



UNIC Library Newsletter – January 2014

New websites within the UN system

UN in General

2014 Educational Calendar - "The United Nations Making a Difference"

<http://is.gd/Kykkzj>

An English version of this calendar has been published in electronic format on ISSUU, a free digital publishing platform. This illustrated calendar highlights the many ways in which the United Nations works every day to improve the lives of people around the world. It highlights 24 areas of UN action in peace and security, economic development, social development, human rights, the environment, international law, humanitarian affairs and health. The calendar includes official UN observances along with facts and figures about significant UN achievements, and features the new UN system chart.

Year in Review 2013 Video

English: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nntbLKgGajw>

French: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGp2KGpcE8I>

2013 - Amid continuing turmoil and crises, it was a year of major strides for diplomacy as the United Nations worked to negotiate peace, instill hope and define a sustainable future for all.

Assessment of Member States' advances to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 and contributions to the United Nations regular budget for 2014 (ST/ADM/SER.B/889, 27 December 2013)

English & French: <http://undocs.org/ST/ADM/SER.B/889>

Further information: Committee on Contributions

website: <http://www.un.org/en/qa/contributions/budget.shtml>

ESCAP launches digitized version of intellectual history

<http://www.unescap.org/publications/survey/>

For the first time in the nearly seven decades of its existence, the work of staff at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) from over 60 years has been compiled, digitized and made available online. The "Intellectual History Project" launched on 19 December in Bangkok provides digital versions of the "ahead-of-the-curve" regional socio-economic analyses ESCAP has been providing to Asia-Pacific policymakers since the Second World War.

The ESCAP Intellectual History Project will provide policy practitioners and academics access to analysis and advice contained in past editions of the annual ESCAP flagship publication Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific (Survey) starting with the first edition published in 1948 by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) as ESCAP was known until 1973.

UNESCO Open Access Repository (OAR)

English: <http://en.unesco.org/open-access/>

French: <http://fr.unesco.org/open-access/>

UNESCO has launched its Open Access Repository (OAR) making more than 300 on-line books, reports, and articles freely available.

Peace and Security

'Counterfeit: Don't buy into organized crime' (UNODC campaign)

English: <http://www.unodc.org/counterfeit/>

French: <http://www.unodc.org/counterfeit/fr/index.html>

A new global campaign has been launched on 14 January 2014 by UNODC to raise awareness among consumers of the \$250 billion a year illicit trafficking of counterfeit goods. The campaign - 'Counterfeit: Don't buy into organized crime' - informs consumers that buying counterfeit goods could be funding organized criminal groups, puts consumer health and safety at risk and contributes to other ethical and environmental concerns.

Geneva Conference on Syria Montreux, 22 January 2014 - Geneva, 24 January 2014

English: <http://is.gd/S74Lyf>

French: <http://is.gd/IKtwBn>

The Conference will convene under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General, first in an international high-level format at Montreux, Switzerland, on 22 January 2014. Negotiations between the two Syrian parties, facilitated by Joint Special Representative Brahimi, will start at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 24 January 2014.

The UN Constitutional: A Newsletter on United Nations Constitutional Support

<http://peacemaker.un.org/launch-UN-Constitutional-newsletter>

The UN Constitutional showcases the organization's constitutional assistance and introduces original content on related subjects, as well as offering innovative tools and resources to constitution-makers. The objective is to facilitate information-sharing, collaboration and cross-learning between the various UN entities that work on constitutional matters, thereby bolstering the organization's constitutional assistance.

The newsletter is being produced by the Department of Political Affairs, in partnership with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Development Programme, the UN Children's Fund and UN Women.

UN Peacekeeping 2013 Year in Review

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/news/yir2013.shtml#timeline>

The Public Affairs Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, in cooperation with DPI, has launched the online UN Peacekeeping 2013 'Year in Review' looking back at a historic year for UN Peacekeeping. This interactive timeline reflects the events around the world where UN Peacekeeping has been working to stabilize countries after conflict, protect civilians, assist with elections, support the development of rule of law, and more. We encourage you to put it on your websites and link it to your social media accounts.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 30 November 2013 (DPI/1634/Rev.151, December 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 November 2013 (DPI/2166/Rev.125, December 2013)

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

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

Economic & Social Development

Global Economic Prospects (World Bank)

Full report in English, Executive Summary in English & French:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/global-economic-prospects>

The world economy is projected to strengthen this year, with growth picking up in developing countries and high-income economies appearing to be finally turning the corner five years after the global financial crisis, says the World Bank's new "Global Economic Prospects (GEP)" report released on 14 January 2014.

Global Employment Trends 2014: Risk of a jobless recovery? (ILO)

Report in English: <http://is.gd/djvR9z>

Executive Summary in English & French: <http://is.gd/BvJWVN>

The weak global economic recovery has failed to lead to an improvement in global labour markets, with global unemployment in 2013 reaching almost 202 million. The report said employment growth remains weak, unemployment continues to rise, especially among young people, and large numbers of discouraged potential workers are still outside the labor market. The study offers the latest global and regional information and projections on several indicators of the labor market, including employment, unemployment, working poverty and vulnerable employment.

Islands of the Future – Building resilience in a changing world (UNESCO)

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002245/224512e.pdf>

This 40-page booklet highlights UNESCO activities in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) covering the period from 2006-2013. The present booklet is a collective effort of UNESCO's five programme sectors at headquarters and in the field offices of Apia, Dakar, Dar-es-Salaam, Doha, Havana, Jakarta, Kingston, Yaoundé, Nairobi, New Delhi and Port-au-Prince.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2014 (DESA)

Report in English, Summary in English &

French: <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/index.shtml>

The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2014 reports that the global economy is improving but remains vulnerable to new and old headwinds. Global economic growth is forecast to accelerate from a sluggish 2.1 per cent in 2013 to 3.0 per cent in 2014 and 3.3 per cent in 2015. The report warns of the risks associated with the upcoming unwinding of quantitative easing programs in major developed economies.

Human Rights

The Assembly and Association Briefing: Newsletter for the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

<http://freeassembly.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/UNSR-Maina-Kiai-newsletter-Jan.-2014-Vol.-1-Iss.-1-full.pdf>

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B6XUJ0SW4C68dIFVNFpRT05DQ28/edit?pli=1>

The first issue of the periodic newsletter on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association is now available.

“Like a Bird with Broken Wings”: Afghan Women Oral History, 1978-2008 (UN Women)

<http://is.gd/MhGj1K>

The untold stories of Afghan women who have suffered great violence in the past three decades of the country's turbulent history have been documented by UN Women in a report produced by its Country office in Afghanistan. The report provides a “voice to those denied a place in official history” and chronicles the personal memories and recollections of women who have either experienced sexual and physical violence, witnessed that of a close family member, or indirectly suffered as a consequence of it, during the years of conflict.

Neglect, Abuse and Violence against Older Women (DSPD/DESA)

<http://undesadspd.org/Publications/tabid/83/news/390/Default.aspx>

This publication, issued by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), together with its focal point on ageing in the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), provides an overview of the current state of knowledge about the abuse of older women and the preventive measures for addressing the issue. The report also gives an overview of main approaches to addressing mistreatment and key interventions – including policies and programmes for the protection of older women who are victims of abuse – along with outcomes, where evaluations have been completed.

Humanitarian Affairs

After Yolanda: what children think, need and recommend (UNICEF/Save the Children/Plan/World Vision)

<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/after-yolanda-english.pdf>

Children must be central to recovery plans after the devastating Philippines storm, a new report released on 20 December finds. Nearly 6 million children have been caught up in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan – accounting for 41% of those affected. Yet the study by leading children’s charities revealed no systematic effort to canvass or have their views heard.

Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan: A guide to inter-agency humanitarian action in the Pacific (OCHA)

The Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment (MIRA II) was conducted between the 3rd and the 10th of December, 2013 to supplement the information obtained in the Multi-Cluster Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA I) conducted in November, 2013. While the MIRA I aimed to provide information about impacts at the community level, the second assessment aimed to better understand impacts at the household level.

Second International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria Kuwait City, 15 January 2014

<http://www.unocha.org/syria-humanitarian-pledging-conference>

The humanitarian situation in Syria and the condition for refugees in neighboring countries continue to deteriorate. More than 9 million Syrians now need assistance, including 6.5 million people displaced inside their own country who are struggling to survive and cope with the crisis. More than 2.2 million more people have fled Syria since January 2012, seeking refuge in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt.

The 2nd Pledging Conference, which took place in Kuwait City on 15 January, aimed to rally international financial support to meet the basic humanitarian needs of affected communities.

UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2013

<http://unhcr.org/52af08d26.html>

Since the start of 2012, millions of people have become refugees or internally displaced persons (IDPs), and already the first half of 2013 has been one of the worst periods for forced displacement in decades. By the middle of the year, the size of UNHCR’s population of concern reached an all-time high. With figures continuing to rise during the second half of the year, notably in the Syrian Arab Republic, refugee and IDP year-end numbers are likewise expected to be at record highs.

New information materials

Africa Renewal: “The Sahel: Time for Global Action”

December 2013. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/december-2013>

Afrique Renouveau: « Sahel: le monde se mobilise »

Décembre 2013. 35 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/fr/magazine/decembre-2013>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in January

I. General Information and Reference

UN Chronicle. Volume L, Number 4, 2013: “Education”. 47 p.

Online version: <http://unchronicle.un.org/issue/education/>

II. Trade, Finance and Commerce

Review of Maritime Transport, 2013: Report by the UNCTAD secretariat.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. Xv, 184 p. (UNCTAD/RMT/2013)

Sales No. E.13.II.D.9. ISBN 978-92-1-054195-4.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/publicationslibrary/rmt2013_en.pdf

UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2013 / Manuel de Statistiques de la CNUCED 2013.

United Nations / Nations Unies. New York and Geneva / New York et Genève. 2013. Xlii, 478 p. (plus CD-ROM). (TD/STAT/38)

Sales No. B.13.II.D.4. 978-92-1-012076-0.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdstat38_en.pdf

III. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

HUMANITY DIVIDED: Confronting inequality in developing countries, Nov. 2013. United Nations, New York. ISBN No. 978-92-1-126367-1

http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/Poverty%20Reduction/Inclusive%20development/Humanity%20Divided/HumanityDivided_Full-Report.pdf

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