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New websites within the UN system

UN in General



United Nations Day – 24 October

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

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

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

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being. 24 October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948.

Current Reports by UN Agencies, Programmes, Funds, Departments, and Offices

<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/reports.shtml>

Useful new website available on the UN Media Document Centre.

DESA Website available in all 6 UN languages

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

To further promote multilingualism in the UN Secretariat, the new website of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) is now also available in all 6 UN languages.

The new language sites provide the same set of interactive multimedia features and accessibility from mobile devices as the English version launched in June this year.

All language versions are linked from the main site and come with an improved navigation structure to better incorporate latest developments on the Internet. Users have access to the About Us, In Focus, News and USG/ASGs pages in all UN official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

“UN Chronicle: The Magazine of the United Nations” – redesigned website

English: <http://unchronicle.un.org/>

French: <http://unchronicle.un.org/fr/>

Spanish: <http://unchronicle.un.org/es/>

The UN Chronicle, a quarterly journal published by the Department of Public Information since 1946, covers information and debate on activities of the United Nations system. It features essays and opinions from official, non-governmental, academic, and policymaking groups connected with the Organization. The journal covers a wide-range of topics including: human rights; economic, social and political issues; peacekeeping operations; international conferences; youth related matters; women and children; and global health.



UN-EU Partnership Report

<http://report2013.unbrussels.org/>

The eighth annual Partnership Report “Saving and Improving Lives” presents this year the United Nations-European Union partnership for food and nutrition security from 2008 to 2012. The web photo publication and the videos included in the report will take you through the results of our work on the ground.

UN System Organizational Chart – revised version (DPI/2470/Rev.3, August 2013)

English: http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

French: http://www.un.org/fr/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

Spanish: http://www.un.org/es/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

Peace and Security

Global contribution for global peace (DPKO)

http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/global_contribution.shtml

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations’ (DPKO) Public Affairs Section has launched its latest digital campaign on 'A global contribution for global peace,' to acknowledge over 110 countries that contribute more than 95,000 UN military and police personnel to UN peacekeeping. They come from nations large and small, rich and poor. They bring different cultures and experience to the job, but are united in their determination for peace.

On Duty For Peace

http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/12%2053015_UNPOL%20booklet.pdf

The Booklet showcases the achievements of the United Nations Police Division (UNPOL) over the past five years. It explores topics such as contributing countries, female recruitment, and global successes, helping to highlight these issues and to aid UN Police with recruitment.

Security Council Concept Paper: Security Council Open Debate on Women, Rule of Law And Transitional Justice In Conflict-Affected Situation (18 October 2013)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2013/587>

The Security Council held an open debate entitled “Women, rule of law and transitional justice in conflict-affected situations” on 18 October 2013. For the debate, Azerbaijan had prepared this concept note.

Security Council Concept Paper: Security Council High-level Meeting on Small Arms (26 September 2013)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2013/536>

The Security Council held a high-level meeting on the subject "Small arms: the impact of the illicit transfer, destabilizing accumulation and misuse of small arms and light weapons on international peace and security" on Thursday, 26 September 2013. Australia had prepared a concept note to inform the discussion.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2013

(DPI/1634/Rev.148, September 2013)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote0813.pdf>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2013

(DPI/2166/Rev.122, September 2013)

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

French: <https://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/documents/ppbmf.pdf>

Economic & Social Development

The Arab Millennium Development Goals Report: Facing Challenges and Looking Beyond 2015

http://www.escwa.un.org/information/publications/edit/upload/E_ESCWA_EDGD_2013_1_E.pdf

This report is a response to a request by the United Nations General Assembly for a periodic assessment of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It was jointly prepared by the League of Arab States, the United Nations organizations members of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) and the Regional United Nations Development Group for the Arab States, and coordinated by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

Doubling Digital Opportunities: Enhancing the Inclusion of Women & Girls in the Information Society (UNESCO / ITU)

<http://www.broadbandcommission.org/Documents/working-groups/bb-doubling-digital-2013.pdf>

A new report released on 21 September 2013 by the Broadband Commission Working Group on Broadband and Gender reveals a 'significant and pervasive' 'tech gap' in access to information and communication technologies (ICTs). Globally, the report estimates that there are currently 200 million fewer women online than men, and warns that the gap could grow to 350 million within the next three years if action is not taken. The report brings together extensive research from UN agencies, Commission members and partners from industry, government and civil society, to create the first comprehensive global snapshot of broadband access by gender.

Global Knowledge Gateway for Women's Economic Empowerment

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

UN Women has launched a Global Knowledge platform to galvanize women's economic empowerment. This open online platform seeks to re-vitalize women's economic empowerment by building connections, and bringing together people who need resources with those that have them.

Global Report: 2013 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic (UNAIDS)

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/globalreport2013/globalreport/>

World closing in on Millennium Development Goal 6, globally the AIDS epidemic has been halted and reversed—race is on to reach universal access to HIV treatment. New HIV infections among adults and children were estimated at 2.3 million in 2012, a 33% reduction since 2001. New HIV infections among children have been reduced to 260 000 in 2012, a reduction of 52% since 2001. AIDS-related deaths have also dropped by 30% since the peak in 2005 as access to antiretroviral treatment expands.

The Industrial Competitiveness of Nations: Looking back, forging ahead (UNIDO)

http://www.unido.org/fileadmin/user_media/Services/PSD/Competitive_Industrial_Performance_Report_UNIDO_2012_2013.PDF

Despite lower industrial growth caused by the recent economic recession and a reduced share in world manufacturing output, high-income industrialized countries continue to rank highest in UNIDO's competitive industrial performance index. This Competitive Industrial Performance Report 2012/2013 discusses the concept of competitiveness and industrial performance, and presents statistical data for the composite and eight base-indicators. The competitive industrial performance (CIP) index benchmarks countries' ability to produce and export manufactured goods competitively, indicates whether structural change towards high value added technology intensive industrial sectors has taken place, and shows the impact of a country's industrial production on the world market. Japan ranked first in competitive industrial performance, followed by Germany and the United States. Among other major industrialized economies, the Republic of Korea ranked fourth, France tenth, Italy 11th, the United Kingdom 14th and Canada 17th.

**IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5):
Climate Change 2013 - The Physical Science Basis**

<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1/#.UkXAw9KTx8E>

<http://www.climatechange2013.org/>

Human influence on the climate system is clear. This is evident in most regions of the globe. Each of the last three decades has been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decade since 1850. "Heat waves are very likely to occur more frequently and last longer. As the Earth warms, we expect to see currently wet regions receiving more rainfall, and dry regions receiving less, although there will be exceptions.

Marking Progress against Child Labour: Global estimates and trends 2000-2012 (ILO)

English, French, Spanish & Portuguese:

http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Informationresources/WCMS_221513/lang--en/index.htm

A new report says that the global number of child labourers has declined by one third since 2000, from 246 million to 168 million. But even the latest improved rate of decline is not enough to achieve the goal of eliminating the worst forms of child labour by 2016.

Measuring the Information Society - MIS Report 2013 (ITU)

Report in English, Executive summary in English, French and Spanish:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/publications/mis2013.aspx>

The report projects that by the end of the year, 40 per cent of the world's population – 2.7 billion people – will be online, as mobile broadband has become the fastest growing segment of the global information and communication technology (ICT) market. The 5th edition estimates that by the end of 2013, there will be some 6.8 billion mobile-cellular subscription – almost as many as there are people on the planet.

State of Food Insecurity in the World - SOFI 2013 (FAO / WFP / IFAD)

English: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofi/en/>

French: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofi/2013/fr/>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofi/2013/es/>

Some 842 million people, or roughly one in eight, suffered from chronic hunger in 2011-13, not getting enough food to lead active and healthy lives. The vast majority of hungry people live in developing regions, while 15.7 million live in developed countries. The report estimates of undernourishment and progress towards the MDG and World Food Summit (WFS) hunger targets.

The State of European Cities in Transition 2013: Taking stock after 20 years of reform (UN-HABITAT)

Report: <http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/getElectronicVersion.aspx?nr=3493&alt=1>

Executive Summary: <http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/listItemDetails.aspx?publicationID=3504>

The transitional European countries are now in different stages of their transition to prosperous, just and democratic societies. As we look at the challenges of the future, The State of European Cities in Transition 2013 offers insight and analysis to inform and enlighten.

State of the Least Developed Countries, 2013: Follow up of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (UN-OHRLS)

<http://www.unohrls.org/UserFiles/File/UN-OHRLS%20Flagship%20report%202013%20LDCs.pdf>

Two years into the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, LDCs have made some progress on many of the goals and targets. Most LDCs continue to face pervasive poverty. The deteriorating global economic environment is transmitting to LDCs for example through declining ODA flows. Looking forward, the international community should give due priority to LDCs in the efforts to accelerate MDGs and formulate the post-2015 UN Development Agenda.

Toward a Fiscal Union for the Euro Area

(IMF Staff Discussion Note, September 2013)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/sdn/2013/sdn1309.pdf>

A new paper from International Monetary Fund staff argues that advancing fiscal integration would help address a number of gaps in the euro area's architecture. Alongside the banking union, a fiscal union would reduce the incidence and severity of future crises by strengthening fiscal discipline and providing a minimum amount of insurance against deep recessions. While putting in place a fiscal union will take time, providing a roadmap for implementation is viewed as essential to anchor confidence in the euro area's viability, thereby also supporting current crisis management efforts. European policymakers have taken important steps to strengthen fiscal and economic governance frameworks. However, vigorous implementation and robust enforcement mechanisms are a prerequisite for greater fiscal integration. With these safeguards in place, according to the paper, a clearer ex ante approach to fiscal discipline and cross-country insurance mechanisms—as opposed to a strategy that relies exclusively on support when crises have already occurred—would further strengthen the architecture and ensure stability of the Economic and Monetary Union.

World Development Report 2014: Risk and Opportunity - Managing Risk for Development (World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/OSAT4FHFP0>

In the face of social unrest, economic crises, and more frequent natural disasters, preparation and recovery efforts by governments, communities, and individuals have become increasingly essential. Effective risk management can provide both resilience to withstand adverse events and the ability to take advantage of development opportunities. It is, therefore, a critical ingredient in the fight to end poverty, says this new report from the World Bank Group released on 6 October 2013.

Human Rights

20 Years working for Human Rights: 1993 World Conference on Human Rights

<http://at20.ohchr.org/>

As part of the activities to mark its 20th Anniversary, the UN Human Rights Office launched on 11 October 2013 a special website and a timeline of key events in the human rights field in the past 20 years, from the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on 25 June 1993 through Human Rights Day 2013.

Torture and Deaths in Detention in Libya - October 2013 (OHCHR / UNSMIL)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/LY/TortureDeathsDetentionLibya.pdf>

The United Nations issued a report on 1 October 2013 about the torture and ill-treatment of detainees in Libya, recommending swift action to transfer detainees held by armed brigades to effective State control and renewed efforts to build the capacity of the criminal justice system. The report is issued jointly by the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in implementation of UNSMIL's mandate of assisting Libyans in promoting human rights. This includes supporting Libyan efforts against arbitrary detention and torture, by monitoring abuses in detention centres, advocating for remedial action, advising on judicial reform and building the capacity of Libya's corrections system. The report is based on information gathered first-hand during UNSMIL's visits to nearly 30 detention centres over two years, including information from detainees, family members, officials and civil society, as well as documentation such as medical reports.

International Law

The Arctic Sunrise Case (Kingdom of the Netherlands v. Russian Federation)

English: http://www.itlos.org/fileadmin/itlos/documents/press_releases_english/PR_201_E.pdf

French: http://www.itlos.org/fileadmin/itlos/documents/press_releases_french/PR_201_F.pdf

A request for the prescription of provisional measures pending the constitution of an arbitral tribunal was submitted on 21 October 2013 to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea by the Kingdom of the Netherlands in a dispute with the Russian Federation. The dispute concerns the arrest and detention of the vessel *Arctic Sunrise* and its crew by authorities of the Russian Federation. The *Arctic Sunrise*, which flies the flag of the Netherlands, is an icebreaker operated by Greenpeace International.

New information material

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

Evaluation Capacity in the UN System.
United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG). 2012. vi, 94 p.
Online version: <http://www.unevaluation.org/unevalcapacity>

Practical tips on how to strengthen National Evaluation Systems.
United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG). 2012. vi, 49 p.
Online version: http://www.unevaluation.org/necd_practicaltips

Politically Speaking – Bulletin of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs;
Summer-Fall 2013 (DPA). 32 p.
Online version:
<http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/undpa/shared/undpa/pdf/PS%20summer%20fall%202013%20issue.pdf>

UN Police Magazine, 11th edition, July 2013.
United Nations. 60 p.
Online version: http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/unpolmag/unpolmag_11.pdf

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in October

I General Information and Reference

UN Chronicle. Volume L, Number 3, 2013: "Migration". 43 p.
Online version: <http://unchronicle.un.org/issue/migration/>

Chronique ONU, Volume L, Numéro 2, 2013 : « Sécurité ». 39 p.
Online version : <http://unchronicle.un.org/fr/issue/s-curit/>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Le développement économique en Afrique : Rapport 2013 ; Commerce intra-africain: libérer le dynamisme du secteur privé.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2013. viii, 164 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2013)
Sales No. F.13.II.D.2. ISBN 978-92-1-212401-8.
Online version: http://unctad.org/fr/PublicationsLibrary/aldcafrica2013_fr.pdf

V International Law

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international 2007, Volume I : Comptes rendus analytiques des séances de la cinquante-neuvième session, 7 mai–5 juin et 9 juillet–10 août 2007.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2013. xviii, 299 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2007)
Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/yearbooks.htm>

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2007, Volume II, Part One: Documents of the fifty-ninth session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. iv, 134 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2007/Add.1 (Part 1))
Sales No. E.12.V.11. ISBN 978-92-1-133796-9.

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

VIII Transport and Communications

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria; Fifth revised edition, Amendment 2.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. v, 11 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5/Amend.2)
Sales No. E.13.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-139148-0.

Recommandations relatives au transport des marchandises dangereuses : Manuel d'épreuves et de critères ; Cinquième édition révisée, Amendement 2.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2013. v, 12 p. (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5/Amend.2)
Sales No. F.13.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-239134-2.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Viewing Nuclear Weapons through a Humanitarian Lens.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. xii, 157 p. (UNIDIR/2013/4).

Sales No. GV.E.13.01.I. ISBN 978-92-9-045202-7.

Online version:

<http://www.unidir.org/files/publications/pdfs/viewing-nuclear-weapons-through-a-humanitarian-lens-en-601.pdf>

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

2nd Global Report on Adult Learning and Education: Rethinking Literacy.

UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning. Hamburg. 2013. 163 p.

ISBN 978-92-820-1179-9.

Online version: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002224/222407E.pdf>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 91, Issue 9, September 2013, p. 621-716.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/9/en/>

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 91, Issue 10, October 2013, p. 717-796.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/10/en/>

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