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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

United Nations Oral History

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/oralhistory/>

For the first time, select interview transcripts and audio files from this collection are available online. From first-hand participants, learn about discussions held during the creation of the United Nations Charter; learn more of the origins of the "Uniting for Peace" resolution; discover how the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspections searched for weapons of mass destruction. Take a tour back in time as former delegates, UN staff members, and journalists recount their experiences with the United Nations. The Library's Oral History collection is comprised of close to 200 interviews conducted over the course of 25 years. Covering many major events since the Organization's founding, the collection sheds light on the history of the United Nations.

Year in Review 2011

English: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/2011/12/un-year-in-review-2011.html>

French subtitles: <http://www.un.org/fr/multimedia/yearinreview/2011/video.shtml>

2011 - Earth's 7 billionth resident was born into a world of contradiction and change. There could be enough for all, but 1 billion people remain hungry. Around the world protestors fought for freedom and better opportunities. From conflict to nuclear disaster in Japan and famine at the Horn of Africa - the UN provided relief and solutions. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon declared sustainable development and lifting people out of poverty the main goals of his second term in office.

State of the World's Volunteerism Report: Universal Values for Global Well-being (UNV)

English: <http://www.unv.org/about-us/swvr2011/report.html>

French: <http://www.unv.org/nc/fr/qui-nous-sommes/swvr-2011/contexte.html>

Stressing that volunteerism contributes to the well-being of individuals, communities and society, a new United Nations report released today urges countries not to forget this largely untapped asset. This report by UN Volunteers (UNV) presents for the first time empirical evidence of the importance and contribution of volunteerism on a global scale. It was released on the occasion of International Volunteer Day, which is observed annually on 5 December and which this year also marks the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers.

UN System Organizational Chart - revised version (DPI/2470/Rev.2, October 2011)

English: http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

French: http://www.un.org/fr/aboutun/structure/org_chart.shtml

Peace and Security

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 December 2011(DPI/1634/Rev.128, January 2012)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/bnote010101.pdf>

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

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 31 December 2011 (DPI/2166/Rev.102, J 2012)

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

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/pdf/ppbmf.pdf>

Economic & Social Development

Drinking Water: Equity, Safety and Sustainability (UNICEF / WHO)

http://www.unicef.org/media/files/JMP_Report_DrinkingWater_2011.pdf

UNICEF and the World Health Organization released a report on 20 December showing that the Millennium Development Goal of improving access to safe drinking water will likely be achieved considerably ahead of the 2015 target date. Between 1990 and 2008, the proportion of the world's population with access to improved drinking water sources increased from 77 per cent to 87 per cent. That means the world will soon meet the MDG target to halve the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water.

Economic Role of Cities (UN-HABITAT)

<http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/listItemDetails.aspx?publicationID=3260>

The report examines the economic role of cities. It illustrates the important contributions of cities to national economic development and poverty reduction. It looks at the agglomeration economies, city clusters, city regions and mega cities.

Energy-Smart Food for People and Climate (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/014/i2454e/i2454e00.pdf>

The global food system needs to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels to succeed in feeding a growing world population. Volatile and fluctuating prices of fossil fuels and doubts regarding their future availability mean that agri-food systems need an "energy-smart" model.

Human Rights

Prevent, Combat, Protect: Human Trafficking; Joint UN Commentary on the EU Directive – A Human Rights Approach

<http://www.unhcr.org/4ee6215e9.html>

At a time when the Member States are embarking on the transposition of the Directive into national legislation, this Commentary by UNHCR, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNODC, ILO and UN Women on the Directive is meant to support them by providing practical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the transposition and implementation of the EU instrument. The commentary on selected provisions of the Directive is complemented by boxes with the international standards and examples of good practice. It also provides a series of concrete recommendations for the transposition and implementation of the Directive.

Reference Guide: Normative developments on the coordination of humanitarian assistance in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council since the adoption of General Assembly resolution 46/182; 20th Anniversary of General Assembly resolution 46/182)

<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Reference%20Guide%20-%20Phase%20I%20-%202nd%20Edition.pdf>

Twenty years ago General Assembly resolution 46/182 provided the framework for emergency relief. Since 1991, significant challenges have emerged from the changing environment in which assistance has been provided. These challenges are evident in a number of areas, such as those related to internal displacement, gender, access, protection, safety and humanitarian personnel, humanitarian civil-military relations, global challenges and vulnerability, among others. This Reference Guide is intended to provide a concise overview of the normative evolution of key policy decisions of the

Assembly and the Economic and Social Council pertaining to humanitarian affairs as seen through humanitarian re since 1991.

Smuggling of Migrants by Sea (UNODC Issue Paper)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/Migrant-Smuggling/Issue-Papers/Issue_Paper_-_Smuggling_of_Migrants_by_Sea.pdf

The paper covers the international legal framework relating to the smuggling of migrants by sea, current responses challenges posed by such smuggling and recommendations to strengthen response

New information material

The Holocaust and the UN Outreach Programme

The Last Flight of Petr Ginz.

A 67minutes DVD produced by the Documentary Film Program at Wake Forest University and the Documentary In the University of Florida.

Online version of the Study Guide: http://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/2012/UN_Petr_Study-Guide.pdf

Africa Renewal, Volume 25, No. 4, December 2011. 27 p.

“NEPAD: Building foundations for a new Africa“.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol25no4/index.html>

Afrique Renouveau, Volume 25, No.4, Décembre 2011. 2011. 27 p.

« NEPAD : Bâtir les fondations de l’Afrique nouvelle »

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol25no4/index.html>

UN Chronicle. Volume XLVIII, Number 4, 2011. 43 p.

“7 Billion People 1 United Nations: Hand in Hands”

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/chronicle/home/7billionpeople1unitednations>

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 1, January 2012, p. 1-76.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/1/en/>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in January

I. General Information and Reference

2011 State of the World’s Volunteerism Report: Universal Values for Global Well-being.

United Nations Volunteers. 2011. xxiv, 121 p.

Sales No. E.11.I.12. ISBN 978-92-1-101246-0.

Online version: http://www.unv.org/fileadmin/docdb/pdf/2011/SWVR/English/SWVR2011_full.pdf

II. World Economy

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012.

United Nations. New York. 2012. xxiv, 174 p.

Sales No. E.12.II.C.2. ISBN 978-92-1-109164-9.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/wesp_current/2012wesp.pdf

III. Trade, Finance and Commerce

Technology and Innovation Report 2011: Powering Development with Renewable Energy Technologies.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xxv, 151 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2011)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112840-6.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tir2011_en.pdf

Technology and Innovation Report 2011: Powering Development with Renewable Energy Technologies; Overview.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. vii, 27 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2011(Overview))
Sales No. E.11.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112840-6.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/tir2011overview_en.pdf

Review of Maritime Transport, 2011: Report by the UNCTAD secretariat.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2011. xvi, 213 p. (UNCTAD/RMT/2011)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.4. ISBN 978-92-1-112841-3.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/rmt2011_en.pdf

UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2011 / Manuel de Statistiques de la CNUCED 2011.
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York and Geneva / New York et Genève. 2011.
Xlii, 470 p. (plus CD-ROM) TD/STAT/36)
Sales No. E/F.11.II.D.1. ISBN 978-92-1-112829-1.
Online version: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/webflyer.asp?docid=16171&intItemID=5772&lang=1&mode=dow>

IV. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

UNHCR Global Appeal 2012-2013: Challenging Times, Dangerous World.
UNHCR. Geneva. 2011. 118 p. + DVD.
Online version: <http://www.unhcr.org/ga12/index.xml>

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