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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

News Focus: Appointing UN chief

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=122&Body=Ban+Ki-moon&Body1=second+consecutive+term>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/infocusRelF.asp?infocusID=98&Body=Ban+Ki-moon&Body1=mandat>

On 21 June 2011, the United Nations General Assembly agreed to appoint Ban Ki-moon to a second consecutive term as the Secretary-General of the 192-member Organization. Under the resolution, which was adopted by acclamation, Mr. Ban's second term will run from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016.

General Assembly 66th session - Annotated Agenda (A/66/100)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/66/100>

The annotated preliminary list of items for the upcoming 66th session of the General Assembly has been issued (A/66/100). The 66th session will officially open on 13 September 2011 with the general debate taking place from 21 September.

Archives and Records Management Section - new website

<http://archives.un.org/ARMS/>

The Archives and Records Management Section of the Department of Management has released its new website featuring new content as well as a new layout and an enhanced e-learning tool: <http://archives.un.org/ARMS/node/29?Epage=100>.

This website brings together information about the United Nations archives collections and services with resources and tools to support records management programmes in all UN offices worldwide and Peacekeeping Operations. The news and development section on the home page presents events organized by the Archives and Records Management Section both at headquarters and in the field as well as new information material of notable interest.

United Nations Language Outreach Portal

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

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) has launched the "United Nations Language Outreach Portal" that is designed to guide and assist individuals in identifying language career opportunities at the United Nations, to choose appropriate academic training, and/or to prepare for United Nations Language Competitive Examinations.

UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Social Policy and Development Division – new website

<http://social.un.org/index/>

The new DSPD/DESA website site reflects DESA's work in social development and its outreach. Through the new site, both existing users and new visitors can gain a greater understanding of the Division's activities and achievements in promoting social development for all.

Peace and Security

Aide Memoire for the consideration of issues pertaining to the protection of civilians in armed conflict – 4th edition

(OCHA, Policy and Studies Series, Vol. I, N°4, 2011)

http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_1008.pdf

Hundreds of thousands of civilians in armed conflicts continue to face the serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law. This fourth edition is an important practical tool for the Security Council to enhance its actions to protect civilians and can also be used as the basis for analysis and reporting of protection concerns during humanitarian crises.

Report of the Secretary-General on the modalities for the establishment of specialized Somali anti-piracy courts (S/2011/360, 13 June 2011)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2011/360>

This report was submitted pursuant to para. 26 of Security Council resolution 1976 (2011) of 11 Apr. 2011. The Annexes include: 1. Incidents of piracy off the coast of Somalia and numbers of prosecutions by States -- 2. Somalia political and legal context -- 3. Numbers and level of training of legal professionals in each of the 3 regions of Somalia, and information about legal professionals among the Somali diaspora -- 4. Financiers, facilitators, leaders and planners of piracy -- 5. Update of UN assistance to States in the region to prosecute and imprison.

The United Nations and Decolonization

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

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

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

In a vast political reshaping of the world, more than 80 former colonies comprising some 750 million people have gained independence since the creation of the United Nations. The United Nations and Decolonization website has been completely overhauled. Now available in all six official languages, it includes a historical narrative, relevant documents, press releases, and photo galleries.

Economic & Social Development

Adapting for a Green Economy: Companies, Communities and Climate Change - A Caring for Climate report (UN Global Compact / UNEP / Oxfam / WRI)

http://unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/Environment/climate/C4C_Report_Adapting_f_or_Green_Economy.pdf

Climate adaptation offers competitive advantages to businesses worldwide, according to this new report jointly released by the UN Global Compact, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Oxfam and the World Resources Institute. In response to a survey of global businesses, 86 percent described responding to climate risks or investing in adaptation as a business opportunity.

AIDS at 30: Nations at the crossroads (UNAIDS)

http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/unaidspublications/2011/#c_60139

This report provides evidence of how much we have achieved and weighs that against our vision for the future: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. As the world marks 30 years of AIDS, UNAIDS estimates 34 million people are living with HIV and nearly 30 million people have died of AIDS-related causes since the first case of AIDS was reported on 5 June 1981.

Climate Change, Water, and Food Security (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/014/i2096e/i2096e.pdf>

Published by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) this is a comprehensive survey of existing scientific knowledge on the anticipated consequences of climate change for water use in agriculture. Climate change will have major impacts on the availability of water for growing food and on crop productivity in the decades to come.

Decoupling: Natural Resource Use and Environmental Impacts from Economic Growth (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/decoupling/files/pdf/Decoupling_Report_English.pdf

The Report launched during Green Week in Brussels underline the challenge facing the EU under its recently adopted Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources under the 6th Environmental Action Program. Dramatic differences exist between many countries in Europe and their consumption of natural resources.

Environmentally Induced Migration and Sustainable Development (Background Paper, January 2011, UNDESA/DSD and UNU-EHS)

http://www.webmeets.com/files/papers/EAERE/2011/1107/Environmentally%20Induced%20Migration%20and%20Sustainable%20Development_Milan_Areikat_Afifi.pdf

The impact of environmentally induced migration (EIM) on sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is an emerging and relatively

unexplored issue. This paper – that will be presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the European association of Environmental and Resource Economists (29 June - 2 July, Rome) analyses the nexus between environmental change and migration from the angle of sustainable development at regional, national and international levels, with focus on migration induced by slow-onset environmental degradation and exacerbated by climate change.

The Global Crisis: Causes, Responses and Challenges (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/@publ/documents/publication/wcms_155824.pdf

This new report published by the International Labour Organization (ILO) shows how well-designed employment and social policies can play a crucial role in both boosting job creation and making economic growth more solid and equitable.

Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/CONF.219/3/Rev.1>

The programme of action was adopted at the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011 and "represents the enhanced commitments of the least developed countries, which have the ownership of and primary responsibility for their own development, and their development partners to a renewed and strengthened global partnership".

Recycling Rates of Metals: A Status Report (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/metals_recycling/

<http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/Publications/Recyclingratesofmetals/tabid/56073/Default.aspx>

Failure to recycle many metals around the world not only causes wasted resources and environmental damage, it threatens shortages of elements essential to modern technologies, according to the first-ever comprehensive analysis of the problem. "In spite of significant efforts in a number of countries and regions, many metal recycling rates are discouragingly low, and a 'recycling society' appears no more than a distant hope," the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) states in a new report, the first attempt to gather accurate and consistent information about the extent to which metals are collected, processed and reused in new products. The weak performance is especially frustrating because, unlike most other resources, metals are "inherently recyclable," says the study compiled by the UNEP-hosted International Resource Panel.

World Report on Disability (WHO / World Bank)

Report in English, Summary also available in French & Spanish:

http://www.who.int/disabilities/world_report/2011/report/fr/index.html

The first-ever "World report on disability" provides the first global estimates of persons with disabilities in 40 years and an overview of the status of disability in the world. New research shows that almost one-fifth of the estimated global total of persons living with disabilities, or between 110-190 million, encounter significant difficulties. The report stresses that few countries have adequate mechanisms in place to respond to the needs of people with disabilities. Barriers include stigma and discrimination, lack of adequate health care and rehabilitation services; and inaccessible transport, buildings and information and communication technologies. As a result, people with disabilities experience poorer health, lower educational achievements, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities.

Human Rights

10th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action General Assembly High-level Meeting – 22 September 2011

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/durbanmeeting2011/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/durbanmeeting2011/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/ga/durbanmeeting2011/>

The UN General Assembly will hold a one day high-level meeting in New York on 22 September 2011, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the international community's blueprint for action to fight racism. A one-day event at the level of Heads of State and Government, the meeting will take the form of a plenary session and a series of round table discussions.

Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/17/31>

The United Nations Human Rights Council has endorsed a new set of Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights designed to provide -for the first time- a global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity. The Guiding Principles are the product of six years of research led by Professor Ruggie from Harvard University, involving governments, companies, business associations, civil society, affected individuals and groups, investors and others around the world. They are based on 47 consultations and site visits in more than 20 countries; an online consultation that attracted thousands of visitors from 120 countries; and voluminous research and submissions from experts from all over the world.

The Human Right to Water and Sanitation

http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/human_right_to_water.html

A new thematic section on the human right to water and sanitation is now accessible from the website of the "'Water for Life' Decade.

Special Procedures Visual Directory 1 January- 31 July 2011

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/docs/SPVisualDirectory.pdf>

The Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council are independent human rights experts with mandates to report and advise on human rights from a thematic or country specific perspective. The system of Special Procedures is a central element of the United Nations human rights machinery and covers all sets of rights: civil, cultural, economic, political, and social. As of May 2011, there are 42 Special Procedures (33 thematic mandates and nine mandates relating to countries or territories) with currently 60 mandate-holders.

Humanitarian Affairs

Disaster Waste Management Guidelines (OCHA / UNEP)

http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_1299.pdf

Disasters and conflicts can generate large quantities of solid and liquid waste that threaten public health, hinder reconstruction and impact the environment. These guidelines provide advice and tools to manage DW in emergency and early recovery phases.

UNHCR Global Trends 2010: 60 years and still counting - 2010 in Review: Trends at a glance

<http://www.unhcr.org/4dfa11499.html>

By end 2010, there were 43.7 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, the highest number in 15 years. The report reveals deep imbalance in international support for the world's forcibly displaced, with a full four-fifths of the world's refugees being hosted by developing countries.

International Law

**International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY):
Ratko Mladić Case**

<http://www.icty.org/sid/10669>

Crimes of Sexual Violence - ICTY launches Web Feature

<http://www.icty.org/sid/10312>

The Outreach Programme of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia has released a new feature on the prosecution of the crimes of sexual violence.

The feature describes the enormous contribution the Tribunal made to the prosecution and adjudication of crimes of this nature.

Following the lead of its sister tribunal for Rwanda, the Tribunal was among the first courts of its kind to bring explicit charges of wartime sexual violence, and to define gender crimes such as rape and sexual enslavement under customary law.

New information material

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

Participation of the European Union in the work of the United Nations

UNRIC Library Backgrounder (17 June 2011)

English: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/26803>

French: <http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/UE.pdf>

The UNRIC Library has issued a short information sheet listing all official documents in connection with resolution [65/276](#) adopted on 3 May by the General Assembly

UNRIC Library Backgrounder: Syrian Arab Republic

<http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/26585>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in June

I General Information and Reference

Basic Facts about the United Nations.
United Nations. New York. 2011. xvii, 309 p.
Sales No. E.11.I.2. ISBN 978-92-1-101235-4.

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Implementing WSIS Outcomes: Experience to Date and Prospects for the Future.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xii, 150 p. (UNCTAD/DTL/STICT/2011/3)
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/dtlstict2011d3_en.pdf

Water for Food: Innovative water management technologies for food security and poverty alleviation. (UNCTAD Current Studies on Science, Technology and Innovation, No. 4)
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. vi, 31 p. (UNCTAD/DTL/STICT/2011/2)
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/dtlstict2011d2_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

The Development of Regional Biomass Action Plans of the Russian Federation.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. xi, 32 p. (ECE/CECI/10)
Sales No. E.11.II.E.4. ISBN 978-92-1-117040-5.

Promoting Innovation in the Services Sector: Review of Experiences and Policies.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. x, 210 p. (ECE/CECI/9)
Sales No. E.11.II.E.3. ISBN 978-92-1-117039-9.

Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Armenia.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xii, 90 p. (ECE/WG.1/12)
Sales no. E.11.II.E.2. ISBN 978-92-1-117038-2.
Online version: <http://live.unece.org/index.php?id=18554>

SIGNI : Signalisation des voies de navigation intérieure ; Révision 2.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. 64 p. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2)
Sales No. F.11.II.E.11. ISBN 978-92-1-216527-1.

SIGNI: Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways; Revision 2.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. v, 61 p. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2)
Sales No. E.11.II.E.11. ISBN 978-92-1-117088-1.

Système général harmonisé de classification et d'étiquetage des produits chimiques (SGH):
Quatrième édition révisée.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. vi, 615 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.4)
Sales No. F.11.II.E.6. ISBN 978-92-1-216526-4.

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Forum de comercio internacional, número 4, 2011. 39 p.

“Cadenas de valor mundiales”

Online version: <http://www.forumdecomercio.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/886>

Forum du commerce international, numéro 4, 2010. 39 p.

“Chaînes de valeur mundiales”

Online version: <http://www.forumducommerce.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/899>

VIII Transport and Communications

Recommandations relatives au transport des marchandises dangereuses : Règlement type ;
Volume I : Dix-septième édition révisée.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. vi, 451 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.17(Vol.I))

Sales No. F.11.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-239127-4.

Recommandations relatives au transport des marchandises dangereuses : Règlement type ;
Volume II : Dix-septième édition révisée.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. viii, 396 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.17(Vol.II))

Sales No. F.11.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-239127-4.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, one, 2011: Beyond the BTWC RevCon / Forum du désarmement, un,
2011: Au-delà de la Conférence d'examen de la CIAB (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=1020-7287-2011-1-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2011-1-fr

XIII Demography

World Abortion Policies 2011.

United Nations. New York. 2011. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/302)

Sales No. E.11.XIII.4. ISBN 978-92-1-151480-3.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2011abortion/2011wallchart.pdf>

World Contraceptive Use 2011.

United Nations. New York. 2009. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/301)

Sales No. E.22.XIII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-151478-0.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/contraceptive2011/contraceptive2011.htm>

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

National Human Rights Institutions: History, Principles, Roles and Responsibilities
(Professional Training Series No. 4, Rev.1)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. vi, 211 p. (HR/P/PT/4/Rev.1)

Sales No. E.09.XIV.4. ISBN 978-92-1-154189-2.

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/PTS-4Rev1-NHRI_en.pdf

United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development.
United Nations. Geneva. May 2011. 27 p. (HRC/NONE/2011/35.)
Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Development/RTD_booklet_en.pdf

XVII International Statistics

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1078, Vol. LXV, No. 4, April 2011 / Edition n° 1078, Vol. LXV, n° 4, avril 2011.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. xi, 338 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/460)
Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

UNESCO

La crise cachée : les conflits armés et l'éducation (Rapport mondial de suivi sur l'EPT 2011).
Paris. UNESCO. 2011. x, 448 p.
Online version: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0019/001917/191794f.pdf>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 89, Number 6, April 2011, p. 393-468.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/89/6/en/>

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