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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

General Assembly – 67th session

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

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

High-level Meetings of the 67th Session

English: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/67/meetings/index.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/ga/67/meetings/index.shtml>

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/67/1)

English & French: <http://undocs.org/A/67/1>

The Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization to the 67th session of the General Assembly is now available. In introducing the report the Secretary-General notes that: “The world has changed dramatically since the signing of the Declaration by the United Nations. The global community is facing a whole new set of global threats. These include the adverse impact of climate change, rising inequities within and across populations, resource scarcity, the rapid spread of infectious disease and terrorism. Our Members have made it perfectly clear that they believe that the United Nations has the legitimacy, scope, depth of expertise and global convening power needed to tackle these Herculean tasks.”

The annex of report includes “Millennium Development Goals, targets and indicators, 2012: statistical tables”.

UN News Centre – redesigned website

English: <http://www.un.org/news/>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/newscentre/index.html>

Basic Facts about the United Nations – Online version

<http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/basicfacts>

This comprehensive handbook designed for the general public, sets forth the structure of the United Nations, how the Organization works and the main issues it deals with in their importance for people everywhere. Along with explaining the role played by its principal organs and the family of UN organizations, individual chapters explore UN contributions to international peace and security, economic and social development, human rights; humanitarian action, international law; and decolonization. A series of appendices documents UN membership, Peacekeeping operations, budget, and contact information for UN information centres, services and offices. This new edition of the work has been substantially revised to take account of many significant developments that have taken place in the world and in the United Nations itself since the last edition of the book (previously titled *The UN Today*) in 2008.

ABC des Nations Unies – Version on ligne

<http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/abc-des-nations-unies-french>

Introduction générale au rôle et aux fonctions de l'ONU et de ses institutions spécialisées, ce livre balaie le large éventail des domaines d'intervention de l'Organisation, tels que la paix, le développement, les droits de l'homme, l'aide humanitaire, le désarmement et le droit international. En décrivant le travail des organisations de la grande famille des Nations Unies, l'« ABC des Nations Unies » fournit un tour d'horizon détaillé des nombreux défis auxquels doit faire face la communauté internationale et des efforts entrepris pour trouver des solutions.

League of Nations Archives Resource Guide

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

This guide is designed as a practical tool intended to facilitate research in the League of Nations Archives. It contains information about: the holdings and structure of the archive, catalogues and guides, research themes, with bibliographies and a selection of primary sources, useful databases and online resources, and links to related collections and further resources.

Peace and Security

International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS)

<http://www.un-casa-isacs.org>

The new International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) were launched on 29 August 2012 and will help to ensure that the UN provides support to Member States on putting in place effective controls over the full life-cycle of small arms and light weapons — from manufacture, marking and recordkeeping to storage, transport and international transfer to the tracing, collection and destruction of illicit weapons.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2012 (DPI/1634/Rev.136/Corr.1, September 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 Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2012 (DPI/2166/Rev.110, September 2012)

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

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

Economy and Social Development

Coping with water scarcity: an action framework for agriculture and food security (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i3015e/i3015e.pdf>

As part of its project “Coping with Water Scarcity – The role of agriculture”, FAO has recently developed a framework programme intended to serve as a basis for the development of effective food security policies in conditions of water scarcity. Rather than ‘recipes’, the framework highlights a series of principles on the basis of which strategies must be developed, including the need to base decisions on a fair accounting of water resources and uses, and the necessity to look for much better integration between food security and water policies. It stresses the need for a comprehensive approach that considers the whole range of options, from supply enhancement to demand management, all the way to substitution and waste management in the food chain, and suggests the use of a food supply cost curve in developing food security strategies.

Global Employment Outlook: Bleak Labour Market Prospects for Youth (ILO)

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_188810.pdf

Jobless rates among young people will get even worse globally as the spill over of the euro crisis spreads from advanced to emerging economies, according to an ILO paper released on 4 September 2012. “Ironically, only in developed economies are youth unemployment rates expected to fall in the coming years, but this follows the

largest increase in youth unemployment among all regions since the start of the crisis,” said Ekkehard Ernst, lead author of the paper and chief of the ILO’s Employment Trends Unit. The new forecasts show the youth unemployment rate in developed economies dropping gradually, from 17.5 per cent this year to 15.6 per cent in 2017. This is still far higher than the rate of 12.5 per cent registered in 2007, before the crisis struck.

MDG Gap Task Force Report 2012: Millennium Development Goal 8 - “The Global Partnership for Development: Making Rhetoric a Reality”

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/mdg/mdg-gap-task-force-report-2012.html>

English: http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2012_Gap_Report/MDG_2012Gap_Task_Force_report.pdf

French: http://www.un.org/fr/millenniumgoals/pdf/2012MDG_Gap_Report_fr.pdf

The Task Force Report notes that after reaching a peak in 2010, the volume of official development assistance fell almost three per cent in 2011. It warns that with no apparent commitment by donor governments to reverse the trend, it is possible that fewer of the MDGs will be reached in fewer countries by the 2015 deadline. According to the Report, to meet the UN target of 0.7 per cent of donor country gross national income, total overseas development assistance (ODA) should more than double to about \$300 billion (in 2011 dollars), thus leaving a delivery gap of \$167 billion against that commitment. Least developed countries should receive about one-fourth of this amount.

Human Rights

Booklet on LGBT equality: Born Free and Equal (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/BornFreeAndEqualLowRes.pdf>

This new publication - issued by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - provides information on sexual orientation and gender identity in international human rights law. The 60-page booklet is designed as a tool for States, to help them better understand the nature of their obligations and the steps required to meet them, as well as for civil society activists, human rights defenders and others seeking to hold Governments to account for breaches of international human rights law.

WHO QualityRights Tool Kit

http://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/QualityRights_toolkit/en/index.html

The WHO QualityRights tool kit provides countries with practical information and tools for assessing and improving quality and human rights standards in mental health and social care facilities. The Toolkit is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

New information material

Afrique Renouveau: « L’Afrique : nouvelle frontière économique mondiale? ». Août 2012. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/fr/africarenewal/vol26no2/index.html>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, February 2012, Volume XXXV, Bulletin No. 2.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 13 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/D187322E0EB3B77685257A1C004FB967>

UN Police Magazine: “Wanted: Skilled Police Officers – Reward: Peace and Security”

United Nations. 9th edition, July 2012. 56 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/publications/unpolmag/unpolmag_09.pdf

NEW TITLES

added to the library collection in September 2012

I. General Information and Reference

Yearbook of the United Nations 2008: Volume 62.
United Nations. New York. 2012. xvi, 1617 p.
Sales No. E.10.I.1. ISBN 978-92-1-101227-9.
Yearbook collection online (1946-2007): <http://unyearbook.un.org>

II. Trade, Finance and Commerce

Trade and Development Report, 2012: Policies for Inclusive and Balanced Growth.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xv, 175 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2012)
Sales No. E.12.II.D.6. ISBN 978-92-1-112846-8.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2012_en.pdf

Trade and Development Report, 2012: Overview.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. 30 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2012(Overview))
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2012overview_en.pdf

World Investment Report 2012: Towards a New Generation of Investment Policies.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. xxxii, 204 p. (UNCTAD/WIR/2012)
Sales No. E.11.II.D.3. ISBN 978-92-1-112843-7.
Online version: <http://www.unctad-docs.org/files/UNCTAD-WIR2012-Full-en.pdf>

III. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 9, September 2012, p. 633-712.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/9/en/>

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