



UNIC Library Newsletter – JAN-MARCH 2013

New websites within the UN system

UN in General

Index to Proceedings

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/docs/ITP/list.htm>

The "Index to Proceedings" (ITP) print version ceased in 2011 and continues as a digital only publication starting 2012 with the following issues:

General Assembly (GA) - 65th session;
Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) - 2011 session;
Security Council (SC) - 66th year;

The Index to Proceedings is a powerful tool which provides a window into the annual meetings of the main UN organs. The publication is comprised of a subject index to all the documents issued by the body in question during a particular session/year and an index to speeches delivered before the forum in question during a particular session/year.

A/68/50: Preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly - Note by the Secretary-General

English & French: <http://undocs.org/A/68/50>

A/INF/67/1: Opening dates of forthcoming regular sessions of the General Assembly and of the general debate; Note by the Secretariat

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

United Nations Handbook

<http://www.mfat.govt.nz/UNHB2012/index.php>

Published annually since 1961 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand, The United Nations Handbook is a comprehensive guide to the United Nations system and how it works. The handbook summarizes all United Nations organizations and provides essential information about their aims, structures, and membership.

Available as

PDF: <http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Media-and-publications/Publications/UN-Handbook/offline/UN-Handbook-2012.pdf>

E-Publication:

Windows: <http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Media-and-publications/Publications/UN-Handbook/offline/UN-Handbook-2012.exe>

MAC: <http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Media-and-publications/Publications/UN-Handbook/offline/UN-Handbook-2012.zip>

United Nations Research Guides & Resources

<http://research.un.org/e-resources>

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library unveiled an updated look for its Electronic Resources website. It features a more user-friendly and better functioning interface, with a very easy url to remember: research.un.org/e-resources.

United Nations Year in Review: Looking back at major events of 2012 (Video)

English: <http://webtv.un.org/search/united-nations-year-in-review:-looking-back-at-major-events-of-2012/2033490684001>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/multimedia/yearinreview/2012/video.shtml>

2012 - Storms and climate change made headlines. Countries struggled between turmoil and transition. From violence in Syria to militant occupation in Mali to a new cycle of violence in Gaza - the UN was called to protect civilians and find solutions. Looking beyond today's crises, more than 190 countries discussed in Rio the framework of "A Future We Want".

Interview with former UN official Brian Urquhart

Part 1: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/newsmakers.asp?NewsID=70>

Part 2: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/newsmakers.asp?NewsID=79>

The United Nations News Centre has prepared a two-part multimedia story to mark the 94th birthday in February of Sir Brian Urquhart. Sir Brian Urquhart is a living chronicle of a large part of 20th century history and occupies a special place in United Nations history. Throughout his four decades of service to the Organization, 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. As Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a tribute on the occasion of Sir Brian's 90th birthday four years ago, "You have had an enormous influence on every Secretary-General. Even today, staffers everywhere seek to live up to your example. And you remain one of our wisest and staunchest advocates." This multimedia story represents a compilation of a large amount of archival photos, audio and video footage, and background on Sir Brian's UN career spanning several decades at the UN, including his seminal role in UN peacekeeping.

UN News Centre Features on the General Assembly and its committees

What does the UN General Assembly do when the General Debate ends? (16 October 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43305#.UObf1HfhePU>

First Committee - disarmament and international security issues (27 December 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43849#.UObf63fhePU>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=29569&Cr=d%EF%BF%BDsarmement&Cr1=#.UOvgBnfhePU>

Second Committee - economic and financial issues (28 December 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43850#.UObqTXfhePU>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=29573&Cr=d%EF%BF%BDveloppement&Cr1=#.UOvp9XfhePU>

Third Committee - social, humanitarian and cultural issues (31 December 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43858#.UObqcXfhePU>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=29576&Cr=droits&Cr1=homme#.UOvp5nfhePU>

Fourth Committee - special political and decolonization issues (2 January 2013)

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43868&Cr=decolonization&Cr1=#.UObq3nfhePU>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=29586&Cr=pendance&Cr1=#.UOvp1nfhePU>

Fifth Committee - administrative and budgetary issues (3 January 2013)

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43874&Cr=budget&Cr1=#.UObfQ3fhePU>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=29592&Cr=financi&Cr1=#.UOvpXHfhePU>

Peace and Security

2012 Year in Review

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/news/yir2012.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/news/yir2012.shtml>

Explore the interactive timeline to see the events around the world where UN Peacekeeping has been working to protect civilians, assist national authorities with elections and support the development of credible rule of law institutions, among other things.

Fact Sheets on Disarmament Issues

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/factsheet/>

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has completed a new series of the "Fact Sheets" relating to arms control and disarmament. There are 23 issue-related fact sheets and 7 brochures on a variety of issues, e.g. Weapons of Mass Destruction, Conventional Arms, and Disarmament Machinery.

Increasing Access to Justice in Iraq: Stories from our Beneficiaries (UNDP)

<http://www.iq.undp.org/Items/Publications/220/Documents/Increasing%20Access%20to%20Justice%20-%20Stories%20from%20our%20Beneficiaries.pdf>

The Iraqi Constitution guarantees equal protection and due process of law for all Iraqi citizens. Nevertheless, these remain unfulfilled promises for many people in Iraq. The Iraqi state's capacity to exert legitimate authority and the rule of law has been weakened by the cumulative impact of decades of conflict, war, sanctions, violence and general degradation of state institutions since 1991.

Security Council Concept Note: "United Nations peacekeeping: a multidimensional approach"

English & French: <http://undocs.org/S/2013/4>

The Security Council held an open debate on the topic "United Nations peacekeeping: a multidimensional approach" on 21 January 2013. The Security Council President for the month of October, Pakistan, has prepared a concept note.

Security Council Concept Note: "Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict"

English & French: <http://undocs.org/S/2013/75>

The Security Council held an open debate on the on the protection of civilians in armed conflict on 12 February 2013. The Security Council President for the month of February, Republic of Korea, has prepared a concept note to help steer the discussions on the subject.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 January 2013 (DPI/1634/Rev.141, February 2013)

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 January 2013 (DPI/2166/Rev.115, February)

English: http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/undpa/shared/undpa/pdf/Pol_miss_Fact%20Sheet%20_January%202013%20E.pdf

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

Economic & Social Development

Domestic Workers across the World: Global and regional statistics and the extent of legal protection (ILO)

Report in English, Summary in English & French: http://www.ilo.org/travail/Whatsnew/WCMS_173363/lang--en/index.htm

Millions of domestic workers around the world are not protected under general labour laws and are highly vulnerable to exploitation, says this new ILO report released on 9 January 2013, which calls on countries to extend social protection to them. According to the report, more than 52 million people worldwide are employed as domestic workers. While a substantial number are men working as gardeners, drivers or butlers, 80 per cent of them are women. Of the 52 million domestic workers, only 10 per cent are covered by labour laws to the same extent as other workers, and more than one quarter are completely excluded from national labour legislation.

Global Wage Report 2012/2013: wages and equitable growth (ILO)

English report & summary: <http://www.ilo.org/global/research/global-reports/global-wage-report/2012/lang--en/index.htm>

French report & summary: <http://www.ilo.org/global/research/global-reports/global-wage-report/2012/lang--fr/index.htm>

This Report that was funded by the International Labour Organization (ILO) examines regional differences and trends in the years proceeding and following the Global Financial Crisis and provides a fresh overview that aims to assist International Decision-Makers.

open.undp.org

<http://open.undp.org>

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched a new online portal allowing open, comprehensive public access to data on UNDP's work in 177 countries and territories, fulfilling a commitment to full transparency by 2013 above and beyond international standards. The portal comprises comprehensive programmatic information— from income and expenditures to activities and results—on more than 6,000 active UNDP projects, as well as those that financially closed in 2011, along with more than 8,000 outputs or results.

State of the World's Cities 2012/2013: Prosperity of Cities (UN-HABITAT)

<http://www.un.int/wcm/webdav/site/portal/shared/iseek/documents/2012/November/UNhabitat%20201213.pdf>

The report advocates for a new type of city – the city of the 21st century – that is a 'good', people centered city, one that is capable of integrating the tangible and more intangible aspects of prosperity, and in the process shedding off the inefficient, unsustainable forms and functionalities of the city of the previous century.

UN system task team on the post-2015 UN development agenda: building resilience to disasters through partnerships (UNISDR)

http://www.unisdr.org/files/30374_thinkpieceondrmfinal.pdf

This report – issued by the United Nations Office Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) – is the second Thematic Think Piece on Disaster Risk and Resilience developed by UN entities to support discussions on the post-2015 development agenda. The paper outlines the modus operandi of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction partnership in working with and empowering stakeholders to build partnerships and political legitimacy for international agreements in the context of disaster risk reduction. With this approach the paper refers to the directions outlined in the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters.

UNDP 'Speakers Corner'

Leading experts on wide-ranging development issues can now be booked for speaking engagements around the world via the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) online Speakers Corner.

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/speakers-corner/overview/>

UNDP is offering its new, free service to public and private sector organizations, civil society groups, the media and the general public. The web-based roster currently features 75 UNDP experts based in 26 countries who are available to share their expertise and insights in different languages either in person at events, or via Skype or video conference.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2013 (DESA)

Chapter 1: Global economic outlook - Prospects for the world economy in 2013-2014

Report in English, Executive Summary in English &

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

The report presents a post-crisis world economy struggling with continued weakening growth of 2.2 per cent in 2012; projects disappointing global growth of 2.4 per cent in 2013 and 3.2 per cent in 2014; foresees a much slower pace of poverty reduction in many developing countries and narrowing fiscal space for investments in the many critical areas needed for achieving the MDGs; calls for forceful policy action at the global level, identifying fiscal and employment policies, financial market stability, development assistance and green growth as key challenges.

Human Rights

Practical Guide for Civil Society: Human Rights Funds, Grants and Fellowships

English & French: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/CivilSociety/Pages/Handbook.aspx>

This Practical Guide – the fourth in the series of practical guides for civil society – provides a brief description of funding sources, grants and fellowships administered by or with the participation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The purpose of the Guide is to provide guidance to prospective applicants interested in these funds and programmes to further contribute to the promotion of human rights in their own countries and worldwide.

Humanitarian Affairs

Still minding the gap? A review of efforts to link relief and development in situations of human displacement, 2001-2012 (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/512cdef09.html>

The study looks at developments in the areas of policy and process during the period 2001-2012 that sought to address “the gap(s)” that work against a smooth transition from humanitarian relief to development. This study is written primarily from the perspective of UNHCR, and mainly in relation to its efforts to engage development actors in the search for durable solutions to the plight of people forcibly displaced by conflict.

New information material

2013 Calendar – The United Nations: Making a Difference. (DPI/2581, August 2012)

This educational wall calendar illustrates the ways the United Nations works to solve global challenges.

Africa Renewal: “China-Africa partnership: positive-sum game?”

January 2013. 27 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/january-2013>

Afrique Renouveau: « Partenariat Chine-Afrique : un bilan positif ? »

Janvier 2012. 27 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/fr/magazine/janvier-2013>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in January, February & March

The Holocaust and the UN Outreach Programme

"Rescue: Traits that Transcend" – Set of eight poster provided by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. The posters depict various personal stories underscoring the human values and moral courage of the rescuers. *Additional information available at* <http://www.jfr.org/posters>

I. General Information and Reference

UN Chronicle. Volume XLIX, Number 4, 2012. 38 p.

"The future we want?"

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/archive/issues2012/deliveringjustice>

II. Trade, Finance and Commerce

Review of Maritime Transport, 2012: Report by the UNCTAD secretariat.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xv, 176 p. (UNCTAD/RMT/2012)

Sales No. E.12.II.D.17. ISBN 978-92-1-112860-4.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/rmt2012_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 21, Number 1, April 2012. V, 107 p.

United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2012/2)

ISBN 978-92-1-112862-8.

Online version: <http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=463>

III. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network: "Blue Book"; Second revised edition. United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. Vii, 87 p. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2)

Sales No. E.12.II.E.9. ISBN 978-92-1-117062-7.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-144rev2e.pdf>

IV. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 91, Issue 2, February 2013, p. 81-156.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/2/en/>

Building a Future for Women and Children: The 2012 Report (Countdown to 2015: Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival).

World Health Organization and UNICEF. 2012. iii, 217 p.

ISBN 978-92-806-4644-3.

Online version: http://www.who.int/pmnch/topics/part_publications/countdown_2012_report/en/index1.html

NOTE: Please send your questions and feedback to the UNIC Library at hope.kabamba@unic.org