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UNIC Library Newsletter - October 2012 New websites within the UN system

UN in General

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/unday/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/unday/>

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being. 24 October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948.

Education First – The UN Secretary-General’s Global Initiative on Education

<http://www.globaleducationfirst.org/>

Education is the basic building block of every society. It is the single best investment countries can make towards building prosperous, healthy and equitable societies. In order to renew and reinvigorate global commitments to education, United Nations Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon has launched the Education First initiative on 26 September 2012 to put every child in school, improve the quality of learning, and foster global citizenship.

Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform (SDKP)

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

This new website has been launched by the Division for Sustainable Development (DSD/DESA) in the follow-up to Rio+20. It contains information on the past 19 years of normative and analytical work of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), as well as a wealth of content from the preparatory process of Rio+20.

Zero Hunger Challenge

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

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/zerohunger/> (Défi Faim Zéro)

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is challenging all nations to end hunger in his lifetime. Nearly 870 million people are chronically undernourished and immediate action is needed to tackle hunger. Eliminating hunger involves investments in agriculture, rural development, decent work, social protection and equality of opportunity.

Peace and Security

League of Nations Archives: Disarmament Resource Guide

<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/content.php?pid=292944>

Materials from the League of Nations Archives on Disarmament.

Security Council Concept Note: “Peace and justice, with a special focus on the role of the International Criminal Court”

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2012/731>

The Security Council has held an open debate on the subject “Peace and justice, with a special focus on the role of the International Criminal Court” on 17 October 2012. The Security Council President for the month of October, Guatemala, has prepared a concept note to help steer the discussions on the subject.

The use of the Internet for terrorist purposes (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/frontpage/Use_of_Internet_for_Terrorist_Purposes.pdf

This publication provides practical guidance to Member States for more effective investigation and prosecution of terrorist cases involving the use of the Internet. Terrorist groups and their supporters use the internet to recruit, finance, spread propaganda, train and incite followers to commit acts of terrorism; as well as to gather and disseminate information for terrorist purposes. The use of the Internet for terrorist purposes disregards national borders, amplifying the potential impact on victims.

Economic & Social Development

Ageing in the Twenty-first Century: A Celebration and a Challenge (UNFPA)

Report in English: <http://unfpa.org/ageingreport>

Executive Summary in English, French, Spanish & Portuguese: <http://www.unfpa.org/public/op/edit/home/publications/pid/11584>

This new report underlines that, while the trend of ageing societies is a cause for celebration, it also presents huge challenges as it requires completely new approaches to health care, retirement, living arrangements and inter-generational relations. 80 per cent of world’s older people will live in developing countries by 2050. The over-60 population will be larger than the under-15 population in 2050.

Building a stable and equitable global monetary system (DESA Working Paper No. 118)

http://www.un.org/esa/desa/papers/2012/wp118_2012.pdf

This paper argues that Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) should become a more relevant instrument of international monetary cooperation. This requires transforming them into a pure reserve asset and the IMF into a fully SDR-funded institution. SDRs would then be issued counter-cyclically and treated as deposits of countries in the IMF, which can in turn lend to countries. This approach would correct basic deficiencies of the current global monetary system. Complementary reforms include a substitution account for an orderly and smooth transition from major reserve currencies to SDRs, and the issuance of SDR-denominated bonds as an alternative to other major short-term assets.

Education for All Global Monitoring Report – 2012 (UNESCO)

Report – English: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002180/218003e.pdf>

Report – French: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002180/218015f.pdf>

Summary – English: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002175/217509E.pdf>

Summary – French: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002175/217509F.pdf>

The tenth edition of this report shows how vital it is to ensure that all young people have the skills they need to prosper. As the report reveals, however, across the world there is a lost generation of 200 million young people who are leaving school without the skills they need. Many living in urban poverty or in remote rural communities and young women in particular, are unemployed or working for low pay. They need to be given a second chance to achieve their potential.

ILO Note to the G20 Task Force on Employment

http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/multilateral-system/g20/WCMS_190699/lang-en/index.htm

This note reviews the latest available data on youth employment in G20 countries. It then makes a number of suggestions as to issues the G20 Task Force on Employment might usefully address.

Protected Planet Report 2012 (UNEP)

English & French: http://www.unep-wcmc.org/ppr2012_903.html

This report reviews progress towards the achievement of the protected area targets of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Building on the work of the CBD-mandated Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP), the report includes a set of indicators of protected area coverage, representativeness, effectiveness, management and governance. It has been compiled by UNEP-WCMC in cooperation with IUCN and other partners and with support from UNEP, the Spain-UNEP Partnership for Protected Areas in support of the LifeWeb Initiative, the CBD Secretariat, and the Finnish Ministry of the Environment.

Somalia Human Development Report 2012: Empowering Youth for Peace and Development (UNDP)

Report & Fact Sheet: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/hdr/Somalia-human-development-report-2012.html>

The future of Somalia and the well-being of its people rest significantly on empowering its large youth population, said the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 28 September 2012 at an event in New York launching the agency's highly-anticipated Somalia Human Development Report 2012. This is the first report of its kind on this war-torn Horn of Africa country in more than a decade. The new report – which is based on surveys conducted in more than 3,000 households in south central Somalia, Puntland and Somaliland – reveals that although the majority of Somali youth believe they have a right to be educated (82%) and a right to decent work (71%), they feel disempowered by multiple structural barriers built into the family, institutions, local government and society at-large.

The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012: Economic growth is necessary but not sufficient to accelerate reduction of hunger and malnutrition (FAO / IFAD / WFP)

English: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofi/en/>

French: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofi/fr/>

This report presents new estimates of undernourishment based on a revised and improved methodology. The new estimates show that progress in reducing hunger during the past 20 years has been better than previously believed, and that, given renewed efforts, it may be possible to reach the MDG hunger target at the global level by 2015.

Human Rights

Marrying too Young: End Child Marriage (UNFPA)

<http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2012/MarryingTooYoung.pdf>

If current trends continue, the number of girl child marriages will increase dramatically over the next 10 years, according to a new report released on 11 October 2012 by UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, on the inaugural International Day of the Girl Child. The report also finds that, despite laws to prevent its practice, child marriage has remained mostly constant in developing countries over the past decade.

New information material

Politically Speaking – Bulletin of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs; fall 2012 (DPA). 36 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/undpa/shared/undpa/pdf/Politically%20Speaking%20Fall%202012.pdf>

United Nations University - WorldRiskReport 2012 / United Nations University. Institute for Environment and Human Security. Berlin. Bündnis Entwicklung Hilft (Alliance Development Works). 2012. 68 p.

ISBN 978-3-9814495-0-3.

Online version: <http://www.ehs.unu.edu/file/get/10487.pdf>

NEW TITLES
added to the library collection in October

I General Information and Reference

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2012.

United Nations. New York. 2012. 68 p. Includes 2012 Progress Chart.

Sales No. E.12.I.4. ISBN 978-92-1-101258-2.

Report: <http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2012/English2012.pdf>

Progress chart: http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/mdg_report%202012_german.pdf

II. Trade, Finance and Commerce

Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. v, 67 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2012/5)

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/webdiaepcb2012d6_en.pdf

Investment Policy Review: Mozambique.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. x, 112 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2012/1)

Sales No. E.12.II.D.11. ISBN 978-92-1-112854-3.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaepcb2012d1_en.pdf

III. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Forest Products Annual Market Review 2011-2012. (Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper 30)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xiv, 160 p. (ECE/TIM/SP/30)

Sales No. E.12.II.E.10. ISBN 978-92-1-117064-1.

Online version: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/publications/FPAMR_2012.pdf

IV. Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, one, 2012: Agent of change? The CW regime / Forum du désarmement, un, 2012: Le régime d'interdiction des armes chimiques (UNIDIR - United Nations Institut for Disarmament Research / Institut des Nations Unies pour la Recherche sur le Désarmement)

English online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2012-1-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2012-1-fr

VI. Human Rights (including Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR)

Women and the Rights to Adequate Housing.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. iv, 93 p. (HR/PUB/11/2)

Sales No. E.11.XIV.4. ISBN 978-92-1-154192-2.

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/WomenHousing_HR.PUB.11.2.pdf

VII. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 10, October 2012, p. 712-792.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/10/en/>

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