



New websites within the UN system

UN in General

Human Rights Council – redesigned website

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/HRCIndex.aspx>

The new website, launched on 22 February 2012, provides extensive information for the 19th session of the Human Rights Council, including the list of dignitaries addressing the high-level segment; the reports being presented at the session; themes and countries to be discussed during the session; the four-week schedule for the session; information on nine panel discussions to be held; the draft resolutions and decisions and oral statements.

Peace and Security

Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Guidance for Mediators (DPA)

http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/issues/sexual_violence

The United Nations is enlisting its peace envoys in stepped-up efforts by the organization to combat the scourge of sexual violence in warfare, unveiling new guidelines to help mediators address the problem in peace agreements and cease-fires. The new guidance by the Department of Political Affairs will be issued to all UN mediators and mission chiefs and incorporated in training and briefing materials for envoys and their teams. Key principles for mediators include an obligation to engage parties in discussion on this issue and to work towards firm commitments in peace accords to cease all acts of conflict-related sexual violence. The guidelines also require sexual violence to be included in the definition of acts covered by a ceasefire and monitored for.

Economic & Social Development

AIDS Dependency Crisis: Sourcing African Solutions (UNAIDS)

English:

http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2012/JC2286_Sourcing-African-Solutions_en.pdf

French:

http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2012/JC2286_Sourcing-African-Solutions_fr.pdf

The past decade has seen a remarkable transformation across the African Continent—an expression of hard-earned progress and promise even in the midst of a global financial crisis. This is an era of unprecedented economic growth, socially sustainable gains and strong African leadership. And today almost every country in Africa has a success story to tell, a story of lives saved through stopping new HIV infections and preventing AIDS-related deaths.

Empowering Women for Stronger Political Parties: A Guidebook to Promote Women's Political Participation (UNDP)

English full length version, abridged version in English & French:

<http://www.beta.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/womens-empowerment/empower-women-political-parties.html>

This publication identifies targeted interventions for promoting the stronger presence and influence of women in political parties as well as advancing gender equality issues in party policies and platforms. The lessons learned and common strategies in this Guide are drawn mainly, but not exclusively, from 20 case studies that were commissioned by UNDP and conducted by NDI during 2009-2010. The entry points identified are designed to provide ideas for action for political parties, development assistance providers, party foundations, and CSOs in their work to support parties.

Guidance for partnerships with civil society, including people living with HIV and key populations (UNAIDS)

http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2012/JC2236_guidance_partnership_civilsociety_en.pdf

This document provides guidance on how The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); its Cosponsors and Secretariat (working at national, regional and global levels) should strengthen and operationalize meaningful and respectful partnership work with civil society. It should enable the UN to deliver the targets and elimination commitments agreed in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

Progress on drinking water and sanitation: 2012 update (WHO/UNICEF)

http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/2012/jmp2012.pdf

The world has met the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target of halving the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water, well in advance of the MDG 2015 deadline, according to a report issued on 6 March 2012 by UNICEF and WHO. Between 1990 and 2010, over two billion people gained access to improved drinking water sources, such as piped supplies and protected wells. The report says at the end of 2010 89% of the world's population, or 6.1 billion people, used improved drinking water sources. This is one per cent more than the 88% MDG target. It is estimated that by 2015 92% of the global population will have access to improved drinking water.

Report on the World Manufacturing Production (UNIDO)

<http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=1001649>

World manufacturing output grew by 4.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year compared to the same period of the previous year, the lowest quarterly growth rate in 2011. The two main economies that contributed to the ongoing growth were China and the United States. The world manufacturing output had an impressive start in the first quarter of 2011 indicating a recovery from the financial crisis of 2008-2009. However this process stalled since the second quarter, especially due to the deteriorated financial situation in the Euro-zone

countries, according to a report released on 1 March 2012 by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

World Water Development Report, 4th edition (UNESCO)

Volume 1 - Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk:

[http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20V](http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20Volume%201-)

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Managing%20Water%20under%20Uncertainty%20and%20Risk.pdf](http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20Volume%201-Managing%20Water%20under%20Uncertainty%20and%20Risk.pdf)

Volume 2 - Knowledge Base:

[http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20V](http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20Volume%202-Knowledge%20Base.pdf)

[olume%202-Knowledge%20Base.pdf](http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20Volume%202-Knowledge%20Base.pdf)

Volume 3 - Facing the Challenges:

[http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20V](http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20Volume%203-Facing%20the%20Challenges.pdf)

[olume%203-Facing%20the%20Challenges.pdf](http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/WWDR4%20Volume%203-Facing%20the%20Challenges.pdf)

According to the Report, people in many parts of the world enjoy improved access to safe drinking water –86 per cent of the population in developing regions will have it by 2015. But there are still nearly one billion people without such access, and in cities the numbers are growing. Sanitation infrastructure is not keeping pace with the world’s urban population, which will almost double by 2050 to 6.3 billion people. Today, more than 80 per cent of the world’s waste water is neither collected nor treated.

Human Rights

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (OPIC)

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/OPIC_Ceremony.htm

Text of the Protocol: http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/signature/2012/CTC_4-11d.pdf

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (OPIC) was opened for signature on 28 February 2012 in Geneva. 20 States signed the Optional Protocol.

The Outreach Programme on the Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations

English: <http://www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/rwanda/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/preventgenocide/rwanda/>

The Outreach Programme on the Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations is an information and educational outreach programme run by the United Nations Department of Public Information. The programme focuses on learning the lessons of the Rwanda genocide in order to help prevent similar acts in the future, as well as raising awareness of the lasting impact of genocide on the survivors and the challenges that they still face today.

Humanitarian Affairs

Protecting People Crossing Borders in the Context of Climate Change: Normative Gaps and Possible Approaches (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/4f33f1729.html>

<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/4f38a9422.pdf>

The report argues that while a relationship between climate change, environmental events and displacement/migration exists, direct causalities are difficult to establish. The paper analyses existing approaches to address cross-border displacement and migration at the domestic, regional and international levels as well as suggestions by private institutions.

International Law

International Criminal Court's First Verdict

English: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/NR/exeres/A70A5D27-18B4-4294-816F-BE68155242E0.htm>

French: <http://www.icc->

[cpi.int/menus/icc/press%20and%20media/press%20releases/news%20and%200highlights/pr776?lan=fr-FR](http://www.icc-cpi.int/menus/icc/press%20and%20media/press%20releases/news%20and%200highlights/pr776?lan=fr-FR)

On 14 March 2012, Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court (ICC) decided unanimously that Thomas Lubanga Dyilo of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is guilty, as a co-perpetrator, of the war crimes of conscripting and enlisting children under the age of 15 and using them to participate actively in hostilities from 1 September 2002 to 13 August 2003.

New information material

An issues Guide for Education Planners and Practitioners on Climate Change

Online version: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002111/211136e.pdf>

Poster: UNiTE to End Violence against Women

Online version: http://endviolence.un.org/images/UNiTE_Poster_A.jpg

UN Police Magazine: Sustainable Peace through Justice and Security

United Nations. 8th edition, January 2012. 44 p.

Online version:

http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/unpolmag/unpolmag_08.pdf

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, October 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 10.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights, 9 p.

Online version:

<http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/A304D567553143C98525799500524179>

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 3, March 2012, p. 157-244.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/3/en/>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in March

I Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The right to Food: Making it Happen - Progress and Lessons Learned through implementation

FAO, Rome 2011. ISBN 978-92-5-106890-8

Online version:

http://www.fao.org/righttofood/publi11/FORUM%20REPORT_web.pdf

Gender dimensions of agricultural and rural employment: Differentiated pathways out of poverty: Status, trends and gaps

FAO, Rome 2010. ISBN 978-92-5-106583-9

Online version: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i1638e/i1638e.pdf>

II Narcotic Drugs (including United Nations Office on Drug and Crime - UNODC)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011.

United Nations. New York. 2012. ix, 123 p. (E/INCB/2011/1)

Sales No. E.12.XI.5. ISBN 978-92-1-148269-0

Online version: <http://www.incb.org/incb/en/annual-report-2011.html>

Precursors and chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

United Nations. New York. 2010. Xii, 81 p. + CD-ROM. (E/INCB/2011/4)

Sales No. E.12.XI.4. ISBN 978-92-1-148268-3.

Online version: http://www.incb.org/pdf/precursors-report/2011/en/PreRep2011_E.pdf

III United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

UNEP YEAR BOOK: Emerging issues in our global environment 2012. UNEP, Nairobi 2012.

ISBN 978-92-807-3214-6

Online version:

http://www.unep.org/yearbook/2012/pdfs/UYB_2012_FULLREPORT.pdf

IV United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)

The State of the World's Children 2012: Children in an Urban World (UNICEF)
United Nations, New York and Geneva. 2012.
Sales No. E.12.XX. ISBN 978-92-806-4597-2
Online version: http://www.unicef.org/sowc/files/SOWC_2012-Main_Report_EN_21Dec2011.pdf

V International Labour Organization (ILO)

Success Africa III: Realising a New Era of Social Justice through Decent Work: Success Stories from Africa
ILO, Geneva 2011. ISBN 978-92-2-125465-2
Online version: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-addis_ababa/documents/genericdocument/wcms_166733.pdf

VI World Health Organization (WHO)

Environmental health inequalities in Europe.
World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe. Copenhagen. 2012. xvii, 190 p.
ISBN 978-92-890-0260-8.
Online version:
http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/157969/e96194.pdf

New mobile applications

United Nations Publications has launched two new mobile applications: **UN Country Stats** and **UN News Reader**, both available now on Apple's App Store.

UN Country Stats is a free visualization app to compare key economic, social, and environmental, trade, and area population indicators for 216 countries and territories. Indicators, drawn from the United Nations 'unique and authoritative dataset, can be viewed as complete country tables or visualized as bar graphs. Other useful tools include detailed definitions of each indicator and the ability to save graphs as favorites.
Online Version: (<https://unp.un.org/countrystats.html>)

The **UN News Reader** is a free mobile news app to access all stories published by the UN News Centre and view related UN eBooks with each story. Now you can have the latest official news from the UN anytime, anywhere! The app saves all content so that it can be read offline later.
Online version : (<https://unp.un.org/newsreader.html>)

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