



UNIC Library Newsletter – November 2013

New websites within the UN system

UN in General

Office for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) – redesigned website <http://unohrlls.org/>

The United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing States and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) has launched its new and improved website.

The new site introduces a variety of new features:

- A news stream on the home page providing visitors with timely, easy-to-read information affecting LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS
- A page explaining the work of each Unit in a clear and concise manner
- Several pages providing insights into the activities and views of Under-Secretary-General Gyan Chandra Acharya
- An improved calendar feature to keep track of important events

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) – redesigned website

<http://www.unaids.org>

Ahead of World AIDS Day, UNAIDS has released a newly designed website for a more visual and streamlined user experience. The new design features all the latest information about UNAIDS--available through a range of multi-media options.

Peace and Security

General recommendation No. 30 on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situation

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CEDAW/GComments/CEDAW.C.CG.30.pdf>

CEDAW Press

Release: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=13885&LangID=E>

UN News Centre

Story: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=46312&Cr=women&Cr1=conflict#.Um52ZBBdCTW>

OPCW-UN Joint Mission

<http://opcw.unmissions.org/>

Looking for updates on activities relating to the destruction of the chemical weapons programme in Syria? A new website provides background on the establishment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the United Nations Joint Mission, reviews its mandate and gives chronology of events including news updates.

It also features OPCW and United Nations information materials and key documentation on the matter. Currently, the website is available in English only with the Arabic version to follow later.

Research Guide: Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War

English: <http://research.un.org/en/mines>

French: <http://research.un.org/fr/mines>

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 September 2013 (DPI/1634/Rev.149, October 2013)

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: 30 September 2013 (DPI/2166/Rev.123, October 2013)

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

French: <https://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/documents/ppbmf.pdf>

United Nations Political Missions (DPA)

http://www.un.org/wcm/webdav/site/undpa/shared/undpa/pdf/13-45835_web.pdf

Political missions deployed in volatile environments around the world are making a proven difference in defusing tensions, bringing countries back from the brink of conflict and building sustainable peace, says a recently published report on the missions, most of which are overseen by the Department of Political Affairs.

Economic & Social Development

2013 Afghanistan Opium Survey - Summary Findings (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/crop-monitoring/Afghanistan/Afghan_report_Summary_Findings_2013.pdf

Opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan rose 36 per cent in 2013, a record high, according to the 2013 Afghanistan Opium Survey released on 13 November 2013 in Kabul by the Ministry of Counter Narcotics and UNODC. Meanwhile, opium production amounted to 5,500 tons, up by almost a half since 2012.

Africa Adaptation Gap Report (UNEP)

<http://unep.org/pdf/AfricaAdapatationGapreport.pdf>

Africa faces huge financial challenges in adapting to climate change that spells out the costs faced by the continent if Governments fail to close the "emissions gap" to keep warming below 2°C. Adaptation costs for Africa could reach approximately \$350 billion annually by 2070 should the 2-degree target be significantly exceeded, while the cost would be around \$150 billion lower per year if the target was to be met.

Global Tuberculosis Report 2013 (WHO)

http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global_report/en/index.html

The eighteenth global report on tuberculosis provides a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic and progress in implementing and financing TB prevention, care and control at global, regional and country levels using data reported by 197 countries and territories that account for over 99% of the world's TB cases.

HIV and Aging – a special supplement to global AIDS epidemic report for 2013 (UNAIDS)

http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2013/20131101_JC2563_hiv-and-aging_en.pdf

The United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has released a supplement to the 2013 UNAIDS Report on the global AIDS epidemic focused on the issue HIV and aging.

State of the World Population 2013: Motherhood in Childhood - Facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy (UNFPA)

English & French: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp>

Motherhood in childhood is a huge global problem, especially in developing countries, where every year 7.3 million girls under 18 give birth. Of these 7.3 million births, 2 million are to girls 14 or younger, who suffer the gravest long-term health and social consequences from pregnancy, including high rates of maternal death and obstetric fistula.

UNEP Synthesis Report "The Emissions Gap Report 2013"

Report & Executive Summary: <http://www.unep.org/publications/ebooks/emissionsgapreport2013/>

The Report, involving 44 scientific groups in 17 countries, finds that although pathways exist that could reach the 2°C target with higher emissions, not narrowing the gap will exacerbate mitigation challenges after 2020.

Women and Natural Resources: Unlocking the Peacebuilding Potential (UNEP / UN Women / UNDP / PBSO) http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/UNEP_UN-Women_PBSO_UNDP_gender_NRM_peacebuilding_report.pdf

Published jointly by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equity and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), this report is the product of a two-year collaboration between the four partners to: (i) improve the understanding of the complex relationship between women and natural resources in conflict-affected settings, and (ii) make the case for pursuing gender equality, women's empowerment and sustainable natural resource management together in support of peacebuilding.

Human Rights

How to Follow Up on United Nations Human Rights Recommendations: A Practical Guide for Civil Society (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/AboutUs/CivilSociety/HowtoFollowUNHRRRecommendations.pdf>

This new guide describes methods and activities that civil society actors can use to promote the implementation of human rights recommendations as well as existing follow-up procedures and practices of UN human rights mechanisms and how civil society can participate. Complemented by real experiences contributed by civil society actors and OHCHR field presences, the Guide offers a menu of options from which civil society actors can select on the basis of their own priorities and capacity.

Mainstreaming Human Rights in Development: Stories from the field (United Nations Development Group)

http://issuu.com/undevgroup/docs/undg_human_rights_case_studies?e=4575477/4892382

The publication describes how human rights principles and mechanisms have been incorporated successfully into national development processes drawing on the convening power of the UN, its normative role and its impartiality, explains the work of six UN country teams, made up of many different agencies, that has yielded positive results in such diverse areas as prison reform, addressing discrimination, and integrating human rights in local water and sanitation development planning.

One-pagers on human rights issues

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has produced a series of one-pagers that provide concise and practical information on complex human rights issues:

- Core human rights in the two Covenants: <http://is.gd/YamsUf>
- Death penalty: <http://is.gd/zg2ygm>
- Free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples: <http://is.gd/qQQI2H>
- Gender-related killings of women and girls: <http://is.gd/oD95Iz>
- Maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights: <http://is.gd/9numYB>
- National action plans against racial discrimination: <http://is.gd/lcBfj1>
- Participation of minorities in policing: <http://is.gd/p9xt3F>
- Trafficking in persons: <http://is.gd/qj8fUi>
- Transitional justice: <http://is.gd/KRDmBd>
- Xenophobia: <http://is.gd/4OYh76>

Realizing Women's Rights to Land and Other Productive Resources (OHCHR / UN Women)

<http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/Library/Publications/2013/11/OHCHR-UNWomen-land-rights-handbook-WEB%20pdf.pdf>

The report argues that women's rights to land are directly linked to global food security and sustainable development. There are also gender-specific problems that can be addressed through secure land rights, such as protection against violence and HIV.

New information material

United Nations Handbook 2013-14 – An annual guide for those working with and within the United Nations.

Online version: <http://mfat.govt.nz/downloads/media-and-publications/UN-Handbook-2013-web%20PDF.pdf>

NEW TITLES **added to the library collection in November**

I. Trade, Finance and Commerce

The Least Developed Countries Report 2013: Growth with employment for inclusive and sustainable development.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. xiii, 184 p. (UNCTAD/LDC/2013)

Sales No. E.13.II.D.1. ISBN 978-92-1-112864-2.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/lcdc2013_en.pdf

II. Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Assessing Progress in Africa toward the Millennium Development Goals: MDG Report 2013; Food security in Africa: Issues, challenges and lessons.

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. 2013. xviii, 124 p.

Online version: http://www.uneca.org/sites/default/files/publications/mdgreport2013_eng.pdf

MDG report 2013: assessing progress in Africa toward the Millennium Development Goals: food security in Africa: issues, challenges and lessons: summary.

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. 2013. 25 p.

Online version: http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/MDG/english/MDG%20Regional%20Reports/Africa/MDG%20report%202013%20summary_EN.pdf

III. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

The State of the World Population 2013: Motherhood in Childhood; Facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy.

United Nations. New York. 2013. xii, 116 p.

Sales No. E.13.III.H.1. ISBN 978-0-89714-014-0.

Online version: <http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/swp2013/EN-SWOP2013-final.pdf>

IV. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Realizing the Right to Development: Essays in Commemoration of 25 Years of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. xxiv, 553 p. (HR/PUB/12/4).

Sales No. E.12.XIV.1. ISBN 978-92-1-154194-6.

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/RightDevelopmentInteractive_EN.pdf

V. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

"Children and AIDS: Sixth Stocktaking Report, 2013": This sixth stocktaking report focuses on the response to HIV and AIDS among children in low and middle-income countries. The Children and AIDS: 6th Stocktaking Report is done by UNICEF, in collaboration with the 10 other UNAIDS co-sponsors

Online version:
http://www.unaids.org/en/media/unaids/contentassets/documents/unaidspublication/2013/20131129_stocktaking_report_children_aids_en.pdf

VI. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 91, Issue 11, November 2013, p. 797-896.

Special theme: human resources for universal health coverage.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/11/en/>

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