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New websites within the UN system

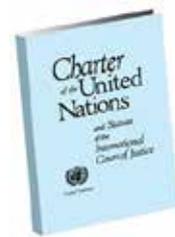
UN in General

Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice

English: http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/charter_eng

French: http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/charter_french

The “blue booklets” with the full text of the UN Charter and the ICJ Statute are now available in all official languages on Issuu.



Universal Declaration of Human Rights

English: <http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/dpi876r5isbn9789210553964>

French: <http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/dpi876r5isbn9789210553971f>

The booklets with the full text of the UN Charter and the ICJ Statute are now also available in all official languages on Issuu.



Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guide: “International Day of Happiness: Measuring Well-Being”

<http://research.un.org/en/happiness>

The General Assembly has proclaimed 20 March the International Day of Happiness (resolution 66/281) recognizing the relevance of happiness and well-being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world and the importance of their recognition in public policy objectives. The research on well-being – sometimes called happiness studies – can be found in a wide-range of fields including economics, business, psychology, sociology, political science, and education.

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guide: “Women, Youth and the Civil Society: Post-2015 Development Agenda”

<http://research.un.org/en/youth2015>

For the High-Level Event of the General Assembly: “The Contributions of Women, the Young and Civil Society to the Post-2015 Development Agenda that took place in New York on 6-7 March 2014, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library has issued this research guide. The High-level event addressed the themes of equality, inclusiveness and participation, as they relate to the overarching goal of poverty eradication, including a number of cross-cutting rights-based issues relevant to women and the young, and provide an opportunity to address the contribution of civil society to the shaping and future implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

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Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly: 67th Session (2012-2013)

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/docs/ITP/list.htm>

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library has just released a new electronic issue of the Index to Proceedings for the 2012-2013 session of the General Assembly. Copies can be downloaded in .pdf format.

Peace and Security

Security Council Concept Note: Open Debate on Children and Armed Conflict (7 March 2014)

English and French: <http://undocs.org/S/2014/144>

The Security Council held an open debate on "children and armed conflict" on 7 March 2014. In order to help steer the discussion on the subject, Luxembourg has prepared this concept note.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 January 2014 (DPI/1634/Rev.153, February 2014)

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 January 2014 (DPI/2166/Rev.127, February 2014)

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

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

Economic and Social Affairs

Building Natural Capital: How REDD+ Can Support a Green Economy (IRP / UN-REDD Programme)

Report: <http://is.gd/Zlpdka>

Infographics: <http://is.gd/fWcmEW>

Facts and figures: <http://is.gd/t5u9N5>

The report outlines how integrating REDD+ programmes into a Green Economy approach can conserve and even boost the economic and social benefits forests provide to human society. An investment of US \$30 billion per year - under 7 per cent of the US \$480 billion paid in annual global fossil fuel subsidies - in the REDD+ forest conservation initiative can accelerate the global transition to green and sustainable growth and ensure the long-term well-being of tens of millions in developing countries.

The Global Land Cover SHARE database (GLC-SHARE)

http://www.glc.org/databases/lc_glcshare_en.jsp

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) launched on 17 March 2014 a new database which gathers under one roof previously scattered information about land cover – how much land is covered by croplands, trees, forests, or bare soils – crucial to establishing a good global understanding of the physical characteristics of the Earth's surface.

UNFCCC -- 20 Years of Effort and Achievement

Key Milestones in the Evolution of International Climate Policy

<http://unfccc.int/timeline/>

Friday, 21 March 2014 marked the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. To mark the anniversary, the secretariat has prepared an interesting, informative and fun timeline.

The United Nations World Water Development Report 2014: Volume 1 - Water and Energy; Volume 2 - Facing the Challenges (UNESCO / UN Water)

<http://is.gd/N24fsM>

According to the 2014 World Water Development Report - released by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and UN Water - some 768 million people do not have access to an improved source of water, and 2.5 billion do not have access to appropriate sanitation. The report further reveals that places where people do not have adequate access to water largely coincide with those where people have no electric power.

Human Rights

Report of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (A/HRC/25/65, 12 February 2014)

English & French: <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/25/65>

Widespread attacks and sieges on civilian areas in Syria by pro-Government forces are leading to mass casualties, malnutrition and starvation, according to the latest report of the independent international Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, presented to the Human Rights Council on 18 March.

For the first time, the Commission has also identified specific non-State armed groups that have committed torture as a crime against humanity in Al-Raqqah governorate.

According to the report, the Security Council has failed to take action to end impunity. "Such inaction has provided the space for the proliferation of actors in Syria, each pursuing its own agenda and contributing to the radicalization and escalation of violence." The report calls on States that exert influence on the parties in Syria to ensure that these parties comply with the rules of international humanitarian law.

Humanitarian Affairs

Under Siege: The devastating impact on children of three years of conflict in Syria

English & French: http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_72815.html

Syria's children are living today through the most damaging conflict for children in the region's recent history. More than 5.5 million Syrian children now see their future besieged by war. It is estimated there are up to one million children who live under siege and in hard-to-reach areas that UNICEF and other humanitarian partners cannot access on a regular basis. This report takes stock of the impact that three years of violence and rights violations have had on children, and it assesses the longer-term crisis facing the region.



UNHCR Asylum Trends 2013: Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries

Report: <http://www.unhcr.org/5329b15a9.html>

Press release: <http://www.unhcr.org/532afe986.html>

There was a sharp rise in asylum claims in 44 industrialized countries over the course of last year, driven primarily by the crisis in Syria. 612,700 people applied for asylum in North America, Europe, East Asia and the Pacific last year - the highest total for any year since 2001.



International Law

DRAFT Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender Based Crimes (International Criminal Court, February 2014)

English: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/otp/OTP-draft-policy-paper-February2014-Eng.pdf>

French: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/otp/OTP-draft-policy-paper-February2014-Fra.pdf>

The Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has released draft Policy Paper on Sexual and Gender Based Crimes.

New information material

Africa Renewal: "Special Edition on Agriculture"

2014 Special Edition. 35 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/special-edition-agriculture-2014>

New titles added to the library collection in March

I General Information and Reference

Basic Facts about the United Nations 2014.

United Nations. New York. 2014. xix, 273 p. (DPI/2586)

Sales No. E.13.I.6. ISBN 978-92-1-101279-8.

Digital preview: http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/13i6isbn9789210561662_web

UN Chronicle, Volume L, Numéro 4, 2013 : « Éducation ». 44 p.

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

II. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Operation Sukuma Sakhe: Best practices report

UNAIDS Country office South Africa, 2013, 66p

III. United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)

Planning and design for sustainable urban mobility: Policy directions: Global report on human settlements 2013, abridged edition.

UN - HABITAT, Nairobi. 2013. 65 p.

ISBN 978-92-1-131929-3

IV. Demography

2009-2010 Demographic Yearbook / Annuaire démographique: Sixty-first issue/Soixante et unième édition.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2011. x, 812 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.R/40)

Sales No. B.12.XIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-051104-9.

Online version: <http://is.gd/RhKHGe>

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

Developing National Action Plans against Racial Discrimination: a practical guide.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. viii, 98 p. (HR/PUB/13/3)

Sales No. E.13.XIV.3. ISBN 978-92-1-154199-1.

Online version: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-13-03.pdf>

Transitional Justice and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. (HR/PUB/13/5)
Sales No. E.14.XIV.3. ISBN 978-92-1-154204-2.

Online version: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-13-05.pdf>

VI. World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 92, Issue 3, March 2014, p. 153-228.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/92/3/en/index.html>

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