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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

Yearbook Express

<http://unyearbook.un.org/>



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Peace and Security

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Guiding Principles

English & French:

http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/activities_by_region/africa/pid/24261

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=10662&ctl=Details&mid=14594&ItemID=19823>

The United Nations Envoy for Africa's Great Lakes Region proposed on 21 May 2013 a set of principles to guide immediate peace efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, while voicing concerns over renewed fighting in the eastern part of the country.

Related UN News Centre Stories:

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44957&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo#.UZxveZxF1CM>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=30374&Cr=RDC&Cr1=#.UZxvoJxF1CM>

United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/minusma/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/missions/minusma/>

The United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) was established by Security Council resolution 2100 of 25 April 2013 to support political processes in that country and carry out a number of security-related tasks.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 March 2013

(DPI/1634/Rev.143, April 2013)

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: 31 March 2013

(DPI/2166/Rev.117, April 2012)

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

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

Economic & Social Development

Global Monitoring Report 2013: Rural-Urban Dynamics and the Millennium Development Goals (World Bank/IMF)

<http://go.worldbank.org/60UGFNSOD0>

The report provides an in-depth analysis on urbanization as a force for poverty reduction and progress towards the MDGs in the developing world. With less than 1,000 days to go before the MDGs expire, the report highlights the need to accelerate efforts to improve the lives of the poor in both rural and urban areas.

Green Economy & Trade: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities (UNEP)

<http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/GreenEconomyandTrade/GE-TOPReport/tabid/105776/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

The sets out the main trends, drivers and requirements for trade in a green economy, and identifies specific challenges and opportunities for developing countries. It provides analysis of green trade opportunities in six sectors: Agriculture, Fisheries, Forests, Manufacturing, Renewable Energy and Tourism.

The Palestinian Economy in East Jerusalem: Enduring Annexation, Isolation and Disintegration (UNCTAD)

http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/gdsapp2012d1_en.pdf

The report reflects on the historical and political context of East Jerusalem, examines the evolution of the economy, the structure of labour force, the problems of poverty and living standards, the state of health and education services for Palestinians in East Jerusalem. The targeted is to revive East Jerusalem so that it can resume its historical role as the centre of Palestinian economic and cultural life.

Patents and Clean Energy Technologies in Africa (UNEP/EPO)

<http://www.epo.org/news-issues/issues/clean-energy/patents-africa.html>

Less than 1 per cent of all patent applications relating to clean energy technology (CET) have been filed in Africa, according to a new United Nations study, which also highlights the opportunity for the continent to leapfrog existing fossil-fuel energy sources and, in the process, cut greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health. Africa has a huge untapped potential for generating clean energy, including enough hydroelectric power from its seven major river systems to serve the entire continent's needs, as well as enormous potential for other energy sources such as solar, wind and geothermal, according to the study by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Patent Office (EPO).

The Prevention of Occupational Diseases (ILO)

English, French, Spanish and Italian:

http://www.ilo.org/safework/info/WCMS_208226/lang--en/index.htm

Occupational diseases cause huge suffering and loss in the world of work. While much progress has been made in addressing the challenges of occupational diseases, there is an urgent need to strengthen the capacity for their prevention in national OSH systems. With the collaborative

effort of governments and employers' and workers' organizations, the fight against this hidden epidemic will have to feature prominently in new global and national agendas for safety and health. This report for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work outlines the current situation concerning occupational diseases and presents proposals for addressing this serious Decent Work deficit.

Shared Harvests: Agriculture, Trade and Employment (ILO/UNCTAD)

http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ditctncd2013d2_en.pdf

This new book, which resulted from research coordinated by UNCTAD and the ILO and financed by the European Union, urges that higher policy priority be given to farming. It is based on a collaboration between UNCTAD and the ILO, as well as on a technical cooperation project entitled, "Assessing and addressing the effects of trade and employment," managed jointly by the European Commission and the ILO. The findings from the project show a strong link between poverty reduction, on the one hand, and effective agricultural production and trade, on the other. They also emphasize that farming has a key role to play in the economy when it comes to employment creation.

Update – UNAIDS Special Report: How Africa turned Aids around

http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/document/2013/05/20130521_Update_Africa.pdf

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has released this new report on the AIDS response in Africa on 21 May 2013, as the African Union (AU) begins its 21st summit in Addis Ababa. It documents the remarkable recent progress against HIV on the continent. The number of people in Africa receiving antiretroviral treatment increased from less than 1 million in 2005 to 7.1 million in 2012, with nearly 1 million added in the last year alone.

World Report on Child Labour: Economic vulnerability, social protection and the fight against child labour (ILO)

Report & Summary in English:

http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Informationresources/WCMS_178184/lang--en/index.htm

French: http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Informationresources/WCMS_178446/lang--fr/index.htm

Spanish: http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Informationresources/WCMS_178449/lang--es/index.htm

This new ILO says that social protection policies can play a key role in the fight against child labour, which currently affects some 215 million children worldwide. The study reviews relevant research on how different types of social protection measures can help combat child labour. These include cash transfer schemes, social health protection and income security in old age.

Human Rights

Report of the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office on Human Rights Violations perpetrated by Soldiers of the Congolese Armed Forces and Combatants of the M23 in Goma and Sake, North Kivu Province, and in and around Minora, South Kivu Province, from 15 November to 2 December 2012

English: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/ZR/UNJHROMay2013_en.pdf

French: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/ZR/UNJHROMay2013_fr.pdf

Serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law were committed in November 2012 during fighting between government forces and rebels of the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23) over the town of Goma in North Kivu province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and during the subsequent retreat of the Congolese Armed Forces (FARDC) to South Kivu province, a UN report has found. The report by the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office (UNJHRO) details victim and witness accounts of mass rape, killings and arbitrary executions, and violations resulting from widespread looting. It noted that particularly systematic and violent abuse was committed by some FARDC elements as they retreated from the towns of Goma and Sake in North Kivu province and regrouped in and around the town of Minova in South Kivu.

Who Will Be Accountable? Human Rights and the Post-2015 Development Agenda (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/WhoWillBeAccountable.pdf>

Any new global review mechanism for post-2015 development commitments should explicitly refer to international human rights treaty standards, and should ensure rigorous independent review, effective civil society participation and high-level political accountability. The data generated by the review mechanisms for post-2015 global development goals should feed systematically into international human rights review and reporting processes.

Humanitarian Affairs

Actions for Children and Youth Resilience: Guide for Governments (UNICEF)

English: <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Actions%20for%20Children%20and%20Youth%20Resilience%20Guide%20for%20Governments.pdf>

Spanish: http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Acciones_Resiliencia_Ninez_y_Juventud-UNICEF.pdf

Considering the increase of natural and social risk factors to which the general population, and children and young people (children and youth) in a particular way are exposed to, the purpose of this guide is to provide directions for Governments for the development and implementation of public policies for the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) under a multi-sectorial approach (specifically in the areas of protection of children and youth , Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene-WASH and Health and Nutrition) to secure their rights in all circumstances

ERF - Emergency Response Framework (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/hac/about/erf .pdf>

The purpose of this Emergency Response Framework (ERF) is to clarify WHO's roles and responsibilities in this regard and to provide a common approach for its work in emergencies. Ultimately, the ERF requires WHO to act with urgency and predictability to best serve and be accountable to populations affected by emergencies.

Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: From Shared Risk to Shared Value; The Business Case for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

Report in English, Pocket GAR in English & French, Press Kit in English, French & Spanish:

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/2013/en/home/download.html>

The third edition of the GAR is a biennial global assessment contributes to achieving the Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA) through monitoring risk patterns and trends and progress in disaster risk reduction while providing strategic policy guidance to countries and the international community.

Guide to Resources on Disaster Prevention

<http://research.un.org/unlibraries/disaster>

Developed as a collaborative project of several United Nations System libraries, this guide directs researchers to UN entities and documents concerned with disaster prevention, to relevant materials in each library's print and electronic collections, and to key sources of information from other organizations. It is the first research guide developed in collaboration between United Nations librarians across several duty stations.

Humanitarianism in the Network Age: Including World Humanitarian Data and Trends 2012 (OCHA)

<https://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/WEB%20Humanitarianism%20in%20the%20Network%20Age%20vF%20single.pdf>

<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Humanitarianism%20in%20the%20Network%20Age.pdf>

In 2012, global mobile phone subscriptions topped 6 billion. Humanitarian aid agencies are racing to understand how this will change the way they do business. This report explores how new ways of interacting are bringing people in need closer to people who can help.

New information material

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

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NEW TITLES added to the library collection in May

The Holocaust and the UN Outreach Programme

Why teach about the Holocaust?

UNESCO, 2013. 20p.

Online version: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002186/218631E.pdf>

Further material available at the UNRIC Library:

<http://www.unric.org/en/the-holocaust-and-the-un-outreach-programme>

I General Information and Reference

UN Chronicle. Volume L, Number 1, 2013: "Water". 43 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/archive/issues2013/water>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Transnational Corporations, Volume 21, Number 2, August 2012. v, 85 p.

United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2013/1)

ISBN 978-92-1-112863-5.

Online version: <http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=484>

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Environmental Performance Reviews: Romania; Second Review.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. xxx, 217 p. (ECE/CEP/166)

Sales No. E.12.II.E.11. ISBN 978-92-1-117065-8.

Online version: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/epr/epr_studies/Romania_II.pdf

V International Law

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2007. Volume II : Deuxième partie ; Rapport de la Commission à l'Assemblée générale sur les travaux de sa cinquante-neuvième session. Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2013. iii, 110 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2007/Add.1 (Part 2))

XIII Demography

Population Ageing and Development 2012.

United Nations. New York. 2012. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/323)

Sales No. E.12.XIII.6. ISBN 978-92-1-151494-0.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2012PopAgeingDev_Chart/2012AgeingWallchart.html

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

Les femmes et le droit à un logement convenable.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2012. iv, 106 p. (HR/PUB/11/2)

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/WomenHousing_HR_PUB_11_2_fr.pdf

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