



## UNIC Library Newsletter – July/August 2013

### New websites within the UN system

#### UN in General

##### **High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development**

(23 September 2013): The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/disability.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/68/meetings/disability.shtml>

While the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) represent a concerted effort to address global poverty, there is a striking gap in the current MDGs and their inclusion of persons with disabilities. The estimated 1 billion people worldwide who live with disabilities are still excluded from equitable access to resources (education, healthcare, etc.) and as a result persons with disabilities experience disproportionately high rates of poverty. In spite of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006, disability remains largely invisible in most mainstream development processes.

For educational outreach on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UNICEF published a booklet explaining the Convention to children, "It's about Ability". It is available in [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Italian](#)] [[Portuguese](#)] [[Spanish](#)], and a Companion Learning Guide for teachers is available in [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Spanish](#)].

##### **High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament (26 September 2013)**

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/nucleardisarmament/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/68/meetings/nucleardisarmament/index.shtml>

On Thursday, 26 September 2013, all Member States are invited to participate at the highest political level in the High-Level meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament.

At its 67th session, the General Assembly decided (resolution A/RES/67/39) to convene a High-Level meeting on nuclear disarmament during the High-Level segment of the 68th session of the General Assembly.

##### **The Millennium Development Goals Report 2013**

Report and Progress Chart in English & French: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Default.aspx>

Based on comprehensive official statistics, The Report shows that the combined actions of national governments, the international community, civil society and the private sector are making the achievement of the MDGs a reality. According to the report, big gains have been made in health. Between 2000 and 2010, mortality rates from malaria fell by more than 25 per cent globally. The report notes that while new HIV infections are declining, an estimated 34 million people were living with HIV in 2011. The target of halving the percentage of people suffering from hunger by 2015 is within reach. The proportion of undernourished people worldwide decreased from 23 per cent in 1990-1992 to 15 per cent in 2010-2012.

##### **Statistics and indicators for the post-2015 development agenda**

[http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/untaskteam\\_undf/UNTT\\_MonitoringReport.shtml](http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/untaskteam_undf/UNTT_MonitoringReport.shtml)

The final report of the working group on monitoring and indicators assesses options for statistics and indicators in a post-2015 setting. By doing so, it provides an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the MDG indicators and outlines data innovations in new critical areas such as inequalities, governance, sustainability and population. The report also considers national capacities for statistics

and makes some key recommendations on how to further foster these when developing a monitoring framework for the post-2015 agenda.

## Peace and Security

### **Politically Speaking – Summer/Fall 2013 issue**

*Current & back issues:* <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/about/news>

The new issue of the Department of Political Affairs' (DPA) bulletin profiling the work of UN political missions and "good offices" initiatives -- is now available online. In this issue, Under-Secretary-General Jeffrey Feltman surveys UN diplomacy in "tough places", in a published version of a recent think tank address. The issue also features articles on the new UN-backed push for peace in the Great Lakes, contains an interview with Joint Special Representative for Syria Lakhdar Brahimi, and includes country features on the new political mission in Somalia, Yemen's negotiated transition, Iraq-Kuwait relations, the UN strategy for the Sahel, as well as on the Central African Republic, Burundi and Guinea-Bissau. The latest issue also updates readers on: new DPA training initiatives on gender and mediation; a recent high-level conference on counter-terrorism; cooperation with regional organizations such as ASEAN and OSCE; DPA donor relations developments, its emerging focus on constitution-making and the latest activities related to Decolonization and Palestinian Rights.

### **Security Council Concept Paper: Security Council open debate "Protection of civilians in armed conflict: protection of journalists" (17 July 2013)**

*English & French:* <http://undocs.org/S/2013/393>

The Security Council held an open debate entitled "Protection of civilians in armed conflict: protection of journalists" on 17 July 2013. In order to help steer the discussion on the subject, the United States has prepared this concept note.

### **Security Council Concept Paper: Security Council open debate "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security" (6 August 2013)**

*English & French:* <http://undocs.org/S/2013/446>

The Security Council held an open debate entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security" on 6 August 2013. In order to help steer the discussion on the subject, Argentina has prepared this concept note.

### **Syrian Crisis - United Nations Response; A Weekly Update from the UN Department of Public Information**

<http://issuu.com/unric/stacks/b70cdeaf27c046a39562b94fc569c5a2>

DPI has developed a new product to share information on and highlight what the UN is doing to respond to the Syria crisis. The bulletin, which will be issued on a weekly basis, aims at providing a snapshot of the latest UN activities to address the crisis, gathered from open source material.

### **United Nations Action to Counter Terrorism – redesigned website**

*English:* <http://www.un.org/en/terrorism/>

*French:* <http://www.un.org/fr/terrorism/>

### **United Nations Disarmament Yearbook**

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/yearbook/>

The United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) has digitized back issues of the *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* through 1976. The yearbooks compile texts of resolutions, decisions, conference documents, etc. on disarmament issues from UN organs and committees, and are a valuable resource on the state and progress of the world in the last five decades.

### **United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 June 2013 (DPI/1634/Rev.146, July 2013)**

*English:* <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote0513.pdf>

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

## **United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 30 June 2013** (DPI/2166/Rev.120, July 2013)

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

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

## **PGA Parliamentary Handbook: Promoting Signature, Ratification, and Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty**

English: <http://unoda-web.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/EnglishParlATTHandbook.pdf>

French: <http://www.pgaction.org/pdf/FrenchParlATTHandbook.pdf>

“Parliamentarians for Global Action” have issued this handbook that highlights parliamentarian leaders’ roles in forwarding the goals of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

## **Economic & Social Development**

### **2013 Progress Update on the 2012 Sanitation and Water For All High Level Meeting Commitments**

Report: <http://www.sanitationandwaterforall.org/files/2013%20Progress%20Update%20on%20the%202012%20SWA%20HLM%20Commitments.pdf>

Executive

Summary: <http://www.sanitationandwaterforall.org/files/2013%20Progress%20Update%20on%20the%202012%20SWA%20HLM%20Commitments%20-%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>

The 2013 Progress Update on the 2012 SWA High Level Meeting Commitments shows encouraging steps have been taken since the 2012 SWA High Level Meeting, but additional effort is needed to fulfill commitments by 2014. The report, launched on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013, tracks achievements made against the commitments so far.

### **2013 World Drug Report (UNODC)**

Report in English, Summary in English & French: <http://www.unodc.org/wdr/>

The report shows that, while the use of traditional drugs such as heroin and cocaine seems to be declining in some parts of the world, prescription drug abuse and new psychoactive substance abuse is growing.

### **Children still battling to go to school - Policy Paper 10, Education for All Global Monitoring Report (UNESCO / Save the Children)**

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002216/221668E.pdf>

Half of the 57 million children out of school live in conflict-affected countries. The paper is being released to mark the 16th birthday of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl and education rights activist shot by the Taliban in October 2012.

### **The Global Climate 2001-2010: A Decade of Climate Extremes (WMO)**

Report in English: [http://library.wmo.int/pmb\\_ged/wmo\\_1103\\_en.pdf](http://library.wmo.int/pmb_ged/wmo_1103_en.pdf)

Summary in English & French: [http://library.wmo.int/opac/index.php?lvl=notice\\_display&id=15110](http://library.wmo.int/opac/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=15110)

The world experienced “unprecedented high-impact climate extremes” between 2001 and 2010 and more national temperature records were broken during that period than in any other decade, according to a United Nations report launched today. The report, published by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), says the first decade of the 21st century was the warmest for both hemispheres and for both land and ocean temperatures since measurements began in 1850. High temperatures were accompanied by a rapid decline in Arctic sea ice, and an accelerating loss of the ice sheets of the world's glaciers.

### **Land, Natural Resources and Conflict: From Curse to Opportunity; An EU-UN Partnership in action**

<http://www.un.org/en/land-natural-resources-conflict/index.shtml>

UN agencies together tackling land, natural resources management and conflict.

The challenges associated with preventing, managing and resolving natural resource-induced conflicts may well come to define global peace and security in the 21st century. A new EU-UN Partnership

enables all UN staff to access guidance and online training on land, natural resources and conflict, provides access to online interactive modules and guidance notes.

### **Treatment 2015 (UNAIDS)**

[http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2013/JC2484\\_treatment-2015\\_en.pdf](http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2013/JC2484_treatment-2015_en.pdf)

UNAIDS has launched a new framework to accelerate action in reaching 15 million people with antiretroviral treatment by 2015 that will not only enable people living with HIV to live longer and healthier lives, they will also help prevent new HIV infections.

### **Voluntary Commitments & Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Special Report of the SD in Action Newsletter, Issue 1 - July 2013: Sustainable Development in Action (DESA)**

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/930Report%20on%20Voluntary%20Commitments%20and%20Partnerships.pdf>

The report synthesizes information on the 1,382 voluntary commitments, partnerships, initiatives and networks for sustainable development that have been registered to date with the Secretariat of the U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative (SE4All), UN Global Compact, Every Woman Every Child, the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative, the Sustainable Transport Action Network, and other similar initiatives.

### **World Economic and Social Survey 2013: Sustainable Development Challenges (DESA)**

*Report in English, Overview in English &*

*French:* <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wess/index.shtml>

The Report focus on three important cross-sectorial issues: sustainable cities, food security and energy transformation. More than 1 billion people are still living in extreme poverty. 6.25 billion people will be living in cities by 2050. Damage to the global environment is reaching critical levels and threatens to lead to irreversible changes in global ecosystems. The Survey emphasizes that economic and financial incentives for creating and adopting new technologies will require policy reforms including taxes and subsidies, as well as regulatory reforms, in order to achieve core targets relating to technology adaptation, the reduction of food waste and enhanced energy efficiency.

### **World Investment Report 2013: Global Value Chains: Investment and Trade for Development (UNCTAD)**

[http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/wir2013\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/wir2013_en.pdf)

Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to the world's poorest countries grew by 20 per cent last year to a record \$26 billion, led by strong gains in Cambodia as well as five African countries, according to this new United Nations report, produced by the Geneva-based UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). It adds that the majority of 'Greenfield' investment in the least developed countries (LDCs) – new investment or expansion of existing investment in recipient nations, as opposed to investment through mergers and acquisitions – originated in other developing economies, led by India.

### **Human Rights**

#### **Free & Equal: Global Public Education Campaign for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Equality**

<http://www.unfe.org>

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Friday launched on 26 July 2013 "Free & Equal, an unprecedented global public education campaign for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality. The campaign website contains a host of materials -- including a new set of factsheets, videos and info graphics -- all designed for easy sharing via social media. Over the course of the coming twelve months, the campaign will be generating a stream of new content -- all of which will be available through the website.

### **Humanitarian Affairs**

#### **United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience**

<http://preventionweb.net/go/33703>

The Plan of Action outlines the purpose, a set of core commitments and actions, a shared approach to measure impact and progress, and steps for implementation. The Plan of Action also embraces the international momentum to use "resilience" as a common outcome that integrates poverty reduction, disaster risk reduction, sustainable livelihoods and climate change adaptation, as integral to sustainable development.

## **NEW INFORMATION MATERIAL**

UN Police Magazine: "Special Timor-Leste Edition: Duty completed"

United Nations. 10th edition, January 2013. 67 p.

Online version: [http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/unpolmag/unpolmag\\_10.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/unpolmag/unpolmag_10.pdf)

The Magazine of the United Nations: UN Chronicle volume L. Number 2. 2013

online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/>

Africa Renewal, August 2013: Industrialization Now is the time: UN, World Bank chiefs in Africa: A new partnership is born; Skilled Africans return

Online version:

[http://www.un.org/africarenewal/sites/dr7.un.org.africarenewal/files/Africa\\_Renewal\\_August\\_2013\\_en.pdf](http://www.un.org/africarenewal/sites/dr7.un.org.africarenewal/files/Africa_Renewal_August_2013_en.pdf)

## **NEW TITLES**

### **added to the library collection in July & August**

#### **I. General Information and Reference**

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2013.

United Nations. New York. 2013. 60 p. Includes 2013 Progress Chart.

Sales No. E.13.I.9. ISBN 978-92-1-101284-2.

Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2013/English2013.pdf>

Progress chart:

[http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2013/Progress\\_E.pdf](http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2013/Progress_E.pdf)

A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development; the Report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

United Nations. New York. 2013. 69 p.

Online version: [http://www.un.org/sg/management/pdf/HLP\\_P2015\\_Report.pdf](http://www.un.org/sg/management/pdf/HLP_P2015_Report.pdf)

#### **II. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**

South Africa's National AIDS Response: Bold leadership and breakthrough results

UNAIDS, February 2013

Online version: <http://www.zero-hiv.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Getting-to-Zero-2013.pdf>

Regional Report: Getting to Zero: HIV in Eastern & Southern Africa

UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa, 2013

Online version: <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Getting%20to%20Zero.pdf>

#### **III. United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)**

UNHCR Global Report 2012: Finding safety, hospitality and hope

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Geneva. 2013. 211 p. + DVD.

Online version: <http://www.unhcr.org/gr12/index.xml>

UNHCR Global Appeal 2013 update: Staying Resilient in a World in Crisis

UNHCR, Geneva, 2013

Online version: <http://www.unhcr.org/ga13/index.xml>

#### **IV. United Nations (UN)**

United Nations University: 2012 Annual Report

UN, Tokyo, Japan, 2012

ISS: UNUAR-2012-EN

Online version: [http://i.unu.edu/media/unu.edu/publication/37511/unu\\_ar2012\\_en.pdf](http://i.unu.edu/media/unu.edu/publication/37511/unu_ar2012_en.pdf)

Year in Review 2012: United Nations peace operations

UNDPI, New York, 2013

ISBN 978-92-1-101286-6

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/yir/yir2012.pdf>

#### **V. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**

World Investment Report 2013: Global Value Chains: Investment and Trade for Development (UNCTAD)

Online version: [http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/wir2013\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/wir2013_en.pdf)

#### **VI. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Human Development Report 2013: The Rise of the South: Human Progress in Diverse World

United Nations, New York, 2013.

ISBN: 978-92-1-126340-4

Online version:

<http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/HDR/2013GlobalHDR/English/HDR2013%20Report%20English.pdf>

UNDP South Africa Transitional Programme Report 2011/2012

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

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 91, Issue 8, August 2013, p. 545-620.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/8/en/>

#### **VIII. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

Partnering for results: UNFPA South Africa 3<sup>rd</sup> country programme 2007-2012.

#### **IX. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

Green Economy: Modelling Report of South Africa (SAGEM). Focus on Natural Management, Agriculture, Transport and Energy Sectors. June 2013.

Online version:

<http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/portals/88/Modelling%20Report%20SA/SAModellingReport.pdf>

**NOTE:** Please send your questions and feedback to the UNIC Library at [hope.kabamba@unic.org](mailto:hope.kabamba@unic.org)  
Back-dated issues of the newsletter can be found on our website: <http://pretoria.unic.org>

**United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) South Africa**

**351 Francis Baard (Schoeman) Streets, Pretoria, South Africa**

**T: +27 12 354 8504/5/7 | E: <mailto:info.pretoria@unic.org> | W: <http://pretoria.unic.org>**