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UNRIC Library Newsletter – November 2011

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

25th Anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/righttodevelopment/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/righttodevelopment/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/righttodevelopment/>

The United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development unequivocally establishes development as a right and puts people at the centre of the development process. This year marks the Declaration's 25th anniversary. Yet many children, women and men – the very subjects of development – still live in dire need of the fulfilment of their entitlement to a life of dignity, freedom and equal opportunity.

2012 International Year of Sustainable Energy for All

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/sustainableenergyforall/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/sustainableenergyforall/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/sustainableenergyforall/>



2012 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
FOR ALL

The International Year of Sustainable Energy for All presents a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of increasing sustainable access to energy, energy efficiency, and renewable energy at the local, national, regional and international levels. Energy services have a profound effect on productivity, health, education, climate change, food and water security, and communication services. Lack of access to clean, affordable and reliable energy hinders human, social and economic development and is a major impediment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

2012 International Year of Cooperatives

Global launch on 31 October 2011

<http://social.un.org/coopsyear/global-launch.html>

The year aims to increase public awareness about cooperatives and their contributions to development and to promote the formation and growth of cooperatives worldwide.

Further information:

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/coopsyear/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/coopsyear/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/coopsyear/>



"Diaries from the Field" – new blog

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/blog/>

Television producers from UNTV have created a new blog called "Diaries from the Field", to post stories about their experiences and people they encountered in the field in the course of filming television features for DPI's monthly magazine-series "21st Century" and "UN in Action". The blog's content includes written stories, photos, video clips and trailers, as well as links to the full-length television features, once aired. Among the first stories posted are an account of filming pygmies in the forests of Gabon, reporting on elephants in the wild in India, filming with girls who live on the streets of Mexico City and meeting a former terrorist in Saudi Arabia. The blog is inter-active and comments/feedback are welcomed and it is an interesting "behind the scenes" look at the work of DPI's Radio and Television Producers in the field.

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of Palestine for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/2011/705, 11 November 2011)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2011/705>

On 11 November 2011, the Committee on the Admission of New Members transmitted its report to the Security Council. The report stated that the Committee had concluded its work but was unable to reach a unanimous recommendation on Palestine's application. It also details on the exchange of views, without specific attribution, on whether Palestine meets the requirements for membership

RIO+20: The Future we want

<http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/>

The United Nations has launched a campaign ahead of its major conference on sustainable development (Rio+20) in June next year, inviting governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and people everywhere to engage in a global conversation about the communities they want to see in the future.



As part of the campaign, the UN is launching a website that will provide information about several key sustainable development issues, including cities, disaster resilience, energy, food, jobs, oceans and water. The website will also serve as an online platform through which the public can send ideas and comments and discuss issues on sustainable development.

UNFCCC launches a new website design and logo

<http://unfccc.int>



On 24 October 2011, the UNFCCC secretariat launched a redesigned website and logo. The new website seeks to provide enhanced access to conference information and documents for Parties and observer organizations, the media and the general public. The new logo presents a new image that highlights the central theme of the Convention and the institutional linkage to the United Nations.

Peace and Security

The Criminal Justice Response to Support Victims of Acts of Terrorism (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/terrorism/Victims_Rights_E-Book_EN.pdf

This policy guide - released by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) - offers advice on how to reform and improve criminal justice systems so that they are fairer and more sensitive to the needs of victims of terrorism and their families. The publication, the first of its kind, includes advice for policymakers and criminal justice officials and examples of good practices to support victims of terrorism. Recommended measures include judicial assistance, protection from intimidation and retaliation, material, medical, psychological and social assistance and access to compensation.

Open Debate of the Security Council on Women and Peace and Security "Women's Participation and Role in Conflict Resolution and Mediation"

<http://www.unwomen.org/events/34/open-debate-of-the-security-council-on-women-and-peace-and-security/>

On 28 October 2011 the Security Council held an open debate on women and peace and security with a specific focus on "Women's Participation and Role in Conflict Prevention and Mediation" to provide a forum for the Security Council, Member States and other stakeholders to review progress made in responding to these and related priorities.

Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) – redesigned website

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

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

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

The Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) is an intergovernmental advisory body that supports peace efforts in countries emerging from conflict, and is a key addition to the capacity of the International Community in the broad peace agenda.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 October 2011

(DPI/1634/Rev.126, November 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: 31 October 2011

(DPI/2166/Rev.100, November 2011)

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

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

UNRIC Library Backgrounder – Afghanistan (updated version)

English: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/27129>

French: http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/afghanistan_french.pdf

UNRIC Library Backgrounder - Yemen

English: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/27107>

Economic & Social Development

2011 UNAIDS World AIDS Day Report 2011

Report & Fact Sheets in English: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/pressreleaseandstatementarchive/2011/november/20111121wad2011report/>

French versions: <http://www.unaids.org/fr/resources/presscentre/pressreleaseandstatementarchive/2011/november/20111121wad2011report/>

A new report by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), released on 21 November 2011 shows that 2011 was a game changing year for the AIDS response with unprecedented progress in science, political leadership and results. The report also shows that new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths have fallen to the lowest levels since the peak of the epidemic. New HIV infections were reduced by 21% since 1997, and deaths from AIDS-related illnesses decreased by 21% since 2005.

Doing Business in a More Transparent World: Comparing Regulation for Domestic Firms in 183 Economies (World Bank / IFC)

<http://www.doingbusiness.org/~media/FPDKM/Doing%20Business/Documents/Annual-Reports/English/DB12-FullReport.pdf>

Doing Business 2012 is the ninth in a series of annual reports investigating the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it. Doing Business presents quantitative indicators on business regulation and the protection of property rights that can be compared across 183 economies—from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe—and over time.

Estimating illicit financial flows resulting from drug trafficking and other transnational organized crime (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Studies/Illicit_financial_flows_2011_web.pdf

Criminals may have laundered around \$1.6 trillion in 2009, one fifth of that coming from the illicit drug trade, according to a new report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The \$1.6 trillion represents 2.7 per cent of global gross domestic product (GDP) in 2009, says the agency. This figure is in line with the range of two to five per cent of global GDP previously established by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to estimate the scale of money-laundering. The report also says that the "interception rate" for anti-money-laundering efforts at the global level remains low.

Global Education Digest, 2011: Comparing Education Statistics Across the World - Focus on Secondary Education (UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

http://www.uis.unesco.org/Library/Documents/global_education_digest_2011_en.pdf

The 2011 edition presents a wide range of indicators on the extent to which girls and boys are enrolling in and completing secondary education. To enrich policy debates, the report also examines the human and financial resources that go into this level of education.

Guidelines for Open Educational Resources (OER) in Higher Education (UNESCO / COL)

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002136/213605E.pdf>

Open educational resources are materials used to support education that may be freely accessed, reused, modified, and shared. These Guidelines outline key issues and make suggestions for integrating OER into higher education.

Integrating conflict and disaster risk reduction into education sector planning: Guidance Notes for Educational Planners (UNICEF / UNESCO)

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

These Guidance put forward strategies on how to mainstream conflict and disaster risk reduction measures in the education sector planning process. They are intended for

Ministry of Education officials, especially in planning departments at central level, but are also useful for other education actors that support ministries in the planning process.

Keeping Track of Our Changing Environment: From Rio to Rio+20 (1992-2012) (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/GEO/pdfs/Keeping_Track.pdf

This publication helps to tell the story of where the world was 20 years ago and where we collectively stand today, and to show the direction in which we need to move in a post-Rio+20 world. It highlights the missing pieces in our knowledge about the state of environment.

Rwanda: From Post-Conflict to Environmentally Sustainable Development (UNEP)

Report: http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/UNEP_Rwanda.pdf

Summary: http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/UNEP_Rwanda_ES.pdf

The report provides a critical analysis of the most pressing environmental issues facing the country and proposes an integrated package of almost 90 projects and interventions, totalling US\$147 million, that would help the country accelerate its sustainable development agenda.

Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms_165750.pdf

The report says an estimated 5.1 billion people lack adequate social security or social protection worldwide. The floor is based on the idea that everyone should have basic income security sufficient to live, such as pensions for the elderly and persons with disabilities, child benefits, income support benefits and/or employment guarantees and services for the unemployed and working poor.

State of World Population 2011: People and Possibilities in a World of 7 Billion (UNFPA)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/>

The report looks at the dynamics behind the numbers. It explains the trends that are defining our world of 7 billion. Today, 893 million people are 60 or older. By the middle of this century that number will nearly triple, to reach 2.4 billion. About one in two people now lives in an urban area. In about 35 years, two out of three will. People are living longer. Today's average life span is 68 years, compared to 48 in 1950.

Towards a Green Economy: Pathways to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (UNEP)

English: http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/Portals/88/documents/ger/GER_synthesis_en.pdf

French: http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/Portals/88/documents/ger/GER_synthesis_fr.pdf

UNEP's flagship Green Economy Report demonstrates that governments and businesses alike are taking steps to accelerate a global shift towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient and socially inclusive green future. From China to Barbados, Brazil to South Africa, countries are developing Green Economy strategies and activities to spur greater economic growth and jobs, environmental protection and equality.

Human Rights

A Long Way to Go: Implementation of the Elimination of Violence against Women Law in Afghanistan (OHCHR / UNAMA)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/AF/UNAMA_Nov2011.pdf

Judicial and law enforcement officials are so far implementing sporadically the two-year-old law supporting the equality and rights of Afghan women, and the Government has not yet succeeded in applying the law to the vast majority of cases of violence against women, the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights said in a report released on 23 November 2011.

Humanitarian Affairs

Training toolkit: Integrating the environment into humanitarian action and early recovery (UNEP)

English: <http://postconflict.unep.ch/humanitarianaction/training.html>

French: http://postconflict.unep.ch/humanitarianaction/x_fr_formation.html

From today, humanitarian workers around the world can access training and practical information to help them anticipate and minimize the negative environmental impacts of relief and recovery operations. This new training toolkit addresses the different ways in which the environment can be taken into account in humanitarian action, not least how to help protect the natural resources crucial to recovery. Developed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Groupe URD, with support from the Flemish International Cooperation Agency, the training consists of 11 modules which cover topics ranging from key environmental concepts and solutions for sustainable logistics to waste management in emergency situations and alternative energy sources.

What You Wish For - a short story and poetry anthology for youth

<http://bookwish.org/>

"What You Wish For" is a collection of stories and poems by an all-star group of writers for youth. Their collaboration aims to bring libraries to some of the world's most vulnerable readers, people who fled Darfur and now live in refugee camps in eastern Chad. The United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) helped link the charity that organized "What You Wish For", Book Wish Foundation, with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), so that proceeds from the book's sales can have the greatest impact on this cause. Proceeds from the book will support UNHCR in developing libraries in refugee camps in Eastern Chad where an estimated 285,000 Sudanese refugees live.

Complete list of Authors in "What You Wish For": Meg Cabot, Jeanne DuPrau, Cornelia Funke, Nikki Giovanni, John Green, Karen Hesse, Ann M. Martin, Alexander McCall Smith, Marilyn Nelson, Naomi Shihab Nye, Joyce Carol Oates, Nate Powell, Sofia Quintero, Gary Soto, R.L. Stine, Francisco X. Stork, Cynthia Voigt, Jane Yolen.

New information material

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

Let's Fight Racism – Set of 8 postcards.

Available in English, French & Spanish:

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/letsfightracism/postcards.shtml>

Preventive Diplomacy: Delivering Results: Report of the Secretary-General.

United Nations. New York. September 2011. 24 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/undpa/shared/undpa/pdf/SG%20Report%20on%20Preventive%20Diplomacy.pdf>

Réunion internationale des Nations Unies sur la question de Palestine : L'urgence d'examiner le sort des prisonniers politiques palestiniens qui se trouvent dans les prisons et autres lieux de détention israéliens; Office des Nations Unies à Vienne, 7 et 8 mars 2011.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 31 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-50162f.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Febrero de 2011, Volumen XXXIV, Boletín núm. 2.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 18 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-53578s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Diciembre de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 12.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 43 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-53235s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Octubre de 2010, Volumen XXXIII, Boletín núm. 10.

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

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-53616s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, February 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 2.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 17 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/1B2E551D7C3CFA3E8525792000540615>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, December 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 12.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 36 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/5B396966463EDB2A852578DF0053B661>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, October 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin No. 10.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 16 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/977BE58793AEE0778525782C007022BB>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, février 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin n° 2.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 18 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-53578f.pdf>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, décembre 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 12.
Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 42 p.

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, octobre 2010, Volume XXXIII, Bulletin n° 10.
Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 16 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/11-53616f.pdf>

United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine: The urgency of addressing the plight of Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli prisons and detention facilities; United Nations Office at Vienna, 7 and 8 March 2011.
United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 31 p.
Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/244FD82ECEF3503A852578E1004B646F>

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

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

International Accounting and Reporting Issues: 2010 Review.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. vi, 92 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/ED/2011/1)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.17. ISBN 978-92-1-112831-4.

The Least Developed Countries Report 2011: The Potential Role of South-South Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xiv, 166 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2011)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.5. ISBN 978-92-1-112835-2.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/ldc2011_en.pdf

Portée et définitions: Collection de la CNUCED consacrée aux problèmes relatifs aux accords internationaux d'investissement II.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. xiv, 163 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2010/2)
Sales No. F.11.II.D.9. ISBN 978-92-1-212393-6.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/fr/docs/diaeia20102_fr.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 20, Number 1, April 2011. v, 153 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2011/4 (Vol.20, No1))
ISBN 978-92-1-112832-1.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/unctaddiaeia20114a_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Intellectual Property Commercialization: Policy Options and Practical Instruments.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. ix, 114 p. (ECE/CECI/12)
Sales No. E.11.II.E.16. ISBN 978-92-1-117053-5.
Online version: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/ceci/publications/ip.pdf>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

International Trade Forum, Issue 3, 2011. 39 p.
"Food Security, Agriculture & Trade Development".
Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/2011-3/>

V International Law

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2003. Volume II, Première partie : Documents de la cinquante-cinquième session.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. iv, 148 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2003/Add.1 (Part 1))
Sales No. F.09.V.7 (Part 1). ISBN 978-92-1-233480-6.

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2004. Volume I : Comptes rendus analytiques des séances de la cinquante-sixième session, 3 mai – 4 juin et 5 juillet – 6 août 2004.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. xviii, 258 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2004)
Sales No. F.10.V.2. ISBN 978-92-1-233481-3.

VIII Transport and Communications

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Good: Manual of Test and Criteria; Fifth revised edition, Amendment 1.
United Nations. New York et Genève. 2011. v, 55 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5/Amend.1)
Sales No. E.11.VIII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-139142-8.

Recommandations relatives au transport des marchandises dangereuses: Manuel d'épreuves et de critères ; Cinquième édition révisée, Amendement 1.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2011. v, 59 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5/Amend.1)
Sales No. F.11.VIII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-239128-1.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Improving Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention: The 2007–2010 Intersessional Process.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xxviii, 299 p. (UNIDIR/2011/17)
Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-1-92-9045-011-K-en.pdf>

XVII International Statistics

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1083, Vol. LXV, No. 9, September 2011 / Edition n° 1083, Vol. LXV, n° 9, septembre 2011.
United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. x, 293 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/465)
Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 89, Number 11, November 2011, p. 777-852.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/89/11/en/>

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