



UNIC Library Newsletter - May 2012

New websites within the UN system

UN in General

UN News Focus: Syria

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=146&Body=Syria&Body1=>

This new UN News Centre page is a one-stop web portal providing comprehensive and updated information on the UN System's response to the Syrian crisis under the umbrella of the efforts led by the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Mr. Kofi Annan. The site has been developed by DPI in cooperation with DPA, DPKO and the Joint Special Envoy Office and includes links to the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) as well as humanitarian agencies' country page on Syria.

Economic and Social Council – new website

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ecosoc/>

ECOSOC launched a new website with multimedia content, graphics and useful resources about ECOSOC upcoming events.

Millennium Development Goals – Beyond 2015

English: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/beyond2015.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/millenniumgoals/beyond2015.shtml>

The process to prepare for a new development framework in the period after 2015 -- the target date for the Millennium Development Goals -- is well under way, with a new page on the post-2015 development agenda now up on the MDGs website in all six official languages. The page provides an overview of the process in place to shape the development agenda beyond 2015, and a list of relevant resources. It also features an interactive timeline, highlighting key events and activities related to the post-2015 agenda. Visitors to the page can add, share and comment on events and/or comment on the overall timeline, either in English or other languages. Please note that the timeline is hosted on an external interactive platform and therefore can take some seconds to load. Following the Rio+20 conferences on sustainable development in June, the Secretary-General Ban will appoint a High-level Panel to advise him on the development agenda beyond 2015.

Peace and Security

Greening the Blue Helmets: Environment, Natural Resources and UN Peacekeeping Operations (UNEP)

Report: http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/UNEP_greening_blue_helmets.pdf

Executive Summary:

http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/UNEP_greening_blue_helmets_ES.pdf

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released the findings of a two-year analysis of how peacekeeping missions around the world affect, and are affected by, natural resources and the broader environment. In addition to highlighting the utmost importance of reducing the environmental impact of UN Peacekeeping operations, the new report states that the implementation of good practice in this area also has additional benefits, including increased financial savings for missions, and improved safety and security for local communities as well as UN Peacekeeping staff. The report notes that through the adoption of a

2009 Environmental Policy, UN Peacekeeping has a robust platform for progress in reducing its environmental impact.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 April 2012

(DPI/1634/Rev.132, May 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 Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS)

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/unsmis/>

Established by United Nations Security Council resolution 2043 of 21 April 2012 to monitor a cessation of armed violence in all its forms by all parties and to monitor and support the full implementation of the Joint Special Envoy's six-point proposal to end the conflict in Syria.

Economic & Social Development

2011 National Human Development Report for the Russian Federation: Modernization and Human Development

English & Russian:

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/national/europethecis/russia/name,24360,en.html>

This is the 15th Report in the ongoing series, started in 1995 jointly by UNDP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation as the Project's National Executing Agency. Since 2011 the Faculty of Economics at Lomonosov Moscow State University has acted as the National Executing Agency for the Project 'Mainstreaming Human Development in Russia'. The main goal of the 2011 Report is to study the tasks of modernization in the context of human development, highlighting the necessity for the modernization of Russia's economy and social sphere and enhancement of its institutions. This approach is a logical continuation of the previous Reports. The 2011 Report identifies the basic components of modernization, addresses main parameters of the post-crisis economy and social challenges in Russia and analyzes the development of social and institutional infrastructure to determine the role of human development in Russia's 'new economy'.

Africa Human Development Report 2012: Towards a Food Secure Future (UNDP)

Report in English, Summary in English & French:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/hdr/africa-human-development-report-2012/>

Sub-Saharan Africa cannot sustain its present economic resurgence unless it eliminates the hunger that affects nearly a quarter of its people. The challenge is large, the time frame is tight, and the investment required is significant, but the potential gains for human development in the region are immense.

Designing a Land Records System for the poor: Secure land property rights for all (UN-Habitat)

<http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/listItemDetails.aspx?publicationID=3319>

This publication emphasizes a co-management approach where the community performs a greater role in the design and management of the system. The design also highlights affordability, legitimacy and credibility as key requirements for success. However, it also recognizes that more work and studies are needed to enhance the design and better inform its implementation.

Economic Report on Africa 2012: Unleashing Africa's Potential as a Pole of Global Growth (UNECA / AUC)

<http://www.uneca.org/era2012/>

The 2012 Economic Report on Africa identifies the key binding constraints for unleashing Africa's productive capacity and proposes a series of bold measures that governments must implement to position the continent as the next pole of global growth and re-balancing. The report argues that sustaining the growth momentum and taking Africa's development potential much further depends on strong political leadership with the capacity to mobilize the population around a common national development vision.

Global Employment Trends for Youth 2012 (ILO)

Report in English: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_180976.pdf

Executive Summary in English, French & Spanish:

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/global-employment-trends/youth/2012/WCMS_180977/lang--en/index.htm

The report examines the continuing job crisis affecting young people in many parts of the world. It provides updated statistics on global and regional youth unemployment rates and presents ILO policy recommendations to curb the current trends.

Opiate flows through Northern Afghanistan and Central Asia: a threat assessment (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Studies/Afghanistan_northern_route_2012_web.pdf

This report describes the illicit trade of opiates along the Northern route from northern Afghanistan to Central Asia up to the borders of the Russian Federation.

Trade and Development Report, 1981–2011: Three Decades of Thinking Development (UNCTAD)

http://www.unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/gds2012d1_en.pdf

This review traces the key issues relating to the global economy and development strategies that have been addressed in UNCTAD's Trade and Development Reports (TDRs) over the past three decades. It also intends to show how ideas, opinions and proposals expressed in the TDR, and the analytical approaches used, differed from those of proponents of "the mainstream" and how they evolved in response to new challenges arising from developments in the world economy.

World of Work Report 2012: Better Jobs for a Better Economy (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/world-of-work/WCMS_179453/lang--en/index.htm

Despite signs that economic growth has resumed in some regions, the global employment situation is alarming and shows no sign of recovery in the near future. Around 50 million jobs are still missing compared to the situation that existed before the crisis.

Human Rights

Universal Declaration of Human Rights- UNOG Library Research Guide

<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/udhr>

This guide will help you find resources focusing on the Declaration. It provides links to relevant documents related to the history and the drafting process of the Declaration. It also highlights the collections of the UNOG Library on the topic - both print and online resources (books and articles). In addition, key UN Resources, websites, news feeds (RSS, twitter) and videos have been selected by your UNOG librarians to help you to keep up-to-date on this subject.

New information material

Africa Renewal: "Sustainable Development". April 2012. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/africarenewal/vol26no1/index.html>

Year in Review: United Nations Peace Operations 2011.

Produced by the Peace and Security Section of the United Nations Department of Public Information. DPI/2579/Rev.1. March 2012. 79 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/yir/yir2011.pdf>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in May

I. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Africa Human Development Report 2012: Towards a Food Secure Future

United Nations, New York, 2012. P176

ISBN 978-92-1-126342-8

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/hdr/africa-human-development-report-2012/>

II. United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)

South Africa' Children: A review of Equity and Child Rights.

HRC and UNICEF, South Africa, 2011. P65

Online version: http://www.unicef.org/southafrica/SAF_resources_factschildren1.pdf

Exploring the impact of Climate Change on Children in South Africa.

UNICEF, 2011, Pretoria, South Africa. P119

Online version: http://www.unicef.org/southafrica/SAF_resources_climatechange.pdf

III. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 4, April 2012, p. 321-400.

"Special theme: e-health"

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/5/en/>

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