international cooperation for countering it. This year's edition begins with an overview of recent trends and the current situation in terms of production, trafficking and consumption and the consequences of illicit drug use in terms of treatment, drug-related diseases and drug-related deaths. The second chapter presents a long-term perspective: it looks at the main characteristics of the contemporary drug problem, the ways it has changed over the last few decades, the driving factors that shaped this evolution, and the directions it is likely to take in the future.

World Economic and Social Survey 2012: In Search of New Development Finance (DESA)

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

<http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wess/index.shtml>

In its annual report on global development the UN says that in the midst of difficult financial times many donor countries have cut back on development assistance. In 2011, for the first time in many years, aid flows declined in real terms. The United Nations is proposing an international tax, combined with other innovative financing mechanisms, to raise more than \$400 billion annually for development and global challenges such as fighting climate change.

Human Rights

Advance report on the global thematic study on human rights education and training of legal professionals

(Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Gabriela Knaul - A/HRC/20/20, 20 June 2012)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/20/20>

In the report, the Special Rapporteur assesses the information received on the structural elements of current training initiatives on international human rights law. She considers that the knowledge of judges, magistrates, prosecutors, public defenders and lawyers and the application of international human rights law at the domestic level have a direct impact on combating impunity for human rights violations, enforcing the rule of law, strengthening democracy and ensuring human rights-based development. The report concludes with a series of initial recommendations in order to encourage the development and improve the quality of training activities, as well as their effectiveness. Capacity-building activities in the sphere of international human rights law are an important instrument to clear away prejudices against human rights, and to promote and protect them more effectively.

Strengthening the United Nations human rights treaty body system: A report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Navanethem Pillay, June 2012 (OHCHR)

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/HRTD/docs/HCReportTBStrengthening.pdf>

The UN human rights treaty body system is one of the greatest achievements in the history of the global struggle for human rights. Using a growing set of tools, this system provides authoritative guidance on human rights standards, advises on how treaties apply in specific cases, and informs States parties of what they must do to ensure that all people enjoy their human rights.

International Law

Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT)

English: <http://www.unmict.org/>

French: http://www.unmict.org/index_fr.html

A ceremony held in the Tanzanian town of Arusha first week of July marked the opening of the newest UN entity: the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT).

The Mechanism was established by Security Council resolution 1966 and will act as a successor institution to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) following the completion of their respective mandates.

Treaty Event: "Strengthening the Rule of Law " (24-26 September & 1-2 October)

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

French: http://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?path treaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_fr.xml

This year's Treaty Event, on the theme of "Strengthening the Rule of Law," provides an opportunity for Member States to sign, ratify or accede to multilateral treaties deposited with the UN Secretary-General. Since 2000, the annual event has proven to be an effective means for promoting wider participation of States in the multilateral treaty framework and thereby fostering the rule of law at the international level.

New information material

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

Learning from the 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami "Good Practices" from Japan – Towards a Sustainable Future. United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Tokyo. June 2012.

UN Chronicle. Volume XLIX, Number 1 & 2, 2012. 71 p.

"The future we want?"

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/archive/issues2012/thefuturewewant>

RIO+ 20

Affiche: RIO+20 – l'avenir que nous voulons.
Nations Unies. Mai 2012.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/img/poster/Rio_Poster_FR.pdf

Cartaz: RIO+20 – o futuro que queremos.
Nações Unidas. Maio 2012.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/img/poster/Rio_Poster_Portuguese.pdf

Cartel: RIO+20 – el futuro que queremos.
Naciones Unidas. Mayo de 2012.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/img/poster/Rio_Poster_SP.pdf

Poster: RIO+20 – the future we want.
United Nations. May 2012.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/img/poster/Rio_Poster_EN.pdf

Nelson Mandela International Day – 18 July

Carte postale: Journée internationale Nelson Manda – 18 juillet: « Passez à l'action, inspirez le changement »

Online version : <http://www.un.org/fr/events/mandeladay/multimedia.shtml>

Postcard: My pledge to take action & inspire change in honour of Nelson Mandela International Day.

Postcard: Nelson Mandela International Day - 18 July: „Take action, Inspire change“.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/resources.shtml>

Tarjeta postal: Día internacional de Nelson Mandela – 18 de julio: “Movilízate, suscita el cambio.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/es/events/mandeladay/resources.shtml>

Affiche: Journée internationale Nelson Manda – 18 juillet : « Liberté, justice et démocratie ».

Online version : <http://www.un.org/fr/events/mandeladay/multimedia.shtml>

Cartel: Día internacional de Nelson Mandela – 18 de julio: “Por la libertad, la justicia y la democracia”.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/es/events/mandeladay/resources.shtml>

Poster: Nelson Mandela International Day – 18 July: “For freedom, justice and democracy”.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/resources.shtml>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in July

I General Information and Reference

UN Chronicle. Volume XLIX, Number 1 & 2, 2012. 71 p.

"The future we want?"

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/archive/issues2012/thefuturewewant>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

UNCTAD Annual Report 2011

United Nations. New York and Geneva. March 2012. 80 p. (UNCTAD/DOM/2012/1)

Rapport 2011 sur la technologie et l'innovation: Les technologies des énergies renouvelables, moteur du développement ; Aperçu général.

United Nations. New York et Genève. 2012. xi, 30 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2011 (Overview))

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Trade Facilitation Terms: An English-Russian Glossary (revised second edition).

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xxiii, 286 p. (ECE/TRADE/377/Rev.1)

Sales No. B.12.II.E.2. ISBN 978-92-1-117055-9.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/Publications/ECE-TRADE-377EngRus.pdf>

V International Law

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2005, Volume II: Report of the Commission to the General Assembly on the work of its fifty-seventh session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. iii, 96 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2005/Add.1 (Part 2))

Sales No. E.11.V.5 (Part 2). ISBN 978-92-1-133707-5.

Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/yearbooks.htm>

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

The Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights: An Interpretive Guide.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. iv, 92 p. (HR/PUB/12/2)

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR.PUB.12.2_En.pdf

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