

October 2015

## New UN websites & publications

### 24 October 2015 - 'Turn the World UN Blue' Campaign



To help celebrate the UN's 70th anniversary, more than 200 iconic monuments, buildings, statues, bridges, and other landmarks in nearly 60 countries across the globe will be lit up blue on UN Day, 24 October, as part of an exciting new global campaign which helps unite global citizens and promote the message of peace, development and human rights. Watch landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House, the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt, Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, New York's Empire State Building, Tokyo's SkyTree Tower, the Leaning Tower

of Pisa in Italy, Diana The Huntress Fountain in Mexico, the Hermitage in Russia, Edinburgh Castle and Central Hall Westminster in the UK, and Alhambra in Spain, light blue to help mark the founding of the UN. Images and videos of the lighted structures will be part of an innovative social media outreach and will be seen by millions of people around the world. We encourage you to visit a participating site in your city and take action by sharing your "**choose blue**" images using the hashtag **#UN70** and **#UNBlue**.

For more information, see the [press release](#) and visit the [UN Blog](#).

### UN Day in Brussels: Sunday, 25 October 2015, Grand Place

<http://undaybrussels.org/>

### UNRIC Library Backgrounder: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Selected Online Resources

English - html: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/29897>

English - pdf: [http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/sdgs\\_eng.pdf](http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/sdgs_eng.pdf)

French - html: [http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/sdgs\\_french.pdf](http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/sdgs_french.pdf)

### Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) – new website

English: <http://www.un.org/en/africa/osaa/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/africa/osaa/>

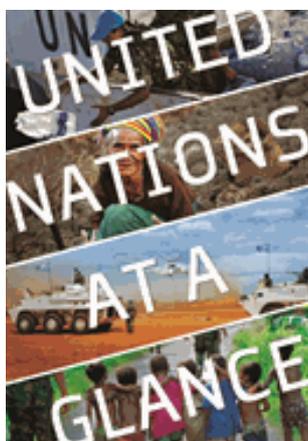
Designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation, the site is updated with the latest information about the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa's (OSAA) work and efforts on analysis, coordination and advocacy on UN and international support for peace, security development and good governance in Africa, and on the inextricable nexus that binds them. The new site has the ambition to be your one-stop shop for updated and concise information on UN and international support for Africa's priorities in the key areas of regional integration, economic development, the peace, security nexus, girls and women's empowerment and gender equality, good governance, monitoring and reporting on UN and international commitments and support to Africa. The French version of the site will strive to mirror the English version as completely as possible. The versions of the site in the other UN languages to be released subsequently in 2016 may however be lighter.



In Honour of the United Nations 70th Anniversary  
**From Aspirations to Actions 1945 - 1951**  
An Exhibition by the Archives and Records Management Section

[http://research.un.org/UN\\_Archives](http://research.un.org/UN_Archives)

This virtual exhibition showcases material from seventy years of United Nations archives which are housed at the Organization's Headquarters in New York City. It is structured around four major themes: the foundation of the UN at the San Francisco Conference of 1945, the beginnings of the Organization at the temporary Lake Success Headquarters and the first challenges faced by the Organization in the implementation of humanitarian and disarmament programmes. All items exhibited on this website are available for viewing from 13 October to 30 November 2015 at the United Nations Headquarters's visitor centre, in the General Assembly building. After this date, they will be available for consultation at the UN Archives' reading room in Manhattan.



**"United Nations at a Glance" published in 2013 is now available in full text on issue:**

[http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/united\\_nations\\_at\\_a\\_glance](http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/united_nations_at_a_glance)

This simple, authoritative guide provides a starting point for readers who are new to the UN. In clear language, this book explains what the UN does, how the UN does it, who the actors are, and when historical milestones occurred. Illustrated with photos and stories from the field, the guide examines the work of the UN in international peace and security, economic and social development, human rights, and humanitarian action. As a resource to students and teachers alike, additional features include definitions of frequently used terms, rich statistics, questions and answers, and the building blocks of international law.

### **UN ARTS AND GIFTS**

In this series, you can explore many of the gifts created by celebrated artists and presented to the UN by its Member States over the past seven decades.

#### **Japanese Peace Bell**

<http://un4.me/1k9URnp>

The Peace Bell was donated by the United Nations Association of Japan in June, 1954. Mr. Chiyoji Nagakawa, the former counsellor of the United Nations Association of Japan and observer during the 6th session of the General Assembly in Paris in 1951, proposed to build a Peace Bell as a symbol of hope for peace. The bell was cast from coins and medals donated by the representatives of Member States, the Pope, and people, including children from over 60 different nations who seconded his idea. The bell tower was modeled after the Hanamido (a small temple decorated with flowers) that symbolises the place where Buddha was born.





### **Good Defeats Evil**

<http://un4.me/1M7pS82>

The sculpture "Good Defeats Evil" was presented by the Soviet Union to the United Nations on the occasion of the organization's 45th anniversary. The sculpture, which depicts St. George slaying the dragon, is created fragments of Soviet SS-20 and United States Pershing II nuclear missiles. Georgian artist Zurab Tsereteli created the sculpture to commemorate the dismantling of the missiles under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty signed on 6 December 1987 by Presidents Ronald Reagan of the United States and Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union.

### **Character Sketches by Brian Urquhart**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocus/charactersketches.asp>

Sir Brian Urquhart, a veteran international civil servant who helped guide the United Nations from its inception through decades of dramatic challenges, was one of the Organization's first staff members. Throughout his four decades of service to the United Nations, starting as one of its very first staff members and ending as an Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, he also helped shape history-making moments. He was present for the birth of the United Nations in 1945, and was witness to many of the Organization's – and the world's – seminal milestones. He served with various Secretaries-General throughout his career and interacted with a range of world leaders and historical figures, from Patrice Lumumba to Yasir Arafat, and many others. Over the years, Sir Brian has written about some of the people he encountered in his work. Here, in a selection from his previously-unpublished character sketches, he describes his interactions and impressions of some of those individuals.

## **Peace and Security**

### **Concept note for the Security Council open debate on women and peace and security**

<http://undocs.org/S/2015/749>

The Security Council held an open debate on "High-level review of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000): from rhetoric to effective results of the impact of armed conflict on women and girls" on 13 October 2015. The Security Council President for the month of October, Spain, has prepared this concept note.

### **Preventing Conflict, Transforming Justice, and Securing the Peace: A Global Study on Implementation of Security Council resolution 1325**

<http://un4.me/1QLOJMH>



As a precursor to the High-level Review, that took place on 13 October 2015, the Secretary-General has commissioned a global study on the implementation of resolution 1325. The Global Study highlights good practice examples, implementation gaps and challenges, as well as emerging trends and priorities for action. It provides an invaluable opportunity to ensure that the progress made at the normative level is effectively translated

into action at the global, regional, and national levels. The Global Study was led by Radhika Coomaraswamy, former Special Representative of the Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict and former Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women. The overall

coordination of the Study and related preparations for the 2015 High-level Review were managed by a small Secretariat hosted by UN Women and supported by the Standing Committee on Women, Peace and Security of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality in close coordination with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

**Report of the Secretary-General on women and peace and security (S/2015/716, 16 September 2015)**

*English, French & Spanish:* <http://undocs.org/S/2015/716>

The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 16 of Security Council resolution 2122 (2013), in which the Council invited the Secretary-General to commission a global study on the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000), highlighting examples of good practice, implementation gaps and challenges, as well as emerging trends and priorities for action, and to submit within the Secretary-General's 2015 report to the Council the results of the study. In addition, the report includes an update on annual progress towards the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000), as measured using the indicators designed for that purpose.

**Celebrating Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) – new resource created by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library**

<http://ask.un.org/faq/101692>

**Global Tracking Initiatives (ICAO)**

<http://www.icao.int/safety/globaltracking>

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on 22 September 2015 announced the launch of its new centralized online information area for aircraft tracking developments. The new aircraft tracking information area, available on the ICAO Public Website, provides a detailed timeline and all supporting reports and documentation relating to the call for and realization of the world's first global aircraft tracking requirements.

**Leaders' Summit 2015 on UN Peacekeeping (28 September 2015)**

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/leadersummit.html>

*Summit Declaration:*

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/leadersummit.html#declaration>

This year's Leaders' Summit was a historic moment for UN Peacekeeping with unprecedented levels of support coming from all regions of the globe.

**Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations and conflict prevention: a collective recommitment (S/2015/730, 25 September 2015)**

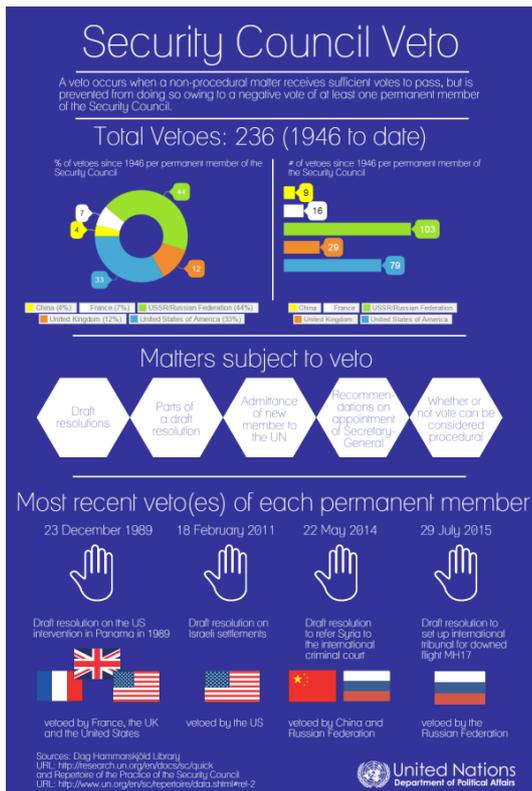
*English, French & Spanish:* <http://undocs.org/S/2015/730>

"The present report was prepared pursuant to Security Council resolution 2171 (2014). Section II of the report considers the evolution of contemporary conflict and the prevention landscape in recent years. Section III provides an overview of our efforts to strengthen United Nations prevention tools and initiatives, highlighting our cooperation with regional and subregional organizations. Section IV considers key challenges and opportunities for conflict prevention, while section V concludes with observations."

**Study on Armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UNODA)**

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/more/drones-study/drones-study.pdf>

This study – published on 12 October 2015 - was prepared on the recommendation of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters. It examines the characteristics of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), how international law applies to the use of armed UAVs to conduct targeted strikes outside areas of active hostilities, and ideas for improving transparency, oversight and accountability in the development, acquisition, stockpiling, transfer and use of armed UAVs.



## Infographic on the Security Council Veto (UNDPA)

“Everything you've ever wanted to know about the Veto (or at least everything we could fit in an infographic)”:

English: <http://un4.me/1LlPn1V>

French: <http://un4.me/1PDWDco>

Issued by the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) the infographic provides figures for the total number of vetoes (1946 to date), matters subject to the veto and an overview of the most recent veto(es) of each permanent member.

## Economic & Social Development

### Global Employment Trends for Youth 2015: Scaling up investments in decent jobs for youth (ILO)

English: <http://un4.me/1jwJLsI>

French: <http://un4.me/1MyIFVc>

Spanish: <http://un4.me/1MyIIAi>

Global youth unemployment rates have stabilized somewhat but remain well above pre-financial crisis levels, according to a new report released by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on 8 October 2015. The rate has stabilized at 13 per cent following a period of rapid increase between 2007 and 2010, but it is still well above the pre-crisis level of 11.7 per cent. The report also highlights a drop in the number of unemployed youth to 73.3 million in 2014, some 3.3 million less than the crisis peak of 76.6 million in 2009.



<https://www.myunepa.org/>

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has launched an inter-active online hub, MyUNEA.org, to increase citizen participation in the resolutions and issues addressed by the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of the United Nations Environment Programme. MyUNEA.org reflects the structure and ambitions of the UNEA, which is an assembly with representatives from governments, civil society, parliaments, local authorities, private citizens, indigenous peoples groups, business and the private sector, the scientific and academic community - all of whom contribute to designing solutions for our planet's health. It is intended to be a living platform, providing tools to a host of actors from citizens and government officials to businesses and trade unions.

### **The State of Broadband 2015 (ITU / UNESCO)**

<http://www.broadbandcommission.org/Documents/reports/bb-annualreport2015.pdf>

Broadband Internet is failing to reach billions of people living in the developing world, including 90 per cent of those living in the poorest nations, according to a new United Nations report that offers country-by-country data on the state of access around the globe.

The State of Broadband, produced by the UN Broadband Commission and released on 21 September 2015, reveals that 57 per cent of the world's people remain offline and unable to take advantage of the enormous economic and social benefits the Internet can offer.

The report, which comes ahead of this week's summit in New York at which world leaders will adopt the 2030 Agenda which contains the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), stresses that access to information and communication technology (ICT), particularly broadband Internet, has the potential to serve as a major accelerator of development. The importance of ICT connectivity is specifically recognized in the SDGs.

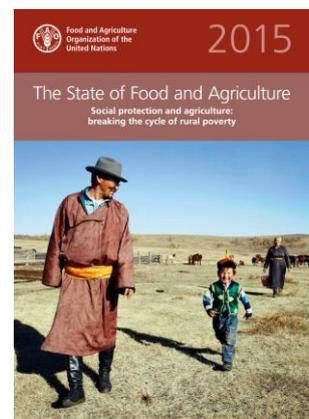
### **The State of Food and Agriculture 2015: Social protection and agriculture, breaking the cycle of rural poverty (FAO)**

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

French: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/2015/fr/>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/2015/es/>

Social protection is emerging as a critical tool in the drive to eradicate hunger, yet the vast majority of the world's rural poor are yet to be covered. The State of Food and Agriculture 2015 published by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) finds that in poor countries, social protection schemes - such as cash transfers, school feeding and public works - offer an economical way to provide vulnerable people with opportunities to move out of extreme poverty and hunger and to improve their children's health, education and life chances. Such programmes currently benefit 2.1 billion people in developing countries in various ways -- including keeping 150 million people out of extreme poverty. Expanding such programs in rural areas and linking them to inclusive agricultural growth policies would rapidly reduce the number of poor people, the report says.



### **Trade and Development Report 2015: Making the International Financial Architecture Work for Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**

Report in English: [http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2015\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2015_en.pdf)

Overview in French: [http://unctad.org/fr/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2015overview\\_fr.pdf](http://unctad.org/fr/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2015overview_fr.pdf)

This report identifies some of the critical issues to be addressed in order to establish a more stable and inclusive international monetary and financial system which can support trade and development challenges over the coming years. The Report considers existing shortcomings, analyses emerging vulnerabilities and examines proposals and initiatives for reform.



### **World Report on Ageing and Health (WHO)**

Report in English & Spanish;  
Executive Summary in English, French,  
Portuguese and Spanish:

<http://www.who.int/ageing/events/world-report-2015-launch/en/>

With advances in medicine helping more people to live longer lives, the number of people over the age of 60 is expected to double by 2050 and will require radical societal change, according to a new report released by the WHO for the International Day of Older Persons (1 October).

## **The World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics (UN Statistics Division)**

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/worldswomen.html>

At the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Governments adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which “seeks to promote and protect the full enjoyment of all human rights and the fundamental freedoms of all women throughout their life cycle.” Guided by these principles, the World’s Women 2015: Trends and Statistics presents the latest statistics and analyses of the status of women and men in areas of concern identified by the Platform for Action. It also reviews progress towards gender equality over the past 20 years. The publication is the sixth edition in a series. The World’s Women 2015 comprises eight chapters covering critical areas of policy concern: population and families, health, education, work, power and decision-making, violence against women, environment, and poverty. In each area, a life-cycle approach is introduced to reveal the experiences of women and men during different periods of life—from childhood and the formative years, through the working and reproductive stages, to older ages.

## **Human Rights**

### **Cyber Violence Against Women & Girls: A Worldwide Wake-Up Call**

<http://un4.me/1RRtg5R>

This report, released by the United Nations Broadband Commission on 24 September 2015, reveals that almost three quarters of women online have been exposed to some form of cyber violence, and urges governments and industry to work harder and more effectively together to better protect the growing number of women and girls who are victims of online threats and harassment. Millions of women and girls around the world are subjected to deliberate violence because of their gender. Violence against women and girls knows no boundaries, cutting across borders, race, culture and income groups, profoundly harming victims, people around them, and society as a whole

### **Extreme poverty and human rights (A/70/274, 4 August 2015)**

*English, French & Spanish:* <http://undocs.org/A/70/274>

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston, has called on the World Bank and its member States to adopt a new and consistent approach to human rights. “For most purposes, the World Bank is currently a human rights-free zone. In its operational policies, in particular, it treats human rights more like an infectious disease than universal values and obligations,” Alston says in a new report published online on the approach to human rights by the World Bank, the most important international actor on poverty alleviation. The report, which will be officially presented to the UN General Assembly on 23 October, explains that the biggest single obstacle to better integrate human rights into the work of the World Bank is “the anachronistic and inconsistent interpretation of the ‘political prohibition’ contained in the Bank’s Articles of Agreement.”

## **Humanitarian Affairs**

### **Migration and Refugees**

- UN News Centre - In Focus: <http://www.un.org/en/news/infocus/migration/>
- Promoting a comprehensive approach to the refugee and migration crisis (UN Pulse - Dag Hammarskjöld Library): <http://tumblr.co/ZE4p7x1vDP3yx>

### **UNHCR Map Portal**

<http://maps.unhcr.org>

The UNHCR Map Portal, launched in September 2015, provides a central repository for sharing and disseminating maps created by the Visual Information Mapping Team at headquarters and by field operations.

## International Law

### Law and Environment Ontology (LEO) portal (UNEP)

<http://leo.informea.org/>



A United Nations initiative - launched on 15 September 2015 - is set to improve access for policy makers, journalists, researchers and the general public to environmental treaties. The Law and Environment Ontology (LEO) portal seeks to provide an overview of

concepts, definitions and synonyms in conventions as well as the relationship between different Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). LEO draws from the information tools Ecolex, Faolex and InforMEA, which together cover more than 105,000 national laws, 2000 cases, almost 5,000 national reports, 500 action plans, more than 2000 global, regional and bilateral environmental conventions and 10,000 decisions of their governing bodies. It contains information displayed as maps, info-graphics and text.

## New information material

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

*Sorry, nothing received this month.*

## NEW TITLES added to the library collection in October

### I General Information and Reference

Charte des Nations Unies et Statut de la Cour International de Justice.

Nations Unies. New York. 2015. DPI/2587.

<https://unp.un.org/charter/>

Millenniums-Entwicklungsziele – Bericht 2015.

Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2015. 72 p. + Faltblatt Umsetzungstand 2015.

Bericht: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/MDG%20Report%202015%20German.pdf>

Faltblatt: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/MDG%20Report%202015%20PC%20German.pdf>

Bestellung: <http://bit.ly/1MtL3vg>

The United Nations at 70: Moments and Milestones.

United Nations. New York. 2015. 124 p.

*The book is published in conjunction with a photographic exhibition at UN Headquarters on the occasion of UN70 that will open later this month.*

UN Chronicle. Volume LII, Number 1 & 2, 2015: "The United Nations at 70". 71 p.  
Online version: <http://unchronicle.un.org/issue/united-nations-70/>

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

Trade and Development Report, 2015: Making the international financial architecture work for development.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2015. xviii, 187 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2015)  
Sales No. E.15.II.D.4. ISBN 978-92-1-112890-1.  
Online version: [http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2015\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2015_en.pdf)

Transnational Corporations, Volume 22, Number 3. iv, 100 p.  
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2014/4)  
ISBN 978-92-1-112886-4.  
Online version: [http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeia2014d3\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeia2014d3_en.pdf)

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

CEVNI: Code européen des voies de navigation intérieure; Cinquième édition révisée.  
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2015. xviii, 204 p. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5)  
Sales No. F.15.II.E.8  
Online version: <https://www2.unece.org/wiki/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=25267809>

## **III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)**

Forum de comercio internacional, número 2, 20115. 38 p.  
"Integración regional"  
Online version: <http://www.forumdecomercio.org/tradeforumhome/>

Forum du commerce international, número 2, 2015. 38 p.  
« L'intégration régionale »  
Online version: <http://www.forumducommerce.org/tradeforumhome/>

## **III.U Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

UNHCR Global Report 2014: Resilience against all odds.  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Geneva. 2015. 237 p.  
Online version: <http://www.unhcr.org/gr14/index.xml>

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

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 93, Issue 10, October 2015, p. 665-740.  
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/93/10/en/>