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<http://undocs.org/>

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) is pleased to announce the next step in our shift from printed to electronic documents with the introduction of an e-subscription programme based on RSS, which stands for Really Simple Syndication. RSS is a web feed technology which is used to channel United Nations documents. In simple words, RSS gathers all the documents you have subscribed to, in one place, as soon as they are published. By subscribing to RSS, the system will provide the latest documents to you according to your subscription criteria. Once you receive the list of documents, all you have to do is to click on the document of interest.

General Assembly 65th session - Annotated Agenda

English, French & Spanish: http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/65/100

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available (A/65/100).

Greening the Blue

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

'Greening the Blue,' a new website, shows what is happening to make the UN more sustainable and provides advice to Staff Members of UN System offices, agencies and organizations how they can contribute. It includes the greenhouse gas inventories of 49 UN organizations, as well as detailed tips and tools for staff in how to reduce their personal carbon footprints.

UN Global Compact 2010 Leaders Summit (24-25 June 2010, New York)

<http://www.leaderssummit2010.org/>

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/newsandevents/2010_Leaders_Summit/index.html

More than 1,000 leaders representing business, governments, civil society, academia and the UN System are expected to attend the largest-ever UN-business event on the issue of corporate responsibility.

UN Summit · 20-22 September 2010 · New York High-Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly

English: <http://www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/mdg/summit2010/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/mdg/summit2010/>

With only five years left until the 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on world leaders to attend a summit in New York on 20-22 September to accelerate progress towards the MDGs.

UN/EU Partnership Report

<http://www.unbrussels.org/images/pdf/Improving-Lives-2009.pdf>

By making a difference in the lives of tens of millions of people in over a hundred countries, the United Nations team in Brussels is showcasing the concrete results of an increasingly dynamic partnership between the United Nations and the European Union. With the motto, "Improving Lives" the UN Office in Brussels has published its fifth annual report on joint actions undertaken with its EU partners ranging from crisis prevention, through humanitarian action and promoting sustainable development to building democratic and just societies. Rich in detail, this year's report puts a human face to the UN-EU partnership with a wide array of concrete examples spanning the globe from: mine clearance projects in Albania to hygiene improvement initiatives in Uganda.

What Will It Take To Achieve The Millennium Development Goals? An International Assessment (UNDP)

http://content.undp.org/go/cms-service/stream/asset/?asset_id=2620072

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched on 17 June 2010 an extensive assessment of what must be done to advance sustainable development and reduce global poverty. The report identifies a concrete action agenda to inform the outcome of the World leaders' MDG Summit in New York, this September. "For the many people living in poverty, the Millennium Development Goals are not abstract and aspirational targets; they offer a means to a better life, and overall a more just and peaceful world," said UNDP Administrator Helen Clark at the launch. "Our hope is that this evidence of tried and tested policies, and this agenda for accelerating the pace of success, informs a positive outcome at the world leaders summit on the MDGs in September", Helen Clark added.

WIPO GOLD - new gateway launched by the World Intellectual Property Organization

<http://www.wipo.int/wipogold/>

"WIPO GOLD" is a free, on-line global intellectual property (IP) reference resource that provides quick and easy access to a broad collection of searchable IP data and tools relating to, for example, technology, brands, designs, statistics, WIPO standards, IP classification systems and IP laws and treaties.

Peace and Security

General Assembly Thematic Debate on "UN Peacekeeping: Looking into the Future" - 22 June 2010, United Nations Headquarters

<http://www.un.org/ga/president/64/thematic/peacekeeping.shtml>

A thematic debate of the General Assembly, entitled "United Nations peacekeeping: Looking into the future", was held on Tuesday, 22 June 2010, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). A note verbale, dated 17 June 2010, transmitting the draft programme, was sent by the Office of the President of the General Assembly to all permanent representatives and observers. The draft programme can be consulted at <http://www.un.org/ga/president/64/letters/peacekeeping170610.pdf>.

Machel Study 10-Year Strategic Review "Children and Conflict in a Changing World" – new online version

<http://www.un.org/children/conflict/machel/english/>

The first Machel report submitted to the General Assembly in 1996, the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children, concluded that in war all child rights are violated, and as long as the world tolerates this situation, every one of us is complicit. Today, this 10-year strategic review finds further points of progress but also many gaps in the implementation and monitoring of the new norms, standards and programmatic guidelines. And while some analysts point to progress in the decline of inter-state conflicts during the intervening period, the changing nature of conflict has expanded the number of situations to address and presents new threats to children. We must renew our efforts to meet these challenges, addressing all issues in detail while aiming at a holistic understanding of how we can advance the rights of children affected by conflict.

Secretary-General Report on Afghanistan (S/2010/318)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2010/318>

While the overall security situation has not improved in recent months, Afghanistan has witnessed a number of positive developments, according to a new United Nations report, which urges continued international support for what is a critical period for the country. Earlier this month, the Government hosted the Consultative Peace Jirga outside the capital, Kabul, with the participation of 1,600 delegates, including 300 women, to discuss the way forward for the country's peace process. "Despite rocket fire and thwarted suicide attacks during the opening session, the Jirga proceeded undeterred," Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon writes in his latest report to the Security Council.

Second Generation Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Practices in Peace Operations: A Contribution to the New Horizon Discussion on Challenges and Opportunities for UN Peacekeeping (DPKO)

English: http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/ddr/ddr_062010.pdf

French: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/orolsi.shtml>

The aim of the report is to provide policy makers and practitioners with the tools needed to address the increasingly complex reality of DDR operations. The report is primarily based on four field studies (Afghanistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti and Liberia).

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 30 April 2010

(DPI/1634/Rev.108, May 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: 30 April 2010 (DPI/2166/Rev.83, May 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

Dead planet, living planet: Biodiversity and ecosystem restoration for sustainable development (UNEP)

Report & Interactive E-book: <http://www.grida.no/publications/rr/dead-planet/>

Restoring lost and damaged ecosystems—from forests and freshwaters to mangroves and wetlands—can trigger multi-million dollar returns, generate jobs and combat poverty according to this report compiled by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). It draws on thousands of ecosystem restoration projects world-wide and showcases over 30 initiatives that are transforming the lives of communities and countries across the globe.

Drug Use in Afghanistan: 2009 Survey (UNODC)

<http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Studies/Afghan-Drug-Survey-2009-Executive-Summary-web.pdf>

Afghanistan, the world's leading producer of opium and hashish, is seeing an increasing number of its own citizens taking drugs, according to a new report published by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), which found that around one million people – eight per cent of the population – suffer from addiction.

International Year of Youth (12 August 2010 - 11 August 2011)

Website: <http://social.un.org/youthyear/>

Logo: <http://social.un.org/youthyear/iyylogo.shtml>

The official logo and slogan ("Our Year. Our Voice") for the International Year of Youth are now available.

NEWSMAKER: Equal opportunity key to sustainable urban development – Interview with Anna Tibaijuka, the Executive Director of the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), 18 June 2010

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35072&Cr=habitat&Cr1=>

Third Report on G20 Investment Measures (UNCTAD / OECD)

Full text: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/unctad_oecd2010_en.pdf

Summary: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/unctad_oecd2010_summary_en.pdf

The global economic picture has improved over the last six months, but the recovery is still subject to significant downside risks.

UNODC to Launch First-ever Organized Crime Report (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/tocta/TOCTA_Report_2010_low_res.pdf

Produced by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the report examines major trafficking flows of drugs, firearms, counterfeit products, stolen natural resources, people trafficked for sex or forced labour and smuggled migrants, and offers ways to tackle these threats. The report also highlights the inadequacies of national responses to transnational crime, calling for global responses based on the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which was adopted in the Italian city of Palermo a decade ago.

United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI): "UNGEI at 10: a journey to gender equality in education" (UNICEF)

http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/UNGEI_at_10_EN_050510.pdf

The report overviews UNGEI's activities in advancing the MDGs related to gender, education, poverty reduction and education for all.

Voices on Social Justice (ILO)

English: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/sjd/index.htm>

French: <http://www.ilo.org/public/french/sjd/index.htm>

Spanish: <http://www.ilo.org/public/spanish/sjd/index.htm>

The ILO has launched a year-long *Voices on Social Justice Campaign* to provide a global platform for perspectives on what social justice means today and how it might be achieved in the years to come.

World Economic and Social Survey 2010 (DESA)

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess/>

Retooling global development is the main theme of this year's Survey. The study does not pretend to offer a blueprint; it aims instead to present ideas that could become the basis of a new, coherent "toolbox" for guiding development policies and international cooperation.

Human Rights

Committee to monitor investigations into Gaza conflict named

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=10148&LangID=E>

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, announced Monday the membership of a committee of three independent experts mandated by the Human Rights Council to monitor Israeli and Palestinian investigations into the serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law reported by the UN Fact Finding Mission, led by Justice Richard Goldstone. The three experts who have agreed to form the committee are Professor Christian Tomuschat (Chair), Justice Mary McGowan Davis and Mr. Param Cumaraswamy.

Humanitarian Affairs

Impeding Assistance: Challenges to Meeting the Humanitarian Needs of Palestinians; Special Focus, May 2010 (OCHA/OPT)

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/SKEA-85UCR3/\\$File/full_report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/SKEA-85UCR3/$File/full_report.pdf)

The situation in the Gaza Strip presents severe impediments to humanitarian operations. UNRWA reports that it has had 24 construction and infrastructure projects, totalling some US\$ 109 million in donor funds, frozen as a result of the blockade.

ReliefWeb – Countries & Emergencies: Kyrgyzstan

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc104?OpenForm&rc=3&cc=kgz>

Towards gender equality in humanitarian response: Addressing the needs of women & men in Gaza; A guidebook for the humanitarian sector (UNIFEM)

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/EGUA-86HMU7/\\$File/full_report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/EGUA-86HMU7/$File/full_report.pdf)

This guidebook aims to provide actors in Gaza with guidance on gender analysis, planning and actions to ensure that the needs, contributions and capacities of women, girls, boys and men are considered in all aspects of humanitarian response.

New information material

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

Afrique Renouveau, Vol. 24, No. 1, avril 2010. 24 p.

« Médias sociaux : parole aux jeunes Africains »

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol24no1/index.html>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Noviembre de 2009, Volumen XXXII, Boletín núm. 11.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 16 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-34945s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, November 2009, Volume XXXII, Bulletin No. 11. United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 13 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/476C65986CA3F1CB852576FF00557221>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, Novembre de 2009, Volume XXXII, Bulletin n° 11.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 16 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/10-34945f.pdf>

Improving Lives: Results from the partnership of the United Nations and the European Commission in 2009.

United Nations System in Brussels. 2010. 74 p.

Online version: <http://www.unbrussels.org/images/pdf/Improving-Lives-2009.pdf>

Les Nations Unies aujourd'hui.

Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xviii, 418 p. (DPI/2480)

Sales No. E.08.I.6. ISBN 978-92-1-200284-2.

A new UNRIC Library Backgrounder in English has been issued:

Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict

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

or downloaded from the library website at <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library?start=3>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in June

0 Geneva Publications

A Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty: Understanding the Critical Issue.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xiv, 127 p. (UNIDIR/2010/4)
Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-1-92-9045-010-A-en.pdf>

Searching for Aid Effectiveness in Small Arms Assistance / Kerry Maze.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xv, 68 p. (UNIDIR/2010/3)
Sales No. GV.E.10.0.2. ISBN 978-92-9045-198-3.
Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-1-978-92-9045-198-3-en.pdf>

I General Information and Reference

Les Nations Unies aujourd'hui.
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xviii, 418 p. (DPI/2480)
Sales No. E.08.I.6. ISBN 978-92-1-200284-2.

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Economic Development in Africa 2010: South-South Cooperation; Africa and the New Forms of Development Partnership.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. viii, 116 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2010)
Sales No. E.10.II.D.13. ISBN 978-92-1-112795-9.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/aldcafrica2010_en.pdf

Technology and Innovation Report 2010: Enhancing food security in Africa through science, technology and innovation.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xv, 106 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2009)
Sales No. E.09.II.D.22. ISBN 978-92-1-112792-8.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tir2009_en.pdf

UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2009 / Manuel de Statistiques de la CNUCED 2009.
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York and Geneva / New York et Genève. 2009. xlii, 492 p. (TD/STAT/34)
Sales No. E/F.09.II.D.10. ISBN 978-92-1-012074-6.
Online version: http://stats.unctad.org/handbook/ReportFolders/ReportFolders.aspx?CS_referer=&CS_ChosenLang=en

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Standardized Vocabulary for Radio-Connections in Inland Navigation (English, French, Russian, German & Dutch).
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/185)
Sales No. E.10.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139137-4.
Online version: <http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/TRANS.Standardized.Vocabulary.pdf>

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Rapport Annuel : PNUE 2009 ; Saisir les opportunités de l'économie verte.
Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement. Nairobi. 2010. iv, 94 p.
ISBN 978-92-807-3071-5.

Online version: http://www.unep.org/pdf/UNEP_AR_2009.FR.pdf

Informe Annual: PNUMA 2009; Aprovechando la oportunidad verde.
Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente. Nairobi. 2010. 94 p.
ISBN 978-92-807-3071-5.

Online version: http://www.unep.org/pdf/UNEP_Annual_Report_2009_Spanish.pdf

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

United Nations Disarmament Yearbook - Volume 34 (Part I): 2009.
United Nations. New York. 2010. xii, 200 p.

Sales No. E.10.IX.1. ISBN 978-92-1-142273-3.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/2009/YB.shtml>

XIII Demography

World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision; Volume II: Sex and Age Distribution of the
World Population.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xxxiii, 965 p. (ST/SER/SER.A/291)

Sales No. E.10.XIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-151465-0.

Online version: <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp2008/index.htm>

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1066, Vol. LXIV,
No. 4, April 2010 / Edition n° 1066, Vol. LXIV, n° 4, avril 2010.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2010. xi, 321 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/448)

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 88, Number 6, June 2010, p. 401-480.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/88/6/en/>

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