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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

General Assembly – 67th session

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

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

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

General Debate: 25 September - 1 October 2012

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

High-level Meetings of the 67th Session

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/67/meetings/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/67/meetings/index.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/ga/67/meetings/index.shtml>

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/67/1)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/67/1>

German: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/ga/a-67-1-deu.pdf>

The Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization to the 67th session of the General Assembly is now available. In introducing the report the Secretary-General notes that: "The world has changed dramatically since the signing of the Declaration by the United Nations. The global community is facing a whole new set of global threats. These include the adverse impact of climate change, rising inequities within and across populations, resource scarcity, the rapid spread of infectious disease and terrorism. Our Members have made it perfectly clear that they believe that the United Nations has the legitimacy, scope, depth of expertise and global convening power needed to tackle these Herculean tasks."

The annex of report includes "Millennium Development Goals, targets and indicators, 2012: statistical tables".

UN News Centre – redesigned website

English: <http://www.un.org/news/>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/newscentre/index.html>

Saving and Improving Lives: Partnership between the United Nations and the European Union in 2011

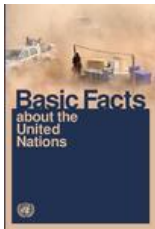
<http://www.unbrussels.org/report2012/>



The seventh annual Partnership Report conveys results of a vibrant partnership that spans over 110 countries across the globe. The web photo report will take you through the results of our work on the ground.

Basic Facts about the United Nations – Online version

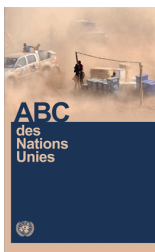
<http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/basicfacts>



This comprehensive handbook designed for the general public, sets forth the structure of the United Nations, how the Organization works and the main issues it deals with in their importance for people everywhere. Along with explaining the role played by its principal organs and the family of UN organizations, individual chapters explore UN contributions to international peace and security, economic and social development, human rights; humanitarian action, international law; and decolonization. A series of appendices documents UN membership, peacekeeping operations, budget, and contact information for UN information centres, services and offices. This new edition of the work has been substantially revised to take account of many significant developments that have taken place in the world and in the United Nations itself since the last edition of the book (previously titled *The UN Today*) in 2008.

ABC des Nations Unies – Version on ligne

<http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/abc-des-nations-unies-french>



Introduction générale au rôle et aux fonctions de l'ONU et de ses institutions spécialisées, ce livre balaie le large éventail des domaines d'intervention de l'Organisation, tels que la paix, le développement, les droits de l'homme, l'aide humanitaire, le désarmement et le droit international. En décrivant le travail des organisations de la grande famille des Nations Unies, l'« ABC des Nations Unies » fournit un tour d'horizon détaillé des nombreux défis auxquels doit faire face la communauté internationale et des efforts entrepris pour trouver des solutions.

ECOSOC resolutions

<http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/docs.shtml>

Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) are now issued as individual documents. Until now, these resolutions were not published as individual documents but compiled into sessional/annual cumulations (always Supplement No. 1, 1A, to the Official Records of the Economic and Social Council) issued for the regular, special, substantive or organizational session at which they were adopted. To insure the timely availability of the texts, they were provisionally issued in the INF/- series (e.g., E/2011/INF/2 + Add.1) prior to reissuance in a more formal format.

Beginning in 2012 there is a new practice of issuing ECOSOC resolutions as individual documents. Please see below the first resolution issued for 2012:

A/RES/2012/1 - Admission of Libya, Morocco and Tunisia to membership in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia: <http://undocs.org/E/RES/2012/1>

League of Nations Archives Resource Guide

<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/leagueofnationsarchives>

This guide is designed as a practical tool intended to facilitate research in the League of Nations Archives. It contains information about: the holdings and structure of the archive, catalogues and guides, research themes, with bibliographies and a selection of primary sources, useful databases and online resources, and links to related collections and further resources.

Peace and Security

The Radical Middle: Building Bridges between the Muslim and Western Worlds

<http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/archive/webarticles2012/buildingbridgesbetweenmuslimandwesternworlds>

This UN Chronicle web article was written by the Grand Mufti of Egypt, Ali Gomaa.

International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS)

<http://www.un-casa-isacs.org>

The new International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) were launched on 29 August 2012 and will help to ensure that the UN provides support to Member States on putting in place effective controls over the full life-cycle of small arms and light weapons — from manufacture, marking and recordkeeping to storage, transport and international transfer to the tracing, collection and destruction of illicit weapons.

Report of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session21/A-HRC-21-50_en.pdf

The Commission of Inquiry on Syria presented to the Human Rights Council its latest report on the situation in Syria. A 12 month investigation, which included over 1100 interviews, led the Commissioners to conclude that both pro and anti-Government forces were to blame for the escalation of violence in the areas of Aleppo, Damascus, Dera, Latakia, Idlib and Homs. *For further information on Syria, please consult out the UNRIC Library Backgrounder at <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/26585>.*

Security Council Concept Note: "The situation in the Middle East"

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2012/686>

The Security Council will hold a high-level meeting on the subject "The situation in the Middle East" on Wednesday, 26 September 2012. The Security Council President for the month of September, Germany, has prepared a concept note to help steer the discussions on the subject.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2012

(DPI/1634/Rev.136/Corr.1, September 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

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

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2012

(DPI/2166/Rev.110, September 2012)

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

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

Economic & Social Development

Coping with water scarcity: an action framework for agriculture and food security (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i3015e/i3015e.pdf>

As part of its project "Coping with Water Scarcity – The role of agriculture", FAO has recently developed a framework programme intended to serve as a basis for the development of effective food security policies in conditions of water scarcity. Rather than 'recipes', the framework highlights a series of principles on the basis of which strategies must be developed, including the need to base decisions on a fair accounting of water resources and uses, and the necessity to look for much better integration between food security and water policies. It stresses the need for a comprehensive approach that considers the whole range of options, from supply enhancement to demand management, all the way to substitution and waste management in the food chain, and suggests the use of a food supply cost curve in developing food security strategies.

Global Employment Outlook: Bleak Labour Market Prospects for Youth (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_188810.pdf

Jobless rates among young people will get even worse globally as the spillover of the euro crisis spreads from advanced to emerging economies, according to an ILO paper released on 4 September 2012. "Ironically, only in developed economies are youth unemployment rates expected to fall in the coming years, but this follows the largest increase in youth unemployment among all regions since the start of the crisis," said Ekkehard Ernst, lead author of the paper and chief of the ILO's Employment Trends Unit. The new forecasts show the youth unemployment rate in developed economies dropping gradually, from 17.5 per cent this year to 15.6 per cent in 2017. This is still far higher than the rate of 12.5 per cent registered in 2007, before the crisis struck.

Growing greener cities in Africa (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/ag/agp/greenercities/pdf/GGC-Africa.pdf>

This report draws the attention of policymakers to urban and peri-urban horticulture, and how it can help to grow greener cities in Africa. Production of fruit and vegetables in and around urban areas has a clear comparative advantage over rural and other sources in supplying urban residents with fresh, nutritious – but highly perishable – produce all year round. It generates local employment, reduces food transport costs and pollution, creates urban green belts, and recycles urban waste as a productive resource.

MDG Gap Task Force Report 2012: Millennium Development Goal 8 - "The Global Partnership for Development: Making Rhetoric a Reality"

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/mdg/mdg-gap-task-force-report-2012.html>

English: http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2012_Gap_Report/MDG_2012Gap_Task_Force_report.pdf

French: http://www.un.org/fr/millenniumgoals/pdf/2012MDG_Gap_Report_fr.pdf

Spanish: http://www.un.org/spanish/millenniumgoals/pdf/mdg_gap_report_2012_sp.pdf

The Task Force Report notes that after reaching a peak in 2010, the volume of official development assistance fell almost three per cent in 2011. It warns that with no apparent commitment by donor governments to reverse the trend, it is possible that fewer of the MDGs will be reached in fewer countries by the 2015 deadline. According to the Report, to meet the UN target of 0.7 per cent of donor country gross national income, total overseas development assistance (ODA) should more than double to about \$300 billion (in 2011 dollars), thus leaving a delivery gap of \$167 billion against that commitment. Least developed countries should receive about one-fourth of this amount.

Human Rights

Booklet on LGBT equality: Born Free and Equal (OHCHR)

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

This new publication - issued by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - provides information on sexual orientation and gender identity in international human rights law. The 60-page booklet is designed as a tool for States, to help them better understand the nature of their obligations and the steps required to meet them, as well as for civil society activists, human rights defenders and others seeking to hold Governments to account for breaches of international human rights law.

WHO QualityRights Tool Kit

http://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/QualityRights_toolkit/en/index.html

The WHO QualityRights tool kit provides countries with practical information and tools for assessing and improving quality and human rights standards in mental health and social care facilities. The Toolkit is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Humanitarian Affairs

CAPMATCH - Global Marketplace for Civilian Capacities

<http://capmatch.dfs.un.org/>

On 21 September 2012, the United Nations launched an online platform called CAPMATCH to bring together the supply of and demand for civilian capacities for countries emerging from conflict or crisis. The CAPMATCH platform is a very useful online resource that seeks to connect countries that have experience in building and transforming national institutions, either at home or in their cooperation programmes abroad, to countries now going through transitions following conflict or crisis. It is open not only to Member States, but also to non-governmental organizations. A number of Member States and organizations have already joined the platform.

Gaza in 2020: A liveable place? (UNRWA)

<http://www.unrwa.org/userfiles/file/publications/gaza/Gaza%20in%202020.pdf>

This document focuses on a range of the most important issues affecting the daily lives of the people in Gaza, which will only intensify in the coming years – even more so should the political situation (the divide between Gaza and the West Bank, the occupation and closure, and continued violent conflict) not improve. These challenges are described in the six-monthly UN report to the Ad hoc Liaison Committee, and more routinely in the UN's monthly briefing to the Security Council. In short, an end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip in the context of Security Council resolution 1860 and Gaza's recovery and long-term economic development remain fundamental objectives of the United Nations.

New information material

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

Affiche: Journée mondiale de l'alimentation, 16 octobre 2012 (FAO)

Online version: <http://www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/fr/>

Brochure: Journée mondiale de l'alimentation, 16 octobre 2012 (FAO)

Online version : http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/getinvolved/images/WFD2012_leaflet_FR_low.pdf

Afrique Renouveau: « L'Afrique : nouvelle frontière économique mondiale? ». Août 2012. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/fr/africarenewal/vol26no2/index.html>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Febrero de 2012, Volumen XXXV, Boletín núm. 2.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 17 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/12-44921s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, February 2012, Volume XXXV, Bulletin No. 2.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 13 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/D187322E0EB3B77685257A1C004FB967>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, février 2012, Volume XXXV, Bulletin n° 2.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 16 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/12-44921f.pdf>

UN Police Magazine: "Wanted: Skilled Police Officers – Reward: Peace and Security"

United Nations. 9th edition, July 2012. 56 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/unpolmag/unpolmag_09.pdf

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in September

I General Information and Reference

Dag Hammarskjöld: Instrument, Catalyst, Inspirer.

United Nations. New York. 2012. vi, 105 p.

Sales No. E.12.I.3. ISBN 978-92-1-101257-6.

Yearbook of the United Nations 2008: Volume 62.

United Nations. New York. 2012. xvi, 1617 p.

Sales No. E.10.I.1. ISBN 978-92-1-101227-9.

Yearbook collection online (1946-2007): <http://unyearbook.un.org>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Étude sur les transports maritimes 2011 : Rapport du Secrétariat de la CNUCED Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2012. xv, 231 p. (UNCTAD/RMT/2011)
Sales No. F.11.II.D.4. ISBN 978-92-1-212395-0.

Informe sobre el comercio y el desarrollo, 2012: Panorama general.
Naciones Unidas. Nueva York y Ginebra. 2012. 34 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2011 (Overview))
Online version: http://unctad.org/es/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2012overview_sp.pdf

Rapport sur le commerce et le développement, 2012 : Aperçu général.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2012. 34 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2012 (Overview))

Rapport sur l'investissement dans le monde 2012 : Vers une nouvelle génération de politiques de l'investissement ; Vue d'ensemble.
Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2012. ix, 48 p. (UNCTAD/WIR/2012 (Overview))
Online version: <http://www.unctad-docs.org/files/UNCTAD-WIR2012-Overview-fr.pdf>

Trade and Development Report, 2012: Policies for Inclusive and Balanced Growth.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xv, 175 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2012)
Sales No. E.12.II.D.6. ISBN 978-92-1-112846-8.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2012_en.pdf

Trade and Development Report, 2012: Overview.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. 30 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2012(Overview))
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2012overview_en.pdf

World Investment Report 2012: Towards a New Generation of Investment Policies.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xxxii, 204 p. (UNCTAD/WIR/2012)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.3. ISBN 978-92-1-112843-7.
Online version: <http://www.unctad-docs.org/files/UNCTAD-WIR2012-Full-en.pdf>

II.H United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

UNFPA Rapport Annuel 2011: Obtenir des résultats dans un monde de 7 milliards.
UNFPA. New York. 2012. 40 p. ISBN 978-1-61800-005-7.

III.B United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Annual Report 2011/2012: The Sustainable Future We Want.
UNDP. June 2012. 36 p.
Online version: http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/UNDP-in-action/2012/English/UNDP-AnnualReport_ENGLISH.pdf

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Forum de comercio internacional, número 2, 2012. 39 p.
« Empoderamiento de la Mujer, Potenciación del Comercio »
Online version: <http://www.forumdecomercio.org/tradeforumhome/>

Forum du commerce international, numéro 2, 2012. 39 p.
« Autonomiser les femmes pour doper le commerce »
Online version: <http://www.forumducommerce.org/tradeforumhome/>

V International Law

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2005, Volume II, Part one: Documents of the fifty-seventh session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. v, 234 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2005/Add.1 (Part 1))
Sales No. E.11.V.4 (Part 1). ISBN 978-92-1-133706-8.

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 9, September 2012, p. 633-712.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/9/en/>

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