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UNRIC Library Newsletter – June 2008

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

2008 High-Level Meeting on AIDS: “Uniting the world against AIDS” General Assembly, United Nations, New York, 10 – 11 June 2008

English: <http://www.un.org/ga/aidsmeeting2008/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/ga/aidsmeeting2008/index.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/ga/aidsmeeting2008/index.shtml>

2009 National Competitive Recruitment Examination (2009 NCRE)

English: <http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/ncrepage.htm>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/Depts/OHRM/examin/fncrepage.htm>

Deadline for applications is 31 October 2008. Nationals of the following countries are invited to participate: Afghanistan, Andorra, Angola, Bangladesh, Botswana, Cambodia, Comoros, Congo, Denmark, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Lesotho, Libya, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Yemen.

Committee on Contributions – new website

<http://www.un.org/ga/contributions/index.shtml>

The site provides links to the major documentation related to the Committee, including the past year's status of contributions and the sessional reports back to 1993 (when UN documents began to be published online).

Election of the President of General Assembly for the 63rd session

English: <http://www.un.org/ga/62/prez63.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/ga/62/prez63.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/62/prez63.shtml>

High-Level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy, 3-5 June 2008, Rome, Italy

English: <http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/hlc-home/en/>

French: <http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/hlc-home/fr/>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/hlc-home/es/>

The Nemeth Report - UNDP/DPRK

Press release, full report & executive summary:

<http://www.undp.org/dprk/nemethreport.shtml>

The External Independent Investigative Review Panel led by Hungarian Prime Minister Miklos Németh issued a report on the audit of UNDP activities from 1999 to 2007 in North Korea. The audit reviewed financial transactions, project implementation, dual use equipment, counterfeit currency issues and allegations of retaliations. The recommendations of the Panel are given at the end of each chapter.

UN Observances – new website

English: <http://www.un.org/observances/>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/events/observances/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/events/calendario/>

Days, weeks, years and decades are listed chronologically and links to the related websites are provided when available. Includes is also a page of recent anniversaries.

Peace & Security

Honouring 60 Years of UN Peacekeeping

English: <http://www.un.org/events/peacekeeping60/>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/events/peacekeeping60/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/events/peacekeeping60/>

The United Nations observed 60 years of peacekeeping operations on 29 May 2008, the annual observance of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, by paying tribute to all peacekeepers who have served since 1948 and commemorating those who died in the cause of peace in the past year. United Nations peacekeeping began in 1948 with the deployment of unarmed UN military observers to the Middle East in a mission to monitor the Armistice Agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Economic & Social Development

2008 World Economic and Social Survey: Overview (E/2008/50)

English, French & Spanish:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=E/2008/50>

The report notes that economic insecurity arises from the exposure of individuals, communities and countries to adverse events, and from their inability to cope with and recover from the downside losses. It further notes that a strong "social contract" is needed to secure spaces within which individuals, households and communities can pursue their day-to-day activities with reasonable degree of predictability and stability, and with due regard for the aims and interests of others.

Africa: Atlas of Our Changing Environment (UNEP report)

English & French: <http://www.na.unep.net/AfricaAtlas/AfricaAtlas/>

This new UNEP publication brings to light stories of environmental change at more than 100 locations spread across every country in Africa. Using current and historical satellite images, the Atlas provides scientific evidence of the impact that

natural and human activities have had on the continent's environment over the past several decades. This site contains downloadable versions of the atlas in both English and French. Also included are powerpoints, posters, satellite images, graphics, and interactive maps.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in the Tourism Sector: Frameworks, Tools and Practices

<http://www.unep.fr/scp/publications/pdf/DTIx1047xPA-ClimateChange.pdf>

This title – jointly published UNEP, University of Oxford, UNWTO and WMO – combined with a comprehensive series of international and regional seminars, is designed to provide a pragmatic platform to strengthen the capacity of professionals to understand and respond effectively to the global challenges of climate change in tourism destinations. It is a critical part of the wider UN response to climate change.

Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization (ILO)

English:

http://www.ilo.org/global/About_the_ILO/Media_and_public_information/Press_releases/lang--en/WCMS_094186/index.htm

French:

http://www.ilo.org/global/About_the_ILO/Media_and_public_information/Press_releases/lang--fr/WCMS_094187/index.htm

Spanish:

http://www.ilo.org/global/About_the_ILO/Media_and_public_information/Press_releases/lang--es/WCMS_094188/index.htm

Amid widespread uncertainty in the world of work, ranging from financial turmoil and economic downturn to growing unemployment, informality and insufficient social protection, the governments, workers and employers of the International Labour Organization (ILO) have adopted a landmark Declaration designed to strengthen the ILO's capacity to promote its Decent Work Agenda and forge an effective response to the growing challenges of globalization.

Food, Agriculture and Decent Work (ILO / FAO)

English: <http://www.fao-ilo.org/>

French: http://www.fao-ilo.org/fao_ilo_home/fr/?no_cache=1

Spanish: http://www.fao-ilo.org/fao_ilo_home/es/?no_cache=1

This new joint website launched by ILO and FAO is designed to highlight the many areas in which they already work together and others in which they are contemplating joint activities.

Kick the Habit: A UN Guide to Climate Neutrality (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/publications/search/pub_details_s.asp?ID=3992

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has issued a new publication that provides an overview of issues related to climate change, the major actors, and strategies to mitigate climate change. Throughout the text, technical terms are defined, providing an integrated glossary of key climate change concepts.

Securing our future (UNECA / CHGA report)

http://www.uneca.org/chga/report_launch.htm

This new report – issued by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa - on the state of HIV and AIDS in Africa concludes that cultural factors, including gender inequalities, wife inheritance and some sexual practices, influence the AIDS epidemic and response, are specific to the continent, and must be better understood and changed.

Towards Universal Access: Scaling up priority HIV/AIDS interventions in the health sector; Progress Report June 2008

English: <http://www.who.int/hiv/mediacentre/2008progressreport/en/index.html>

French: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2008/pr16/fr/index.html>

The end of 2007 marks an important step in the history of the HIV epidemic. According to this WHO, UNAIDS and UNICEF report nearly a million more people (950,000) were receiving treatment with antiretroviral therapy (ART) in low- and middle-income countries by year's end, bringing the total number of recipients to close to 3 million—a more than seven-fold increase over four years.

Human Rights

2007 Global Trends: Refugees, Asylum-seekers, Returnees, Internally Displaced and Stateless Persons (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/STATISTICS/4852366f2.pdf>

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees expressed concern about the growing number of refugees worldwide after an annual survey said there were 11.4 million refugees and 26 million others displaced internally by conflict or persecution at the end of 2007.

Claiming the Millennium Development Goals: a human rights approach (OHCHR)

http://www2.ohchr.org/SPdocs/Claiming_MDGs_en.pdf

This new publication by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights analyses whether there are similarities or conflicting issues between the human rights and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); it proposes a human rights-based approach to achieving the MDGs and applies human rights to individual millennium goals.

Gender Equality at the Heart of Decent Work (ILO)

English: <http://www.ilo.org/gender/Events/Campaign2008-2009/lang--en/index.htm>

French: <http://www.ilo.org/gender/Events/Campaign2008-2009/lang--fr/index.htm>

Spanish: <http://www.ilo.org/gender/Events/Campaign2008-2009/lang--es/index.htm>

The International Labour Organization is launching a one-year global campaign to highlight the central role of gender equality in its Decent Work Agenda. The campaign is built around 12 different Decent Work themes to illustrate how various issues in the world of work may affect women and men in different ways, particularly in their accessing rights, employment, social protection and social dialogue.

Louise Arbour's, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, final address to the Human Rights Council (2 June 2008)

<http://www.unhcr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/06B91AC08630D980C125745C00304584?opendocument>

Together with Youth Against Racism (UNESCO)

English: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=42640&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

French: http://portal.unesco.org/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=42640&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Spanish: http://portal.unesco.org/es/ev.php-URL_ID=42640&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Young Europeans are being invited to join a continent-wide campaign, called "Youth Voices Against Racism", launched today by UNESCO, FC Barcelona and the European Parliament to eradicate violence and racism in sport.

Humanitarian Affairs

Addressing the Global Food Crisis: Key trade, investment and commodity policies in ensuring sustainable food security and alleviating poverty

(UNCTAD report)

Advance unedited version:

http://www.unctad.org/sections/edm_dir/docs/osg_2008_1_en.pdf

The recent global food crisis can be seen as a wake-up call which can be turned into an opportunity by developing countries and the international community to revitalize global agriculture production and trade. The report was prepared for the High-Level Conference on World Food Security (3-5 June 2008, Rome, Italy).

UNAIDS policy brief on food security

Short version:

http://data.unaids.org/pub/Manual/2008/jc1515_policy_brief_nutrition_short_en.pdf

Expanded version:

http://data.unaids.org/pub/Manual/2008/jc1515a_policybrief_nutrition_en.pdf

The Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the World Health Organization (WHO), have developed a policy brief on HIV, food security and nutrition. As food insecurity and poor nutrition can hasten the progression of AIDS related illnesses, and the virus itself reduces the capacity of people living with HIV to work to provide food for themselves and their families, the policy provides guidance for governments, civil society and other partners on how to address food and nutrition concerns in the context of HIV.

New information material

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

Afrique Renouveau, Vol. 22, No. 1, avril 2008. 24 p.

Assurer aux femmes des droits fonciers.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol22no1/index.html>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 June 2008.

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

Focus Kosovo – Number 38, Spring 2008: Spring Awakening! 16 p.

Online version: http://www.unmikonline.org/pub/focuskos/jun08/FK_38%20ENG_WEB.pdf

Publications des Nations Unies 2007-2008.

UN Bookshop. November 2007. 96 p.

United Nations Publications: Africa. May 2008. 6 p.

United Nations Publications: Spring 2008 Catalogue. 84 p.

Online version: <https://unp.un.org/pdf/files/spring2008cat.pdf>

United Nations Publications: Human Rights. April 2008. 10 p.

United Nations Publications: Water. May 2008. 6 p.

The UNRIC Library has issued a new **backgrounder**
in English and French on the following subject:

Global Food Crisis

Copies can be requested by e-mail (info@unric.org)

or downloaded from the library website at

http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30&limit=1&limitstart=3&lang=en

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in June

I General Information and Reference

Geschäftsordnung der Generalversammlung (mit den von der Generalversammlung bis einschließlich September 2006 angenommenen Änderungen und Ergänzungen).

Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2008. xxiii, 112 p. (A/520/Rev.17)

Sales No. G.08.I.9. ISBN 978-92-1-700107-9.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/go/qv/a520rev17.pdf>

Règlement intérieur de l'Assemblée générale (avec les amendements et additives adoptés par l'Assemblée générale jusqu'en septembre 2006).

Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xxv, 126 p. (A/520/Rev.17)

Sales No. F.08.I.9. ISBN 978-92-1-200285-9.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/520/Rev.17>

Resolutionen und Beschlüsse des Sicherheitsrats: 1. August 2006 – 31. Juli 2007.

Sicherheitsrat. Offizielles Protokoll. (S/INF/62).

Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2007. vii, 331 S.

Online version: http://www.un.org/Depts/german/sr/sr_06-07/s-inf-62.pdf

Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-second session - Volume I: 18 September – 22 December 2007.

General Assembly. Official Records. Sixty-second session. Supplement No. 49 (A/61/49/Vol.I).

United Nations. New York. 2008. 551 p.

Online version: [http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/49\(Vol.I\)\(SUPP\)](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/49(Vol.I)(SUPP))

Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly (embodying amendments and additions adopted by the General Assembly up to September 2007).

United Nations. New York. 2008. xxiii, 115 p. (A/520/Rev.17)

Sales No. E.08.I.9. ISBN 978-92-1-101163-0.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/520/Rev.17>

II.A Business, Economics, Science and Technology

Indicators of Sustainable Development: Guidelines and Methodologies; Third Edition.

United Nations. New York. 2007. iv, 93 p. plus CD-ROM.

Sales No. E.08.II.A.2. ISBN 978-92-1-104577-2.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/natlinfo/indicators/guidelines.pdf>

Innovation for Sustainable Development: Local Case Studies from Africa.

United Nations. New York. 2008. 60 p.

Sales No. E.08.II.A.3. ISBN 978-92-1-104578-9.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/publications/africa_casestudies/publication.pdf

Trends in Sustainable Development: Africa Report, 2008-2009.

United Nations. New York. 2008. iii, 51 p.

Sales No. E.08.II.A.1. ISBN 978-92-1-104576-5.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/publications/trends_africa2008/fullreport.pdf

Trends in Sustainable Development, 2008-2009: Agriculture, rural development, land, desertification and drought.

United Nations. New York. 2008. iii, 29 p.

Sales No. E.08.II.A.1. ISBN 978-92-1-104576-5.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/publications/trends2008/fullreport.pdf>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Assuring development gains and poverty reduction from trade: the labour mobility and skills trade dimensions.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. v, 123 p.

(UNCTAD/DITC/TNCD/2007/8)

Sales No. E.08.II.D.9. ISBN 978-92-1-112741-6.

Online version:

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Download.asp?docid=9685&lang=1&intItemID=2068>

Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. v, 76 p.

(UNCTAD/GDS/CSIR/2007/1)

Sales No. E.07.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112730-0.

Online version:

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Download.asp?docid=9736&lang=1&intItemID=2068>

UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2007 / Manuel de Statistiques de la CNUCED 2007.

United Nations / Nations Unies. New York and Geneva / New York et Genève. 2008. DVD.

Sales No. E/F.07.II.D.19. ISBN 978-92-1-012066-1.

Online version: http://stats.unctad.org/handbook/ReportFolders/ReportFolders.aspx?CS_referer=&CS_ChosenLang=en

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Creating a Conducive Environment for Higher Competitiveness and Effective National Innovation Systems: Lessons Learned from the Experiences of UNECE Countries.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. x, 95 p. (ECE/CECI/3)

Sales No. E.08.II.E.3. ISBN 978-92-1-116982-9.

II.H Public Administration

United Nations E-Government Survey 2008: From E-Government to Connected Governance.

United Nations. New York. 2008. xviii, 224 p. (ST/ESA/PAD/SER.E/112)

Sales No. E.08.II.H.2. ISBN 978-92-1-123174-8.

Online version: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan028607.pdf>

III.E United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Annual Report 2007: Industrial Development Board, thirty-fourth session; Programme and Budget Committee, twenty-fourth session.
United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna. 2008. iv, 103 p. plus CD-Rom. (IDB.34/2-PBC.24/2)
Online version: <http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=4799>

Rapport annuel 2007: Conseil du développement industriel, trente-quatrième session, Comité des programmes et des budgets, vingt-quatrième session.
Organisation des Nations Unies pour le développement industriel. Vienne. 2008. iv, 108 p. plus CD-Rom. (IDB.34/2-PBC.24/2)
Online version: <http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=4799>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

All about Promoting Trade in Services: A complete handbook.
International Trade Centre. Geneva. 2007. xi, 138 p. (ITC/P219.E/PMD/TSS/07-XI)
Sales No. E.08.III.T.2 ISBN 92-9137-353-2.

Cotton Exporter's Guide.
International Trade Centre. Geneva. 2007. xxvii, 334 p. (ITC/P218.E/PMD/MDS/07-XI)
Sales No. E.08.III.T.1 ISBN 92-9137-352-4.

IV Social Questions

Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Youth in Africa: participation of youth as partners in peace and development in post-conflict countries; 14 – 16 November 2006, Windhoek, Namibia.
United Nations. New York. 2008. iii, 35 p.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/africa/osaa/reports/EGMYouthFinalReportoctober5%202007.pdf>

V International Law

Bulletin du droit de la mer. No. 60.
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. iv, 145 p.
ISBN 978-92-1-233420-2.

United Nations Juridical Yearbook 2001.
United Nations. New York. 2007. xix, 580 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/39)
Sales No. E.04.V.12. ISBN 978-92-1-133586-6.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, one, 2008: Engaging non-state armed groups / Forum du désarmement, un, 2008: Les groupes armés non étatiques (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=1020-7287-2008-1-en
French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2008-1-fr

The Humanitarian Impact of Cluster Munitions.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. x, 69 p. (UNIDIR/2008/1)

Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-1-92-9045-008-D-en.pdf>

The Security Needs Assessment Protocol: Improving Operational Effectiveness through Community Security / Derek B. Miller and Lisa Rudnick.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. ix, 63 p. (UNIDIR/2008/4)

Online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref_ouvrage=92-9045-008-F-en

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

Bulletin on Narcotics, Volume LVIII, Nos. 1 and 2, 2006: Review of the world cannabis situation.

United Nations. New York. 2006. viii, 155 p.

Sales No. E.08.XI.10. ISBN 978-92-1-148228-7.

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1041, Vol. LXII, No. 3, March / Edition n° 1041, Vol. LXII, n° 2, mars.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xii, 289 p.

(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/423)

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

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1042, Vol. LXII, No. 4, April / Edition n° 1042, Vol. LXII, n° 3, avril.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xii, 287 p.

(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/424)

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

National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, 2006; Part II.

United Nations. New York. 2008. xxvi, 1113 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.X/39, Part II)

Sales No. E.08.XVII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-161508-1.

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 86, Number 6, June 2006, p. 417-496.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/86/6/en/>

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