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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

For 2014 The General Assembly has declared the following international years:

International Year of Family Farming, 2014
English: http://www.fao.org/family-farming-2014/en/
French: http://www.fao.org/family-farming-2014/home/fr/

International Year of Crystallography, 2014
English: http://www.iycr2014.org/
French: http://www.aicr2014.fr/

International Year of Small Island Developing States, 2014
declared by Resolution 67/206
English & French: http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/206

International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, 2014
Press release GA/11460: http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/ga11460.doc.htm

UNEP Knowledge Repository
http://www.unep.org/publications/
The new UNEP Knowledge Repository is the official platform of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for sharing its research content and knowledge products.
The repository provides open access to UNEP's publications, technical and assessment reports, guidelines, newsletters, journal articles and other types of information material. It aims to improve the visibility of UNEP's body of published work among governments, scientists, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, students and the public.

Peace and Security

The Role of Natural Resources in Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration - Addressing Risks and Seizing Opportunities (UNEP / UNDP)
http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/UNEP_UNDP_NRM_DDR.pdf
Natural resources, such as land, forests and minerals, can help create jobs, rebuild economic livelihoods and reintegrate former combatants in war-torn countries - but only if they are managed properly. In many conflict-affected societies, natural resources are used to fuel and finance armed groups, yet they can also be used to bring about sustainable peace.

Human Rights

Every Child's Birth Right: Inequities and trends in birth registration (UNICEF)
http://is.gd/5dx8RJ
Registering children at birth is the first step in securing their recognition before the law, safeguarding their rights, and ensuring that any violation of these rights does not go unnoticed.

The Human Right to Adequate Food in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition: A Global Consensus (FAO)

http://www.fao.org/docrep/019/i3546e/i3546e.pdf
This publication documents the consensus reached in the context of the GSF with respect to recommendations that are particularly interesting from a right to food perspective. It builds largely on agreed language from the GSF as a basis for advocacy and information work.

A Passport to Protection: A guide to birth registration programming (UNICEF)
http://is.gd/5dx8RJ
Registering a child's birth is a critical first step towards safeguarding lifelong protection. Approximately 230 million children under the age of 5 have not had their births registered. Between 2000 and 2010 global birth registration levels rose only slightly, from 58 per cent to 65 percent.

Report by the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office on the violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms committed during the electoral period in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as on the actions taken by Congolese Authorities in response to these violations, October 2011 – November 2013
English: http://is.gd/W27qCl
French: http://is.gd/edljgn
A UN report released on 11 December 2013 reveals that while Congolese authorities have taken some measures to ensure accountability for human rights violations committed during the electoral period in 2011, much remains to be done. The report calls for measures to be taken to ensure that upcoming elections will take place in a peaceful climate, in an environment conducive to the respect for human rights.

A Way to Go: An Update on Implementation of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women in Afghanistan (UNAMA / OHCHR)
http://is.gd/NJk5xz
Afghan authorities registered an increased number of reported acts of violence against women and girls in the past year, but prosecutions and convictions under a landmark law remained low with most cases settled by mediation. While registration of reported incidents such as forced marriage, domestic violence and rape increased by 28 per cent in 16 provinces since the previous year, the use of the law on the Elimination of Violence against Women (EVAW) as a basis for indictment increased by only two per cent.

Overview of Global Humanitarian Response 2014 (OCHA)
http://www.unocha.org/cap/appeals/overview-global-humanitarian-response-2014
The strategic response plans for 2014 of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) set out in this document are based on a systematic and focused assessment and analysis of humanitarian needs to build a solid evidence base for comprehensive humanitarian action. In the coming months, we will seek further improvements including monitoring frameworks for each major crisis and revamped methods for determining funding requirements and tracking the use of resources.

World Humanitarian Data and Trends 2013 (OCHA)
http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/WHDT_2013%20WEB.pdf
The annual publication presents global and country-level data and trends analysis on humanitarian crises and assistance.

International Law
UN War Crimes Commission's archive now available in the ICC Legal Tools Database
http://www.legal-tools.org/en/what-are-the-icc-legal-tools/
The ICC Legal Tools Database has made available virtually all of the unrestricted records

of the United Nations War Crimes Commission (UNWCC), including its Far Eastern and Pacific Sub-Commission, and its three committees. More than 2,240 UNWCC documents, totaling 22,184 pages, with search data for each document, have been added to the ICC Legal Tools Database. The records include meeting minutes from the Commission and its subordinate bodies, their working documents, and materials from the Research Office (which contain the Office's own reports and reports from national and Allied authorities). Also included are a small but wide-ranging portion of the war crimes trial reports sent to the Commission by national authorities (Australia, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, the Netherlands and Norway). The UNWCC documents shed light on the historical origins of international criminal law. The Commission operated from 1943 to 1948 and played an important role in preparing the ground for war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Tokyo, and other locations following World War II.

UN Women Constitutional Database
http://constitutions.unwomen.org/
This website compiles all the different provisions related to gender contained in constitutions in countries around the world, available in the original language, along with English translations. The database can be searched by keywords, provisions, regions or countries.

New information material

The South Africa - United Nations Strategic Cooperation Framework (UNSCF) 2013-2017
United Nations, South Africa, 2013
Online version: http://www.safpi.org/news/article/2013/south-africa-un-strategic-cooperation-framework

NEW TITLES
added to the library collection in December

I.   Trade, Finance and Commerce
Information Economy Report 2013: The Cloud Economy and Developing Countries.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2013. xvi, 118 p. (UNCTAD/IER/2013)
Sales No. E.13.II.D.6. ISBN 978-92-1-112869-7.
Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ier2013_en.pdf

II.   United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
State of the World's cities 2012/2013: Prosperity of cities
UN-Habitat, Nairobi Kenya.
ISBN123:978-0-415-83888-7
Online version: http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/745habitat.pdf
Planning and design for sustainable urban mobility: Global report on human settlements 2013
Online version: http://www.unhabitat.org/pmss/listItemDetails.aspx?publicationID=3503

Planning and design for sustainable mobility; Policy directions: Global report on human settlements 2013
Online version: http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?catid=555&typeid=19&cid=12336

III.   World Health Organization (WHO)
Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 91, Issue 12, December 2013, p. 897-972.
Special theme: human resources for universal health coverage.
Online version: http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/91/12/en/

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