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UNRIC Library Newsletter – November 2007

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

CyberSchoolBus & PANWAPA

<http://www.panwapa.com/panwapasplash.php>

Explore PANWAPA, a new online world designed by Sesame Workshop to help young children develop skills needed to become global citizens.

Graphic Design Unit – new website

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpi/gdu/>

IPCC synthesis report

<http://www.ipcc.ch>

http://195.70.10.65/pdf/assessment-report/ar4/syr/ar4_syr_spm.pdf

The Summary for Policymakers of the Synthesis Report of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was issued this weekend. The Synthesis Report is based on the previously published reports of the three Working Groups of the IPCC. The summary provides an integrated view of climate change; elaboration of the topics covered in the summary can be found in the full Synthesis Report and in the reports of the Working Groups.

UN Works Campaign – redesigned website

<http://www.un.org/works/>

UNRIC Publication List – new website

http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=13071&Itemid=444

This new website lists all UNRIC publications available online and translated by our office into *Danish, Dutch, Finnish, German, Greek, Icelandic, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese and Swedish*. For easy reference links to the publications in three of the official UN languages - English, French and Spanish - are included as well.

Peace & Security

La question de la Palestine

<http://www.un.org/french/Depts/palestine/index.shtml>

New educational website on disarmament

<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/dnp/>

The UN Cyberschoolbus in partnership with the Office for Disarmament Affairs successfully launched a new Disarmament and Non-proliferation website on Friday, 26 October. In addition to lesson plans and classroom activities about nuclear weapons and small arms, an historical timeline of important agreements, and live video chats, students have an opportunity to send questions to Hibakushas (survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) to learn about the reality of nuclear warfare. In addition, a WebQuest on child soldiers was also launched to accompany the DNP website (<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/childsoldiers/webquest>).

Economic & Social Development

Afghan Opium Survey 2007 (UNODC report)

<http://www.unodc.org/documents/crop-monitoring/Afghanistan-Opium-Survey-2007.pdf>

In its final "Afghan Opium Survey for 2007" issued on 16 November, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) shows that opium is now equivalent to more than half (53%) of the country's licit GDP. In its press release on the report, UNODC noted that the total export value of opiates produced in and trafficked from Afghanistan in 2007 is about \$4 billion, a 29 per cent increase over 2006. Approximately one quarter of this amount (\$1 billion) is earned by opium farmers. District officials take a percentage through a tax on crops (known as "ushr"). Insurgents and warlords control the business of producing and distributing the drugs and the rest is made by drug traffickers.

Developing Countries in International Trade 2007 - Trade and Development Index (UNCTAD)

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/webflyer.asp?docid=9201&intItemID=1397&lang=1&mode=downloads>

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has launched the second installment of its Developing Countries in International Trade 2007 - Trade and Development Index (TDI). The TDI is a comprehensive tool that helps governments, especially those struggling with poverty and sluggish development, to determine what to do to participate more effectively in the global economy and to benefit from world trade to speed up national economic growth, create jobs and improve general well-being. A new feature of this year's edition is a series of country profiles for each of the 123 countries represented in the analysis.

Education under attack: A global study on targeted political and military violence against education staff, students, teachers, union and government officials, and institutions (UNESCO report)

<http://www.unesco.org/education/attack/educationunderattack.pdf>

The objective of this report is to raise awareness and understanding of the extent to which those involved in education, whether students, teaching staff, trade

unionists, administrators or officials, are facing violent attacks, and what can and should be done about the problem.

Energy, Electricity and Nuclear Power for the period up to 2030 (IAEA report)

<http://www.iaea.org/OurWork/ST/NE/Pess/RDS1.shtml>

According to the report the share of nuclear power energy in the world was less than 1% in 1960. In 2006 the share of electricity generated worldwide by nuclear power increased to 15%. The report claims that this tendency will continue over the next several decades with new nuclear power plants being built mostly in Asia.

Giving Girls Today and Tomorrow: Breaking the cycle of the adolescent pregnancy (UNFPA report)

http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/722_filename_adol_eng.pdf

A new report was published by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the issue of adolescent pregnancy among married and unmarried girls. According to the report, the early pregnancy is number one killer of adolescent girls. The report claims that the social, economic and health consequences of the adolescent pregnancy are far-reaching and affect the girls, their families and the society.

Global Environment Outlook: Environment for Development

<http://www.unep.org/geo/>

Summary in French & Spanish: <http://www.unep.org/geo/geo4/media/>

The fourth report in the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-4) assessment series launched on 25 October provides a comprehensive and authoritative overview of the state of the environment. GEO-4 addresses the key challenges facing our planet, highlights emerging environmental issues that require policy attention and makes recommendations for decision-makers to act.

Ideas for Development.(BLOG)

<http://www.ideas4development.org/en/>

"Ideas for Development" - an international Blog designed to stimulate debate on economic development issues. Created by seven prominent personalities, this blog provides web users with a new forum to share information, viewpoints and visions for the future, with the common goal of advancing the cause of development.

International Year of Sanitation 2008

Global launch: 21 November 2007

<http://esa.un.org/iys/>

UNODC website relaunch

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

The new website delivers timely, well-organized information to a diverse global audience. It is easier to navigate and allows greater interaction with the public. On the site, users will be able to find current and informative content on the work UNODC does worldwide. The website includes a number of new features including stories, photographs, audio and video material, podcasts and subscription content. From now on, users can subscribe to Real Simple Syndication feeds for press releases, publications and more.

WFP's Operational Requirements, Shortfalls and Priorities for 2007

(October 2007)

Report: [http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/EGUA-78AME4/\\$File/Full_Report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/EGUA-78AME4/$File/Full_Report.pdf)

Overview: <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/EGUA-78AME4?OpenDocument&rc=3&cc=aze>

As the end of 2007 nears, the number of people the World Food Programme is seeking to support has risen to 83 million. The amount of food assistance required to assist these people is valued at US\$3.4 billion. Considering resources mobilized thus far in 2007, the current level of funding falls short by some US\$653 million.

Human Rights

60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/events/UDHR60/logo.htm>

Against All Odds (UNHCR online game)

<http://www.playagainstallodds.com/>

Against All Odds is an online game created to increase students' awareness and knowledge about refugee situations by putting players in the position of a refugee. The game and its resources, originally launched in Swedish, are now available in English, adding to a list of languages that includes German, Greek, and Norwegian.

Asylum in the European Union: A study of the implementation of the Qualification Directive (UNHCR report)

<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/47302b6c2.pdf>

This study finds significant differences of approach by different European Union (EU) member states in the implementation of measures aimed at protecting refugees.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child turns 18 on 20 November 2007

<http://www.unicef.org/knowyourrights/>

INFO60: Newsletter - 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Issue No. 3, November 2007

English: http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/docs/newsletter_60th_n3_en.pdf

French:

http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/docs/newsletter_60th_n3_fr_new.pdf

Spanish: http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/docs/newsletter_60th_n3_sp.pdf

Info60 will bring you information to help inspire people everywhere to mark the 60th anniversary of the UDHR throughout the year leading up to 10 December 2008. The first issue was published in August 2007.

Humanitarian Affairs

Humanitarian Information in Spanish

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

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) launched **La Red de Información Humanitaria** (Redhum) a website to provide Spanish-speakers with information on natural disasters and complex emergencies in the Latin American and Caribbean region. The site will provide up-to-date situation reports, maps, and contact information to promote better preparation and response in the

event of a disaster. A similar service, ReliefWeb (<http://www.reliefweb.int/>), has been available in English since 1996.

PreventionWeb

<http://www.preventionweb.net/>

The UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDIR) has launched *Prevention Web*, a website for knowledge sharing on disaster risk reduction issues, for both the general public and specialists.

International Law

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/503)

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/503>

The report contains details about the various websites and major publications related to international law from various divisions of the Office of Legal Affairs. The Codification Division, Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, International Trade Law Division, Treaty Section, and UNITAR and UNESCO activities are spelled out in the report.

New information material

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

A/62/100/Add.1 (19 September 2007): Annotated draft agenda of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly – Addendum.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/100/Add.1>

A/62/100/Add.1 (19 septembre 2007): Projet d'ordre du jour annoté de la soixante-deuxième session de l'Assemblée générale: Additif.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/100/Add.1>

A/62/100/Add.1 (19 de septiembre de 2007): Proyecto de programa anotado del sexagésimo segundo período de sesiones de la Asamblea General: Adición.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/100/Add.1>

Africa Renewal, Volume 21, No. 3, October 2007. 24 p.

"Battle to bring water to Africa's poor."

Online version: <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol21no3/index.html>

Afrique Renouveau, Vol. 21, No. 3, octobre 2007. 24 p.

Accès pour les Africains - les plus pauvres à de l'eau potable.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol21no3/index.html>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Julio de 2007, Volumen XXX, Boletín No. 7.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 19 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-53974s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, May 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin No. 5.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 19 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/d672d1fb81cd27b085257339006888c5!OpenDocument>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, June 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin No. 6.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 15 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/0e5ed4b8f0aafe678525735a00479196!OpenDocument>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, July 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin No. 7.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 17 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/b654cb71f45e5eee8525733e005550c5!OpenDocument>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, juin 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin N° 6.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 17 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-54027f.pdf>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, juillet 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin N° 7.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 19 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-53974f.pdf>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 November 2007.

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

Conférence internationale de la société civile à l'appui du peuple palestinien, Office des Nations Unies à Genève, 7 et 8 septembre 2006.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 23 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-52583f.pdf>

Improving Lives: Results from the partnership of the United Nations and the European Commission in 2006.

United Nations System in Brussels. 2007. 63 p.

Online version: <http://www.unbrussels.org/improvinglives.pdf>

Meeting emerging security challenges: seven experts speak and selected references.

United Nations Information Service. Vienna. 2007. ix, 112 p.

Unas Naciones Unidas más fuertes para un mundo mejor: Mis prioridades como Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas / Ban Ki-moon.

DPI/2472, Octubre de 2007.

Online version: http://www.unric.org/media/DPI2472_spanish.pdf

Nations Unies – Departement des affaires politiques. (Flyer)
DPI/2422/Rev.1, septembre 2007.

Uma ONU Mais Forte para um Mundo Melhor: As Minhas Prioridades como
Secretário-Geral das Nações Unidas / Ban Ki-moon.
DPI/2472, Setembro de 2007.
Online version: http://www.unric.org/html/portuguese/pdf/2007/A_stonger_UN_port.pdf

Une ONU plus forte pour un monde meilleur: Mes priorités en tant que Secrétaire
général des Nations Unies / Ban Ki-moon.
DPI/2472, septembre 2007.
Online version: http://www.unric.org/media/DPI2472_french.pdf

Réunion asiatique des Nations Unies pour l'appui aux droits inaliénables du peuple
palestinien: Forum de la société civile à l'appui du peuple palestinien, Kuala
Lumpur (Malaisie), 15-17 décembre 2006.
Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 32 p.
Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/07-54067f.pdf>

Stärkere Vereinte Nationen für eine bessere Welt: Meine Prioritäten als
Generalsekretär der Vereinten Nationen / Ban Ki-moon (DPI/2472—Sept. 2007)
Online version: <http://www.unric.org/html/german/sg/PAMPHLET.pdf>

A Stronger UN for a Better World - My Priorities as Secretary-General /
Ban Ki-moon.
DPI/2472, September 2007.
Online version: http://www.unric.org/media/DPI2472_eng.pdf

UN Chronicle. Volume XLIV, Number 3, September 2007. 65 p.
"The Solidarity of Peoples"
Online version: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/issue3/0307cont.htm>

United Nations. Department of Political Affairs. (Flyer)
DPI/2422/Rev.1. September 2007.

United Nations African Meeting on the Question of Palestine: Pretoria, 9 and 10
April 2007.
United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 28 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/3e3c8e33ebf232a8852573750065c308!OpenDocument>

United Nations Asian Meeting in Support of the Palestinian People, United Nations
Forum of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People: Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia, 15-17 December 2006.
United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 27 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/7234ba450e70819d8525729c006dec70!OpenDocument>

United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of the
Palestinian People: United Nations Office at Geneva, 7 and 8 September 2006.
United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 19 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/58a1be42c1d5bdce8525736a004e44ab!OpenDocument>

United Nations International Meeting in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace: Food
and Agriculture Organization, Rome, 22 and 23 March 2007.
United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 25 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/6f816ac22f2b71ae85257339005ee463!OpenDocument>

United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People: Doha, 5 and 6 February 2007.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 18 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/9b020962bbde8ee2852572f8005f11f3!OpenDocument>

**The UNRIC Library has updated its backgrounders
in English and French on the following subjects:**

- **Climate Change** (first issued in January 2007, updated June, August & November 2007)
- **Poverty** (first issued in December 2006, updated October 2007)

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

**NEW TITLES
added to the library collection in November**

I General Information and Reference

Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, New York, 21-30 August 2007.

United Nations. New York. 2007. iv, 40 p. (E/CONF.98/136).

Sales No. E.08.I. 14. ISBN 978-92-1-101158-6.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=E/CONF.98/136>

II.A Business, Economics, Science and Technology

Building Inclusive Financial Sectors for Development: Executive Summary.

United Nations. New York. 2006. iv, 40 p.

Online version: http://www.unctf.org/english/microfinance/pubs/bluebook/pub/06-33065_BB_Executive_Summary.pdf

La construcción de sectores financieros incluyentes para el desarrollo.

Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2006. ix, 202 p.

Sales No. S.06.II.A.3. ISBN 92-1-304233-7.

Online version: http://www.unctf.org/english/microfinance/pubs/bluebook/pub_spanish/Spanish_Building_Inclusive_Financial_Sectors.pdf

La construcción de sectores financieros incluyentes para el desarrollo: Resumen ejecutivo.

Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2006. iv, 45 p.

Online version:

http://www.uncdf.org/english/microfinance/pubs/bluebook/pub_spanish/SPANISH_Executive.pdf

Construire des secteurs financiers accessibles à tous : Rapport résumé.

Nations Unies. New York. 2006. iv, 45 p.

Online version: <http://www.uncdf.org/francais/microfinance/pubs/bluebook/pub/BBExecSum-Fr.pdf>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Global Players from Emerging Markets: Strengthening Enterprise Competitiveness through Outward Investment.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. ix, 162 p.

(UNCTAD/ITE/TEB/2006/9)

Raport sur l'investissement dans le monde: Sociétés transnationales, industries extractives et développement.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2007. viii, 56 p. (UNCTAD/WIR/2007

(Overview))

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/wir2007overview_fr.pdf

World Investment Report 2007: Transnational Corporations, Extractive Industries and Development; Overview.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vi, 42 p. (UNCTAD/WIR/2007

(Overview))

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/wir2007overview_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Emerging Global Energy Security Risks (ECE Energy Series No. 36)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vii, 103 p. (ECE/ENERGY/70)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.22. ISBN 978-92-1-116975-1.

Environmental Monitoring and Reporting by Enterprises: Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. viii, 29 p. (ECE/CEP/141)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.17. ISBN 978-92-1-116970-6.

Information and Communication Technology Policy and Legal Issues for Central Asia: Guide for ICT Policymakers.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. ix, 56 p.

Sales No. E.07.II.E.21. ISBN 978-92-1-116974-4.

Our Waters: Joining Hand Across Borders; First Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. ix, 373 p. (ECE/MP.WAT/25)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.19. ISBN 978-92-1-116972-0.

Register-based statistics in the Nordic countries: Review of best practices with focus on population and social statistics.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vi, 51 p. (ECE/CES/STAT/2007/2)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.11. ISBN 978-92-1-116963-8.

Online version: http://unece.org/stats/publications/Register_based_statistics_in_Nordic_countries.pdf

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Global Environment Outlook (GEO-4): environment for development.
United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi. 2007. xxxi, 540 p.
ISBN 978-92-807-2836-1.

Online version: <http://www.unep.org/geo/>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Finanzas para el Comercio (Serie: banca y financiación)
Centro de Comercio Internacional. Ginebra. 2006. xii, 143 p.
(ITC/P204.S/TSS/BAS/06-VII)
Sales No. S.06.III.T.4. ISBN 92-9137-346-X.

V International Law

Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 63.
United Nations. New York. 2007. iv, 98 p.
ISBN 978-92-1-133760-0.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, three, 2007: ICTs and International Security / Forum du désarmement, trois, 2007: Les technologies de l'information et la sécurité internationale (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=1020-7287-2007-3-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2007-3-fr

XVII International Statistics

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1034,
Vol. LXI, No. 8, August / Edition n° 10334 Vol. LXI, n° 8, août.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xii, 287 p.
(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/416)

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

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1035,
Vol. LXI, No. 9, Septembre / Edition n° 10354 Vol. LXI, n° 9, septembre.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xii, 319 p.
(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/417)

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 85, Number 11, November
2007, p. 821-900.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/11/en/>

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

The WIPO Guide to Intellectual Property Outreach: Is Anybody Listening?

World Intellectual Property Organization. Geneva. 2007. 40 p.

ISBN 978-92-805-1650-0.

Online version: http://www.wipo.int/freepublications/en/general/1002/wipo_pub_1002.pdf

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http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30&limit=1&limitstart=2.