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New UN websites & publications

UN in General



70th regular session of the General Assembly

The 70th regular session of the General Assembly opened on 15 September 2015, the General Debate will start on 28 September 2015.

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

Press Kit: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/70/presskit/>

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

Dossier de presse: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/70/presskit/>

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

Carpeta de prensa: <http://www.un.org/es/ga/70/presskit/>



The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, in New York and convened as a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

The Summit will feature six interactive dialogues with the following themes: Ending poverty and hunger (25 September, 12-3 pm, Trusteeship Council); Tackling inequalities, empowering women and girls and leaving no one behind (25 September, 3-6 pm, Trusteeship Council); Fostering sustainable economic growth, transformation and promoting sustainable consumption and production (26 September, 10 am – 1 pm, Trusteeship Council); A strengthened global partnership for realizing the post-2015 development agenda (26 September, 3-6 pm, Trusteeship Council); Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions to achieve sustainable development (27 September, 2-5 pm, Trusteeship Council); Protecting our planet and combatting climate change (27 September, 2-5 pm, Trusteeship Council).

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Draft outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (A/69/L.85, 12 August 2015)

English, French & Spanish:

<http://undocs.org/A/69/L.85>



10 Things You Didn't Know About the Sustainable Development Goals

<http://united-nations.tumblr.com/post/128637380946/10-things-you-didnt-know-about-the-sustainable>



MDG Gap Task Force Report 2015: Taking Stock of the Global Partnership for Development

<http://un4.me/1Kvxn1s>



The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) achieved significant progress over the past 15 years, but persistent gaps in official development assistance and an insufficient access to markets, affordable medicines and new technologies have highlighted the need for a rejuvenation of the global partnership for development, according to a new report launched today by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The "Taking Stock of the Global Partnership for Development" report of the United Nations MDG Gap Task Force monitors the recent achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goal 8, while looking ahead towards the new sustainable development agenda that will be adopted by world leaders at the Sustainable Development Summit this month (25-27 September), and which will include the launch of a new set of Sustainable Development Goals.

Partnerships Engagement for the Sustainable Development Goals

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships>

The Division for Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) launched the "Partnerships for SDGs" online platform for encouraging global engagement around multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments in support of the implementation of the sustainable development goals and their targets. Initially developed in response to a mandate set out by the Rio+20 Conference, this platform, further enhanced to respond to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, will function as a tool to inform stakeholders on initiatives carried out by multi-stakeholder partnerships around the world in support of the sustainable development goals, track progress, and share innovative ideas.

Lima-Paris Action Agenda – new website

<http://newsroom.unfccc.int/lpaa>

The UN and the governments of France and Peru have launched a new website to demonstrate how momentum for climate action is building ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP 21), at which governments will conclude a new universal climate agreement. The website showcases the scope of this mobilization under the Lima-Paris Action Agenda (LPAA), which brings both state and non-state actors together on the global stage to accelerate cooperative climate action now and into the future in support of the new agreement.

Raising the flags of non-member observer States at the United Nations

Resolution A/RES/69/320:

- o English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/RES/69/320>
- o German: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/gv-69/band3/ar69320.pdf>

UN News Centre Story:

- o English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=51846>
- o French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=35537>
- o Spanish: <http://www.un.org/spanish/News/story.asp?NewsID=33254>

Press Release:

- o English: <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/ga11676.doc.htm>
- o French: <http://www.un.org/press/fr/2015/ag11676.doc.htm>

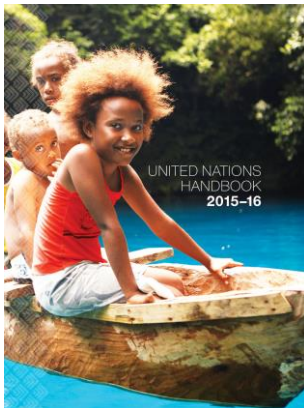
UN Art and Gifts: War and Peace by Candido Portinari

<http://bit.ly/1P07lr9>

In the early 1950, the Secretary-General of the United Nations asked all Member States to present the organization with a work of art that represents their culture. Brazil chose Candido Portinari, and he chose the theme "War and Peace". Installed in 1957, each mural is 14 metres high and 10 metres wide and consists of 14 wooden panels. They depict Portinari's vision of a troubled planet ravaged by wars and injustice, as well as his dream of a better world.



Other photos on the UN arts collection can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1Yf3w7I>



United Nations Handbook 2015/16

pdf version: http://www.mfat.govt.nz/UNHB2015/MFAT151%20UN%20Handbook_2015-16.pdf

App: <http://www.mfat.govt.nz/UNHB2015/index.php>

The United Nations Handbook, along with its mobile app, is designed to be an accessible guide to the complex UN system for those working with or within the UN.

The handbook summarises all UN organisations and provides essential information about their aims, structures, and membership. New Zealand has demonstrated its long-standing commitment and practical support for the United Nations by producing the UN Handbook since 1961.

Peace and Security

Concept note for the Security Council open debate on "Maintenance of international peace and security: settlement of conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa and countering the terrorist threat in the region"

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2015/678>

The Security Council is scheduled to hold an open debate on "Maintenance of international peace and security: settlement of conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa and countering the terrorist threat in the region" on 30 September 2015. The Security Council President for the month of September, Russian Federation, had prepared this concept note.

Fact Sheet on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (September 2015)

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/2015factsheet.pdf>

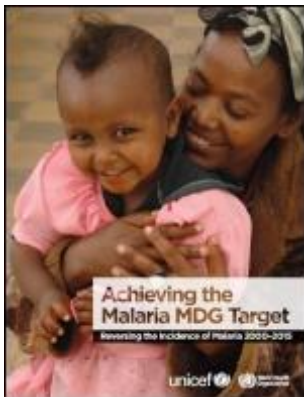
In cooperation with the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and Field Support (DFS), the Department of Public Information (DPI) has prepared this fact sheet on efforts to address sexual exploitation and abuse committed by UN personnel. The document outlines a comprehensive approach to addressing the issue -- including training personnel, vetting personnel, handling allegations, case tracking and reporting, as well as victim assistance. It also contains information on the implementation of more than 40 proposals from the Secretary-General's report "Special measures for protection from SEA", adopted by the General Assembly in May 2015. The document will soon be available in all UN languages.

The future of United Nations peace operations: implementation of the recommendations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (A/70/357-S/2015/682, 2 September 2015)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/70/357>

On 11 September 2015, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented his agenda to strengthen United Nations peacekeeping, including setting out three "fundamental" changes urgently required to adapt operations to new realities, as well as measures to root out sexual exploitation and abuse. The report contains the Secretary-General's agenda to take forward the recommendations of the High-Level Independent Panel, set up in October 2014 and chaired by President Jose Ramos-Horta to examine how the full range of UN peace operations can be harnessed to address the spread and intensity of conflict today.

Economic & Social Development



Achieving the malaria MDG target: reversing the incidence of malaria 2000–2015 (WHO/UNICEF)

<http://www.who.int/malaria/publications/atoz/9789241509442/en/>
Malaria death rates have plunged by 60% since 2000, translating into 6.2 million lives saved, the vast majority of them children, according to a joint WHO-UNICEF report released on 17 September 2015. The report shows that the malaria MDG target to "have halted and begun to reverse the incidence" of malaria by 2015, has been met "convincingly", with new malaria cases dropping by 37% in 15 years.

Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths: A Promise Renewed (UNICEF)

Report: http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/APR_2015_9_Sep_15.pdf

Key findings: http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/APR_2015_Key_Findings_8_Sep_15.pdf

This report from "A Promise Renewed" – a global partnership initiative aimed at ending preventable child and maternal deaths – features updates and analyses of global, regional and national child mortality levels and trends. It also provides current information on causes of child and maternal deaths, and coverage of key interventions to prevent them, as well as projections for the 2015–2030 period. The report highlights impressive progress towards our commitment to increase child survival during the Millennium Development Goals era, which has saved the lives of some 48 million children under the age of 5 since 2000. Finally, it calls for intensified action in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 (FAO)

English: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4793e.pdf>

French: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4793f.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4793s.pdf>

The world's forests continue to shrink as populations increase and forest land is converted to agriculture and other uses, but over the past 25 years the rate of net global deforestation has slowed down by more than 50 percent, FAO said in a report published on 7 September. Some 129 million hectares of forest - an area almost equivalent in size to South Africa - have been lost since 1990, according to FAO's most comprehensive forest review to date, The Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015. It noted however, that an increasing amount of forest areas have come under protection while more countries are improving forest management.

This is often done through legislation and includes the measuring and monitoring of forest resources and a greater involvement of local communities in planning and in developing policies. The FAO study covers 234 countries and territories and was presented at the World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa.



Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report 2015 (World Bank/WHO/DESA/UNICEF)

http://www.unicef.org/media/files/IGME_Report_Final2.pdf

Child mortality rates have plummeted to less than half of what they were in 1990, according to a new report released today. Under-five deaths have dropped from 12.7 million per year in 1990 to 5.9 million in 2015. This is the first year the figure has gone below the 6 million mark. New estimates in "Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report 2015" released by UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the World Bank Group, and the Population Division of UNDESA, indicate that although the global progress has been substantial, 16,000 children under five still die every day. And the 53 per cent drop in under-five mortality is not enough to meet the Millennium Development Goal of a two-thirds reduction between 1990 and 2015.

The Value of Land: Prosperous lands and positive rewards through sustainable land management (The Economics of Land Degradation Initiative)

<http://inweh.unu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/The-Value-of-Land-ELD-Initiative-2015.pdf>

To better inform the tradeoffs involved in land use choices around the world, experts have assessed the value of ecosystem services provided by land resources such as food, poverty reduction, clean water, climate and disease regulation and nutrients cycling. Their report - released on 15 September 2015 - estimates the value of ecosystem services worldwide forfeited due to land degradation at a staggering US \$6.3 trillion to \$10.6 trillion annually, or the equivalent of 10-17% of global GDP. Furthermore, the problem threatens to force the migration of millions of people from affected areas. An estimated 50 million people may be forced to seek new homes and livelihoods within 10 years. That many migrants assembled would constitute the world's 28th largest country by population. Effectively addressing land degradation could help avert that humanitarian crisis and add US \$75.6 trillion to annual world income, according to the report. With guidance by United Nations University's Canadian-based Institute for Water, Environment and Health and the CGIAR's Research Programme on Drylands Systems, the report culminates a four-year collaboration involving 30 renowned international research and policy institutes. The Initiative is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Commission and the Korean Forest Service.

Human Rights

Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Promoting Reconciliation, Accountability and Human Rights in Sri Lanka

A UN report published on 16 September 2015 has identified patterns of grave violations in Sri Lanka between 2002 and 2011, strongly indicating that war crimes and crimes against humanity were most likely committed by both sides to the conflict. The report recommends the establishment of a hybrid special court, integrating international judges, prosecutors, lawyers and investigators, as an essential step towards justice.

The report is divided into two parts which are interlinked:

- The overarching Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Promoting Reconciliation, Accountability and Human Rights (A/HRC/30/61): <http://un4.me/1Mlxb8K>
- The accompanying report of the OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (A/HRC/30/CRP.2): http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session30/Documents/A_HRC_30_CRP_2.docx

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Impunity and Accountability in Darfur for 2014 (August 2015)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/SD/ImpunityAccountabilityInDarfur2014.pdf>

Serious human rights violations and abuses that occurred in Darfur in 2014, including killings and sexual violence, have largely gone uninvestigated and unpunished, according to a new report by the UN Human Rights Office released on 21 August 2015. The report, based on information provided by the African Union-UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), details cases of human rights violations and reveals widespread impunity. Of the 411 cases documented by UNAMID of alleged violations and abuses of the right to physical integrity, by all parties to the conflict, very few were investigated or resulted in arrests. Of these, 127 involved the use of sexual violence. These 411 cases are illustrative of a much broader pattern of violence, the report states.

Report on the human rights situation in Ukraine, 16 May to 15 August 2015

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/UA/11thOHCHRreportUkraine.pdf>

Close to 8,000 people have lost their lives in eastern Ukraine since mid-April 2014, UN Human Rights Chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said on 8 September 2015 as he released the 11th report by the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine. The report, which covers the period from 16 May to 15 August 2015, notes that the number of civilian casualties more than doubled by comparison with the previous three months, with at least 105 people killed and 308 injured compared to 60 killed and 102 injured between 16 February and 15 May. Since the conflict began in eastern Ukraine in mid-April 2014, a total of at least 7,962 people (including Ukrainian armed forces, civilians and members of the armed groups) have been killed, and at least 17,811 injured, the High Commissioner said, citing the [latest figures](#) available.

Humanitarian Affairs



UNHCR viewpoint: 'Refugee' or 'migrant' - Which is right?

English: <http://www.unhcr.org/55df0e556.html>

French: <http://www.unhcr.fr/55e45d87c.html>

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

Praesidium project: Recommendations and good practices in the management of mixed migratory flows by sea (IOM/UNHCR)

<http://data.unhcr.org/mediterranean/download.php?id=10>

The Praesidium Project was launched in 2006 by the Ministry of Interior, in partnership with the Italian Red Cross (CRI), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

ESCAP Disaster Risk Management E-Learning

<http://www.unescap.org/news/escap-launches-new-online-e-learning-platform-help-build-resilience-disasters-asia-pacific>

<http://137.189.162.178/>

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has launched an innovative new online e-learning platform to help countries in the region – the world's most disaster prone – build their capacities to withstand, adapt to and recover from natural disasters. The Geo-referenced Information Systems for Disaster Risk Management (Geo-DRM) portal offers state-of-the-art courses on space technology, along with Geographic Information System (GIS) applications for early warning and multi-hazard risk assessment.

El Niño in the Pacific (UNOCHA)

<http://www.unocha.org/el-nino>

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has launched a new hub of resources on El Niño as people prepare for what's to come.

10 Things You Need To Know About El Niño (WFP)

<https://www.wfp.org/stories/10-facts-about-el-nino>

Here are ten things to know about El Niño, the atmospheric event that threatens to complicate the food security situation in various countries across three continents. Please help the World Food Programme (WFP) raise awareness by sharing these facts.

International Law

2015 Treaty Event: Seventy Years of Multilateral Treaty Making at the United Nations
(28 September - 1 October 2015, United Nations Headquarters in New York)

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

French: <http://un4.me/1sGBgL6>

"70 Years of Multilateral Treaty Making at the United Nations" is the theme of this year's Treaty Event, during which the more than 560 multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General are open for signature, ratification or accession. Treaties covering the areas of human rights, international trade, terrorism, law of the sea, disarmament, environment, privileges and immunities, and the safety of United Nations personnel will be highlighted at this year's event.

New information material

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

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015.

United Nations. New York. 2015. 72 p. Includes 2015 Progress Chart.

ISBN 978-92-1-101320-7.

Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/English2015.pdf>

Progress chart: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Progress_E.pdf

Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement: Rapport de 2015.

Nations Unies. New York. 2015. 72 p.

ISBN 978-92-1-057475-4.

Rapport: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/French2015.pdf>

Tableau de suivi: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Progress_F.pdf

Objetivos de desarrollo del Milenio: Informe de 2015.

Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2015. 72 p.

Informe: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Spanish2015.pdf>

Tabla de progreso: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Progress_S.pdf

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in September

I General Information and Reference

Carta de las Naciones Unidas y Estatuto de la Corte Internacional de Justicia.

Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2015. DPI/2587.

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

Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice.

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

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

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Tabla de progreso: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Progress_S.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Analysis of National Case Studies on Policy Reforms to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments.

(UNECE Energy Series, 44)

United Nations. New York. 2015. X, 54 p. (ECE/ENERGY/97)

Sales No. E.15.II.E.11. ISBN 978-92-1-117095-5.

Online version: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/geee/pub/ESE.44_ECE.ENERGY.97.pdf

CEVNI: European code for inland waterways; Fifth revised edition.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2015. xvii, 198 p. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5)

Sales No. E.15.II.E.8. ISBN 978-92-1-117090-0.

Online version: <http://tiny.cc/23ipzx>

Revue annuelle du marché des produits forestiers, 2013-2014. (Études de Genève sur le bois et la forêt, n° 33)

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2014. xvii, 133 p. (ECE/TIM/SP/36)

Sales No. F.14.II.E.10

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 93, Issue 9, September 2015, p. 589-664.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/93/9/en/>

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