



UNIC Library Newsletter - April 2012

New websites within the UN system

UN in General

General Assembly Committee on Information – 34th session

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

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

The Committee on Information is responsible for overseeing the work of the Department of Public Information and for providing it guidance on policies, programmes and activities of the Department. Its Chairman, Mr. Eduardo Ulibarri of Costa Rica, will preside over the 34th Session (23 April - 4 May 2012) and its general debate scheduled (23 - 25 April 2012).

Policy guidelines for the development and promotion of open access (UNESCO)

http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/open_access_to_scientific_information_policy_guidelines_for_open_access_release_d/

UNESCO issued this publication to demystify the concept of Open Access (OA) and to provide concrete steps on putting relevant policies in place. Building capacities in Member States for Open Access is a necessary but not sufficient condition for promotion of the concept. Creating an enabling policy environment for OA is therefore a priority. This publication will serve the needs of OA policy development at the government, institutional and funding agency level. The overall objective of the Policy Guidelines is to promote Open Access in Member States by facilitating understanding of all relevant issues related to Open Access. The guidelines are not prescriptive in nature, but are suggestive to facilitate knowledge-based decision-making to adopt OA policies and strengthen national research systems.

Security Council - The Situation in the Middle East: Syria (UN Pulse, 23 April 2012)

<http://tumblr.co/ZE4p7xFvFHxG>

Further UN Pulse entries on Syria: <http://un-library.tumblr.com/search/syria>

Peace and Security

The Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity (UNESCO)

http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/CI/CI/pdf/IPDC/ipdc28_dg_safety_report_final_rev.pdf

Over the last decade, more than 500 journalists and media workers have been killed worldwide, with many more wounded or threatened while carrying out their professional responsibilities. In 2011 alone, 62 journalists were killed.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 March 2012

(DPI/1634/Rev.131, April 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 March 2012

(DPI/2166/Rev.105, April 2012)

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

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

Economic & Social Development

GLAAS 2012 Report: UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water

http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/pdf/glaas_report_2012_eng.pdf

While access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) has considerably improved globally, services coverage could slip behind if adequate resources are not secured to sustain routine operations, warns the 2012 UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water – or “GLAAS” – released on 12 April 2012 by WHO and UN-Water. The report calls for additional and more targeted resources, especially for routine operation and maintenance of existing systems and services.

Releasing the Pressure: Water Resource Efficiencies and Gains for Ecosystem Services (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/pdf/Releasing_the_%20pressure_2012.pdf

This new report – released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - discusses the need to balance short-term water productivity gains, in particular in agriculture with the long-term role that water flows provide for maintaining sustainable landscape ESS, and serving multiple benefits to human well-being.

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

<http://www.un.org/en/issues/food/taskforce/index.shtml>

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41738&Cr=nutrition&Cr1=>

The global Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement continues to gain momentum on 10 April with the convening of 27 leaders committed to advancing the strength and security of nations by improving maternal and child nutrition. This influential group, appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to represent the many countries, organizations and sectors working to improve nutrition, will serve as strategic guides for this global Movement.

World Economic Outlook: Growth Resuming, Dangers Remain, April 2012 (IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2012/01/index.htm>

The prospects for the global economy are slowly improving, but growth is expected to be weak, especially in Europe, according to a United Nations-backed report released on 17 April 2012. The “2012 World Economic Outlook”, published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), added that unemployment in many advanced economies will stay high.

World Urbanization Prospects, the 2011 Revision (DESA)

<http://esa.un.org/unpd/wup/index.htm>

According to the report, Africa and Asia will lead urban population growth in next 40 years. Africa’s urban population will increase from 414 million to over 1.2 billion by 2050 while that of Asia will soar from 1.9 billion to 3.3 billion.

Human Rights

1992 – 2012 United Nations Declaration on Minority Rights

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Minorities2012/Pages/minorityrights2012.aspx>

Every country has national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities within its borders. Persons belonging to minorities aspire to participate in the public, social, economic, cultural and religious life of the societies in which they live, on an equal footing with the rest of the population. Twenty years ago, UN Member States adopted unanimously the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, an acknowledgment that a gap existed in minority rights protection. This gap persists today. The Minority Rights Declaration established that States have an obligation to acknowledge and

promote the rights of minorities to enjoy their own cultures and identities, to profess and practice their own religions and use their own languages. The Declaration ushered in a new era for minority rights. It sets essential standards for protection and offers guidance to States as they seek to realize the human rights of minorities.

Managing Gender-based Violence Programmes in Emergencies: E-learning Companion Guide (UNFPA)

http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2012/FINAL_GBV%20Companion%20Guide_All%20Modules_Single%20Spread.pdf

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has released this new companion guide to its Free E-Learning Course (<https://extranet.unfpa.org/Apps/GBVinEmergencies/index.html>) for professionals who are working to address Gender Based Violence in humanitarian contexts. The e-learning course uses problems that practitioners currently face and case scenarios from real-life humanitarian contexts to guide learning. Integrated throughout the modules are videos, learning activities and quizzes that both engage the learner, and support participants' varying learning styles. The new companion guide not only covers all of the content in the e-learning, but also provides new case studies, sample tools, best practices, and activities.

Humanitarian Affairs

Response to the Horn of Africa Emergency: A continuing crisis threatens hard-won gains; Regional six-month Progress Report - April 2012 (UNICEF)

http://www.unicef.org/media/files/HOA_2012_Report-final_110412.pdf

Despite significant progress in the food security outlook for the Horn of Africa, the child survival crisis is far from over. Millions of children require sustained assistance in the critical months ahead.

New information material

RIO+20 : Conférence des Nations Unies sur le développement durable, Rio de Janeiro, Brésil, 20-22 juin 2012 – L'avenir que nous voulons.

Nations Unies. New York. Novembre 2011. 16 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/fr/sustainablefuture/pdf/conf_brochure_fr.pdf

RIO+20: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012 – The future we want.

United Nations. New York. Sept 2011 – Reprinted Feb 2012. 16 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/pdf/conf_brochure.pdf

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, November 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 11.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 28 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/2F95621A45204AAA8525798F0076D344>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, December 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 12.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 36 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/5992C7DEDD3558E3852579B2005470A7>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in April

I. General Information and Reference

Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future worth Choosing; the Report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability.

United Nations. New York. 2012. 94 p.

Sales No. E.12.I.2. ISBN 978-92-1-101256-9.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/gsp/report>

Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing; The Report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability: Overview.

United Nations. New York. 30 January 2012. 27 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/gsp/report>

Overview also available at http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/gsp_report_overview

II. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Why has Africa become a Net Food Importer? FAO. Rome, 2011.

ISBN 978-92-5-107088-8

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/est/PUBLICATIONS/Books/AFRICA_STUDY_BOOK_REVISIED_low_res.pdf

RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS: Disaster Risk Reduction for Food and Nutrition Security, FAO. ROME, 2011.

ISBN 978-92-5-107113-7

Online version: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/i2540e/i2540e00.pdf>

IV. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

UNICEF South Africa Annual Report 2011

ONLINE VERSION: http://www.unicef.org/southafrica/resources_2503.html

Facts for life- with advice on: Safe motherhood and newborn health; Child development and early learning; Breastfeeding: Nutrition and growth; Immunization; Diarrhoea; Malaria; HIV; Child protection and more...

Online version: <http://www.unicef.org/uzbekistan/FFL-Eng.pdf>

III. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

UNFPA State of the World Population 2011

ISBN 9-780897-149907

Online version: <http://foweb.unfpa.org/SWP2011/reports/EN-SWOP2011-FINAL.pdf>

IV. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 4, April 2012, p. 245-320.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/4/en/>

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