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## New websites within the UN system

### UN in General

#### 2011 High-Level Meeting on AIDS

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/aidsmeeting2011/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/aidsmeeting2011/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/ga/aidsmeeting2011/>

Thirty years into the AIDS epidemic, and 10 years since the landmark UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, the world will come together to review progress and chart the future course of the global AIDS response at the 2011 UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AIDS from 8–10 June 2011 in New York.

#### Final Report of the Independent Panel of Experts on the Cholera Outbreak in Haiti

<http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/haiti/UN-cholera-report-final.pdf>

An independent panel set up by the United Nations to investigate the source of the cholera outbreak that has claimed more than 4,500 lives in Haiti since it emerged last October has found that a “confluence of circumstances,” and not the fault of any group or individual, was responsible for the fast-moving outbreak. The report of the four-member panel of experts, released on 4 May 2011, includes a series of recommendations for the UN and the Haitian Government so they can help prevent the future introduction and spread of cholera within the impoverished Caribbean country.

#### General Assembly adopts Resolution Granting European Union Right of Reply, Ability to Present Oral Amendments

- Press Release (English):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2011/ga11079.doc.htm>  
Press Release (French):  
<http://www.un.org/News/fr-press/docs//2011/AG11079.doc.htm>
- Resolution (English, French & Spanish): A/RES/65/276 - Participation of the European Union in the work of the United Nations:  
<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/RES/65/276>
- News story (English):  
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38261&Cr=general+assembly&Cr1=>  
News story (French):  
<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=25161&Cr=Assemblée&Cr1=>

Recognizing the importance of cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations, as well as its benefits to the world body, the General Assembly on 3 May 2011 adopted a set of modalities granting the delegation of the European Union the right to make interventions, as well as the right of reply and the ability to present oral proposals and amendments.

### **Remember the Fallen**

*English:* <http://www.un.org/en/memorial/>

*French:* <http://www.un.org/fr/memorial/>

*Spanish:* <http://www.un.org/es/memorial/>

Serving the cause of peace in a violent world is a dangerous occupation. Since the founding of the United Nations, hundreds of brave men and women have lost their lives in its service. Here we remember those often forgotten – those who have died in the service of the United Nations – the fallen.

### **The United Nations Country Team in Iraq**

[http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full\\_Report\\_397.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_397.pdf)

This booklet provides information on each of the Agencies, Funds and Programmes who are members of the country team: 20 members including 16 resident and four non-resident agencies. The resident agencies are: FAO, ILO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNOPS, UN Women, OHCHR, WFP and WHO. The non-resident agencies include ESCWA, UNCTAD, UNEP and UNODC.

### **United Nations in Focus, No. 9, May 2011:**

#### **"Five Steps Towards a Breakthrough Decade for the LDCs"**

<http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/UNinFocus/no9.pdf>

This overview, prepared by the Department of Public Information, examines key areas in which the world's 48 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are looking to make strong advances at the Fourth UN Conference on the LDCs, in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9-13 May, and beyond.

*Earlier issues:* <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/25960>

## **Peace and Security**

### **Child Protection in United Nations Peacekeeping: Volume I**

(DPKO / UN Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict)

[http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/fullreport\\_57.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/fullreport_57.pdf)

This is the first in a series illustrating the challenges of protecting children in some of the most dangerous places on earth. The DPKO has deployed over 120,000 blue helmets to 15 Peacekeeping Missions all over the world. Each and every one of those blue helmets has a unique story to tell about working with children in conflict situations.

### **Security Council Concept Paper: The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

*English, French & Spanish:* <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2011/282>

The Security Council President for the month of May, France, has prepared a concept paper concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2011/282). The paper will serve to guide the discussion at the meeting to be held on 18 May.

**United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 April 2011**

(DPI/1634/Rev.120, May 2011)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote010101.pdf>

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

**United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 30 April 2011**

(DPI/2166/Rev.95, May 2011)

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

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

## **Economic & Social Development**

**Catalysing Climate Finance: A Guidebook on Policy and Financing Options to Support Green, Low-Emission and Climate-Resilient Development (UNDP)**

<http://content.undp.org/go/cms-service/download/publication/?version=live&id=3267712>

This guidebook is offered as a primer to countries to enable them to better assess the level and nature of assistance they will require to catalyze climate capital based on their unique set of national, regional and local circumstances.

**Corruption in the western Balkans: Bribery as Experienced by the Population (UNODC)**

[http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/statistics/corruption/Western\\_balkans\\_corruption\\_report\\_2011\\_web.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/statistics/corruption/Western_balkans_corruption_report_2011_web.pdf)

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released its new public sector bribery survey for the western Balkans on 17 May 2011. Surveying over 28,000 people in 2010, the European Commission-funded report notes that one in six respondents were exposed to some form of bribery with a public official in the 12 months before the survey. Focussing on the western Balkans, the report finds that corruption is a major concern amongst citizens of the region, ranking a high third in the list of most pressing issues, after unemployment and poverty but well ahead of security and education.

**Equality at work: The continuing challenge** (Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work)

[http://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/100thSession/reports/lang--en/WCMS\\_154779/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/100thSession/reports/lang--en/WCMS_154779/index.htm)

Migrant workers and minorities are among groups that continue to face discrimination in the labour market as a result of the global economic crisis, despite positive advances in anti-discrimination laws, according to this new report released by the International Labour Organization (ILO). The report warns against a tendency during economic downturns to give lower priority to anti-discrimination policies and workers' rights in practice.

**Framework for Assessing and Monitoring Forest Governance (FAO / World Bank)**

<http://www.fao.org/climatechange/27526-0cc61ecc084048c7a9425f64942df70a8.pdf>

FAO and the World Bank have unveiled a new guidance framework which can help countries assess the governance of their forest resources. The ability to demonstrate good governance in forestry is becoming increasingly important for countries wishing to participate in emerging climate change mitigation schemes.

### **Global Financial Stability Report: Durable Financial Stability: Getting There from Here**

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/gfsr/2011/01/index.htm>

The report provides semi-annual assessments of global financial markets and addresses emerging market financing in a global context.

### **Keeping Promises, Measuring Results**

[http://www.who.int/topics/millennium\\_development\\_goals/accountability\\_commission/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/topics/millennium_development_goals/accountability_commission/en/index.html)

The United Nations Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health presented its findings during the 64th World Health Assembly (WHA) on 19 May 2011. An advance copy of the report and its recommendations to increase the likelihood that pledges for women's and children's health are honoured and that resources are spent in the most effective way to save lives was shared with WHA delegates and is now available on this website. The report's ten recommendations address the need to improve health information systems in countries and to track pledged resources and health expenditures for women and children.

### **Regional Integration and Human Development: A pathway for Africa**

<http://content.undp.org/go/cms-service/download/publication/?version=live&id=3273677>

This report published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) explores regional economic integration and its potential impacts on human development, with a focus on Africa. It assesses how contextual factors common to many African countries might condition the impacts of regional integration on human development, and draws on experiences in other continents. It supplements this qualitative analysis with simulations of regional integration processes for different regions in Africa, and economic integration of the whole of Africa. In doing so, it builds on a substantial body of work on regional integration in Africa undertaken by many institutions, notably the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

### **Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation (IPCC SRREN)**

<http://srren.ipcc-wg3.de/report>

The report covers the six most important renewable energy technologies, their integration into energy systems, takes into consideration the environmental and social consequences associated with these technologies, the cost and strategies to overcome technical as well as non-technical obstacles to their application and diffusion.

### **Transport for Sustainable Development in the ECE Region (UNECE)**

[http://www.unece.org/unece/dev/colo.iway.ch/fileadmin/DAM/trans/publications/Transport\\_for\\_sustainable\\_development\\_in\\_the\\_ECE\\_region.pdf](http://www.unece.org/unece/dev/colo.iway.ch/fileadmin/DAM/trans/publications/Transport_for_sustainable_development_in_the_ECE_region.pdf)

Transport affects social, economic and environmental sustainability. Transport links markets and individuals, making regions more competitive and promoting individuals' social and economic development. The transport system provides the individual with access to basic social services, such as health, food, education, employment and recreational activities. This requires the transport system to be safe to ensure that human health is not at risk. Environmental sustainability is affected negatively by transport through the consumption of non-renewable energy, the emissions of harmful pollutants and greenhouse gases, through the generation of waste and by a reduction of natural habitat.

### **UN-Habitat Global Report on Human Settlements 2011: Cities and Climate Change - Policy Directions**

*Abridged Edition in English, French & Spanish:*

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=555&cid=9272>

The Report provides up-to-date assessment of conditions and trends in the world's cities

and other human settlements. Written in clear non-technical language and supported by informative graphics, case studies and extensive statistical data, these reports are essential tools and references for researchers, academics, planners, public authorities and civil society organizations around the world.

**Underwater Cultural Heritage – new UNESCO web portal**

[http://www.unesco.org/new/en/no\\_cache/culture/themes/underwater-cultural-heritage/the-heritage/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/no_cache/culture/themes/underwater-cultural-heritage/the-heritage/)

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001) a new web portal in 7 languages was launched that informs the public on the importance of the preservation of underwater cultural heritage. Base on numerous flash and 3D animations, documentary films and photo galleries, the portal offers complimentary information on archaeological sites and museums, UNESCO's mission, research and training opportunities, threats and protection of sites. Also included is a special kids' page.

**World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision (UNFPA)**

<http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/index.htm>

The 2010 Revision of World Population Prospects indicate that the global population will surge past 9 billion before 2050 and eventually pass 10 billion before the end of the century. The projections also reveal that the total population should reach the 7-billion mark on 31 October this year.

## Human Rights

**National Human Rights Institutions: History, Principles, Roles and Responsibilities (OHCHR)**

[http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/PTS-4Rev1-NHRI\\_en.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/PTS-4Rev1-NHRI_en.pdf)

This new publication – released by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) publication is part of the Professional Training Series. This series consists of handbooks and manuals intended to raise awareness of international standards. It is directed at audiences that are able to influence the human rights situation in their countries. Although primarily designed to support OHCHR training activities, these publications also serve as practical tools for organizations that provide human rights education to professional groups.

## Humanitarian Affairs

**Back to Basics: The Right to Liberty and Security of Person and 'Alternatives to Detention' of Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, Stateless Persons and Other Migrants (UNHCR)**

[http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full\\_Doc\\_1.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Doc_1.pdf)

This study articulates the current state of international law governing detention. Research visits five countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom.

### **East Jerusalem: Key Humanitarian Concerns (OCHA)**

<http://reliefweb.int/node/400830>

<http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/un-report-highlights-humanitarian-concerns-east-jerusalem>

This report focuses on East Jerusalem and forms part of a series by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) which examines the humanitarian impact of Israeli measures, such as the Barrier, settlements and planning and zoning restrictions, on Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory.

## **International Law**

### **Compendium of Legal Instruments 2011 (UNECE)**

[http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/2011\\_Legal\\_Instruments\\_E.pdf](http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/2011_Legal_Instruments_E.pdf)

This compendium contains a list of conventions, norms and standards that have been negotiated under the auspices of UNECE. These legal instruments cover the following topics: environment, transport, timber, energy, trade, housing and land management.

## **New information material**

**Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail: [info@unric.org](mailto:info@unric.org)**

Afrique Renouveau, Volume 25, No.1, avril 2011. 27 p.

« Investir en Afrique : Au-delà des ressources naturelles, de nouvelles opportunités »

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol25no1/index.html>

Anota los Goles: Hagamos equipo para alcanzar los Objetivos de desarrollo del Milenio/ Naciones Unidas. August 2010. 28 p. (UNOSDP/2010/2)

Online version: [http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/sport/shared/sport/Score%20the%20Goals/1001591\\_UNOSDP\\_BD\\_SP\\_Basse%20Def.pdf](http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/sport/shared/sport/Score%20the%20Goals/1001591_UNOSDP_BD_SP_Basse%20Def.pdf)

Droit aux Buts: Faisons équipe pour atteindre les Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement.

Nations Unies. August 2010. 28 p. (UNOSDP/2010/2)

Online version : [http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/sport/shared/sport/Score%20the%20Goals/001590\\_UNOSDP\\_BD\\_FR\\_Basse%20Def.pdf](http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/sport/shared/sport/Score%20the%20Goals/001590_UNOSDP_BD_FR_Basse%20Def.pdf)

Score the Goals: Teaming Up to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

United Nations. August 2010. 28 p. (UNOSDP/2010/2)

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/sport/home/resourcecenter/comicbook>

United Nations Peace Operations: Year in Review 2010.

Produced by the Peace and Security Section of the United Nations Department of Public Information. 80 p. DPI/2568. March 2011.

ISBN 978-92-1-101238-5.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/yir/yir2010.pdf>

## **NEW TITLES added to the library collection in May**

### **0 Geneva Publications**

A partnership to overcome global challenges: Annual Report 2010, United Nations Office at Geneva / Un partenariat pour faire face aux défis mondiaux : Rapport annuel 2010, Office des Nations Unies à Genève.

United Nations/Nations Unies. Geneva/Genève. March 2011. x, 83 p./ x,72 p.  
(ODG/2010/24)

Online version:

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006AC19C/\(httpPages\)/96B4529FBC62AF1E80256EF3005DC06B?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006AC19C/(httpPages)/96B4529FBC62AF1E80256EF3005DC06B?OpenDocument)

### **I General Information and Reference**

United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund: 2010 Annual Report.

United Nations. New York. 2011. 41 p.

Online version: [http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/CERFAnnRep\\_2010\\_Web.pdf](http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/CERFAnnRep_2010_Web.pdf)

### **II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce**

Investment Policy Review: Guatemala.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. xi, 136 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2010/9)

Sales No. E.10.II.D.10. ISBN 978-92-1-112816-1.

Online version: [http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/diaepcb201009\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/diaepcb201009_en.pdf)

Rapport 2010 sur les pays les moins avancés: Vers une nouvelle architecture internationale du développement pour les PMA.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2010. xxiv, 290 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2010)

Sales No. F.10.D.5. ISBN 978-92-1-212391-2.

Online version: [http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/ldc2010\\_fr.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/ldc2010_fr.pdf)

### **II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)**

Innovation Performance Review: Belarus.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xxvi, 149 p. (ECE/CECI/11)

Sales No. E.11.II.E.5. ISBN 978-92-1-117041-2.

Online version: <http://live.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/ceci/publications/icp4.pdf>

### **V International Law**

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international, 2002. Volume II : Première partie ; Documents de la cinquante-quatrième session.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. v, 116 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2002/Add.1 (Part 1))

Sales No. F.08.V.11 (Part 1). ISBN 978-92-1-233479-0.

Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/2002.htm>

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2003, Volume II, Part One: Documents of the fifty-fifth session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2010. iv, 140 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2003/Add.1 (Part 1))

Sales No. E.09.V.7 (Part 1). ISBN 978-92-1-133679-5.

Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/2003.htm>

## **XVII International Statistics**

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1077, Vol. LXV, No. 3, March 2011 / Edition n° 10776, Vol. LXV, n° 3, mars 2011.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. xii, 323 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/459)

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

## **World Health Organization (WHO)**

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 89, Number 5, March 2011, p. 317-392.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/89/5/en/>

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