



UNIC Library Newsletter - November 2012

New websites within the UN system

UN in General

Dag Hammarskjöld Speeches

<http://ow.ly/f8CVp>

Speeches delivered during various occasions by the second UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld (1953-1961) are available through the Library's Google Drive account.

Joint Inspection Unit - new website

English & French: <http://www.unjiu.org>

The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) has launched its new multilingual website to provide users with more comprehensive information about JIU, and new and improved ways of interacting with the Unit. It offers a variety of new, user-friendly features including: Enriched content such as Information about JIU, its unique role in the UN system, how it works, who its clients are, its recommendations to UN organizations, reports in all six UN languages, dating back to 1968, and related documents, such as CEB comments, Executive Heads comments, unpublished annexes, etc. and short 'news stories' and videos introducing JIU outputs and events.

Peace and Security

Enhancing Protection Capacity: Policy Guide to the Responsibility to Protect and the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflicts (UNU)

http://isp.unu.edu/publications/files/R2P_POC_Policy_Guide.pdf

This Policy Guide seeks to enhance the ability of policy makers and practitioners – in governments, regional and international organizations, and civil society – in strengthening their efforts to protect civilians from conflict-related grave harm and mass atrocity crimes.

The Guide clarifies and compares the twin of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and the Protection of Civilians (POC) in their normative, institutional and operational dimensions, distinguishes the principles' different actors and methods, and specifies the situations when the two principles converge for specific actors and organizations.

Security Council Concept Paper: Security Council open debate on "Women and peace and security" – 29 October 2012

English & French: <http://undocs.org/S/2012/774>

The Security Council has held an open debate on the topic "Women and peace and security" on 29 October 2012. The basis of the debate was the Secretary-General's report (S/2012/732 – <http://undocs.org/S/2012/732>). In order to help steer the discussions on the subject, The Security Council President for the month of October, Guatemala, has prepared this complementary note.

UN Infantry Battalion Manual (DPKO/DFS)

<http://www.unprh.unlb.org/PBPS/Pages/Public/viewdocument.aspx?id=2&docid=1243>

The Departments of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and of Field Support (DFS) recently released a Manual for UN Infantry Battalions serving in peacekeeping missions. Spearheaded by the Office of Military Affairs (OMA), the United Nations Infantry Battalion Manual (UNIBAM) aims to improve United Nations military peacekeepers' performance. It outlines standards, tasks, structures, equipment requirements, and self-evaluation tools for infantry components in United Nations peacekeeping operations. The concept for the UNIBAM originated as part of a comprehensive agenda for peacekeeping capability development under the "New Horizon" reform process. It is part of DPKO/DFS efforts to put in place an enhanced performance management. The document was developed with inputs from Member States, former battalion commanders, peacekeeping practitioners, training experts, field missions and United Nations system partners.

Economic & Social Development

Global Report: UNAIDS Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic, 2012

http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/20121120_globalreport2012/globalreport/

The report shows that a more than 50% reduction in the rate of new HIV infections has been achieved across 25 low- and middle-income countries—more than half in Africa. HIV infections have been cut dramatically by 73% in Malawi, 71% in Botswana, 68% in Namibia, 58% in Zambia, 50% in Zimbabwe and 41% in South Africa and Swaziland.

Powerful Synergies: Gender Equality, Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability (UNDP)

<http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/gender/Gender%20and%20Environment/Powerful-Synergies.pdf>

This publication is a collection of evidence-based papers by scholars and practitioners that explore the interconnections between gender equality and sustainable development across a range of sectors and global development issues such as energy, health, education, food security, climate change, human rights, consumption and production patterns, and urbanization. It provides evidence from various sectors and regions on how women's equal access and control over resources not only improves the lives of individuals, families and nations, but also helps ensure the sustainability of the environment.

State of World Population 2012: By Choice, Not by Chance: Family Planning, Human Rights and Development (UNFPA)

Report & Summary in English, French & Spanish: <http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/sitemap/swp2012>

Family planning is a human right. Yet today some 222 million women in developing countries are unable to exercise that right because they lack access to contraceptives, information and quality services or because social and economic forces prevent them from taking advantage of services even where they are available. "The State of World Population 2012" explains why family planning is a right, examines the challenges in ensuring that all women, men and young people are able to exercise that right and suggests actions that governments and international organizations can take to give everyone the power and the means to decide freely and responsibly how many children to have and when to have them

Turn down the heat: why a 4°C warmer world must be avoided (World Bank)

Report in English, Executive Summary in English, French, Spanish & Portuguese:

<http://climatechange.worldbank.org/content/climate-change-report-warns-dramatically-warmer-world-century>

This new report – released by the World Bank on 19 November 2012 - synthesizing the latest scientific knowledge on global warming warns we're on a path to a 4 degree warmer world by the end of the century—with huge implications for humanity.

UN Documentation Centre on Water and Sanitation (UNDCWS)

English: <http://www.unwaterlibrary.org>

The United Nations Office to support the International Decade 'Water for Life' 2005-2015/UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC) has launched an online UN Documentation Centre on Water and Sanitation (UNDCWS). This virtual library is available in English www.unwaterlibrary.org but publications are accessible in different languages when available (including the 6 official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). The online UNDCWS currently provides access to the most recent publications, around 500, but the repository is being fed every day with publications from all UN agencies, programmes and initiatives. If you notice your publications are not included, please let us know. For all those UN agencies and programmes that already sent their publications, please be patient with us as we are still working to incorporate them.

Human Rights

Fisheries and the right to food – Report to the General Assembly (A/67/268)

English & French: <http://undocs.org/A/67/268>

The United Nations Special Rapporteurs on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, warned on 30 October 2012 of the threat of 'ocean-grabbing' to food security, and urged world governments and international bodies to halt the depletion of fish stocks, and take urgent steps to protect, sustain, and share the benefits of fisheries and marine environments. "'Ocean-grabbing' – in the shape of shady access agreements that harm small-scale fishers, unreported catch, incursions into protected waters, and the diversion of resources away from local populations - can be as serious a threat as 'land-grabbing,'" Mr. De Schutter said as he unveiled this new report.

Further information on the right to food: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Food/Pages/FoodIndex.aspx> or <http://www.srfood.org/>

Indicators: A Guide to Measurement and Implementation (OHCHR)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Human_rights_indicators_en.pdf

In step with United Nations efforts to further promote universal standards and better protect people against human rights violations, this publication of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights provides practical guidance for the development of quantitative and qualitative indicators to strengthen the measurement and implementation of human rights, including the right to development. It contains a detailed description of the conceptual and methodological framework for human rights indicators recommended by international and national human rights mechanisms and used by a growing number of governmental and non-governmental actors. Concrete examples of indicators identified for a number of human rights—all stemming from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights—and other practical tools and illustrations are provided to support processes and stakeholders that aim to improve the realization of human rights on the ground. This Guide will be of interest to human rights advocates as well as policymakers, development practitioners, statisticians and other key actors who contribute to making human rights a reality for all.

New information material

Localisation for Africa: Manufacturing greatness: Issue 1. 2012
UNIDO, Pretoria, 2012. ISSN 2305-9400
Online version: www.localisationforafrica.com

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in November

I. Trade, Finance and Commerce

Technology and Innovation Report 2012: Innovation, Technology and South-South Collaboration.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. Xxiv, 138 p. (UNCTAD/TIR/2012)
Sales No. E.12.II.D.13. ISBN 978-92-1-112856-7.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tir2012_en.pdf

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

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: Conservation and Sustainable Use under the International Treaty.
FAO, Rome, 2012.
ISBN No.978-92-5-107134-2
Online version: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/AGRO_Noticias/docs/Modulo2_RecursosFitosanitarios.pdf

III. Department of Public Information

Yearbook of the United Nations 2008, Volume 62
United Nations. New York, 2012.
Sales No. E.10.I.1 H, ISBN 978-92-1-101227-9
Online version: <http://unyearbook.un.org/>

IV. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

UNAIDS World AIDS Day Report 2012: RESULTS
http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/epidemiology/2012/gr2012/JC2434_WorldAIDSday_results_en.pdf

V. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 11, November 2012, p. 793-868.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/11/en/>

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