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New UN websites & publications

UN in General

Looking ahead – 2015

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/looking-ahead-2015.htm>

This website – prepared by the UN Depository Libraries Service lists some of the main events that will take place at the United Nations in 2015, arranged in a thematic order: 70th Anniversary of the United Nations, Millennium Development Goals, Climate Change, Population, Economic Prospects, Youth, Africa, Human Rights, Disarmament, Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Arms Control, Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking. Their goal is to provide clients with an advance list, with information and direct links to useful resources (websites, research guides and documents) as they become available.



70 Years, 70 Documents: An Exhibit

<http://research.un.org/en/UN70>

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library is presenting an exploration of the seventy key documents that have shaped the United Nations and our world. The online exhibit - 70 Years, 70 Documents - showcases the vital documents of the United Nations. In the months leading up to the anniversary on 24 October 2015, the history of the Organization will be examined one decade at a time. Each month, new documents honouring the historic breadth of the UN's work in the areas of peace and security, development, and human rights will be revealed. Starting point are the preparatory documents that were the foundation on which the United Nations was built.

UN Audiovisual Library

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/avlibrary/>

It is one platform where you can find audio and video recordings of daily meetings and events coverage including press conferences, stakeouts and other events happening in New York or around the world. This website also offers selected historic audio, film or video recordings from a wide range of media from the UN audiovisual collection.

What is there: Audiovisual files can be searched by keywords, production date, categories, titles, series, abstract and other metadata. Audio files are available for download in mp3 format, while mp2 and WAV formats can be requested for and made available on-demand.

Streaming versions of video files in low-resolution, for viewing purposes only, are posted to the website as soon as possible following the end of the events. On-demand high-resolution video files are available for download upon request in various formats and codecs, based on client's requirements. The site already has information about over 25,000 titles and growing every day.

13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Doha, 12-19 April 2015)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/events/crimecongress2015/>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/events/crimecongress2015/>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/events/crimecongress2015/>

Every five years policy-makers and practitioners working in crime prevention and criminal justice gather for the United Nations Crime Congress to help shape the agenda and standards of the UN on crime prevention and criminal justice. The Doha Congress in 2015, which marks the 60th anniversary of the Crime Congress, will consider how best to integrate crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider UN agenda.



Year in Review 2014 Video

English: <http://un4.me/1xRHXjb>

French: <http://un4.me/1Iq95FR>

Spanish: <http://un4.me/1wq4pKk>

From the ongoing situation in Syria and Ukraine to the global effort to address the Ebola crisis and more, "Year in Review 2014" recaps the events which captured the international headlines and those in forgotten corners of the world. And it gives a glimpse of the day-to-day work of the organization - from the Climate Summit in New York to climate-resilient farming projects in Samoa, from air lifts to bring food to ever growing refugee camps to mobile class rooms in Sudan, where refugee children learn with the help of low cost tablets. Glimpses of hope while crises piled up.

Security Council Highlights 2014 (DPA)

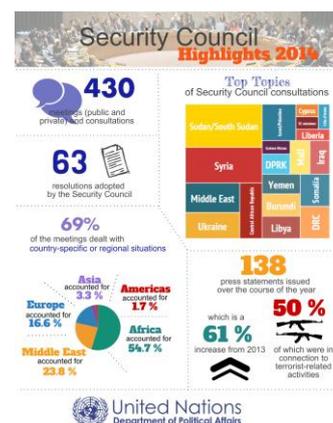
Report:

<http://www.un.org/en/sc/inc/pages/pdf/highlights/2014.pdf>

Infographic:

<http://un-dpa.tumblr.com/post/107606779464/the-security-council-met-263-times-an-increase-of>

The Security Council met 263 times, an increase of 36 per cent over the previous year. This is just one of the findings in the 2014 Highlights of Security Council Practice report produced by the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch in the Security Council Affairs Division of DPA.



Peace and Security

The Arms Trade Treaty

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/>

The landmark Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), regulating the international trade in conventional arms - from small arms to battle tanks, combat aircraft and warships - entered into force on 24 December 2014.

Security Council Concept Note: Open debate on inclusive development for the maintenance of international peace and security”, 19 January 2015

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2015/6>

The Security Council held an open debate at the ministerial level entitled “Inclusive development for the maintenance of international peace and security” on 19 January 2015. The Security Council President for the month of January, Chile, had prepared this concept note.



UN Peacekeeping 2014 Year in Review

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/news/yir2014.shtml>

UN Peacekeepers serve in some of the most difficult and dangerous situations around the globe. A lot can and does happen in a single year in the world of UN Peacekeeping. From starting up a new peacekeeping operation in the Central African Republic, to supporting the Global Ebola Response, to protecting civilians during the crisis in South Sudan, 2014 has been both challenging and rewarding for the men and women of UN Peacekeeping and the communities they serve. Explore the interactive timeline to see 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.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 December 2014 (DPI/1634/Rev.164, January 2015)

English: <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

French: <http://www.un.org/fr/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>

German: <http://www.unric.org/html/german/dpi1634dt.pdf>

UNRIC Library Backgrounder: Democratic Republic of the Congo

English - html: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/29605>

English - pdf: http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/drc_eng.pdf

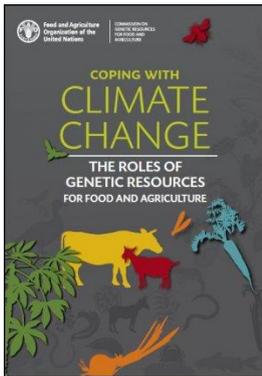
French - pdf: http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/drc_french.pdf

Video: Weapons of Mass Destruction - Threats and Global Responses

http://www.un.org/disarmament/education/Movies/wmd_1540/

UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) is a key international instrument to prevent the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction by non-State actors, in particular for terrorist purposes. The year 2014 marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of this effective global non-proliferation instrument. To commemorate the anniversary and to support the UN's outreach efforts, the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) have co-produced a feature story - as a part of UNTV series "21st Century"- on the dangers of weapons of mass destruction and on the efforts by the international community to respond to the threats posed by the proliferation of these weapons by non-State actors.

Economic & Social Development



Coping with climate change: the roles of genetic resources for food and agriculture (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i3866e.pdf>

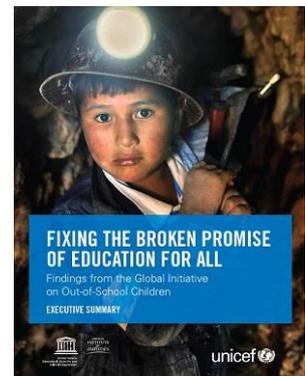
Genetic resources have a critical role to play in feeding the world - especially as climate change advances faster than expected -and much more needs to be done to study, preserve and utilize the biological diversity that underpins world food production. In the coming decades, millions of people whose livelihoods and food security depend on farming, aquaculture, fishing, forestry and livestock keeping are likely to face unprecedented climatic conditions. Crops, livestock, forest trees and aquatic organisms capable of surviving and producing in a changing climate will be needed.

Fixing the Broken Promise of Education for All: Findings from the Global Initiative on Out-of-School Children (UNESCO / UNICEF)

Report in English, Executive Summary in English, French and Spanish:

<http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/oosci-global-report.aspx>

Around 63 million adolescents between the ages of 12 to 15 years old are denied their right to an education. Globally, 1 in 5 adolescents is not in school compared to 1 in 11 primary school-age children. So adolescents are twice as likely to be out of school as their younger counterparts. The report also shows that as children get older, the risk that they will never start school or will drop out increases. In total, 121 million children and adolescents have either never started school or dropped out despite the international community's promise to achieve Education for All by 2015.



Fostering Freedom Online: the Role of Internet Intermediaries (UNESCO)

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002311/231162e.pdf>

With the rise of Internet intermediaries that play a mediating role on the internet between authors of content and audiences, UNESCO took a joint initiative to examine this recent historical phenomenon and how it impacts on freedom of expression and associated fundamental rights such as privacy.

Global status report on noncommunicable diseases 2014 (WHO)

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/148114/1/9789241564854_eng.pdf

Urgent government action is needed to meet global targets to reduce the burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), and prevent the annual toll of 16 million people dying prematurely – before the age of 70 – from heart and lung diseases, stroke, cancer and diabetes. By investing just US\$ 1-3 dollars per person per year, countries can dramatically reduce illness and death from NCDs. Most premature NCD deaths are preventable. Of the 38 million lives lost to NCDs in 2012, 16 million or 42% were premature and avoidable – up from 14.6 million in 2000.

Trade in Fishing Services: Emerging Perspectives on Foreign Fishing Arrangements (World Bank)

<http://un4.me/14nIT1g>

The report provides guidance to developing coastal countries in identifying the means to secure optimal, equitable, and sustainable returns from foreign fishing arrangements, or FFAs, particularly ensuring that they are underpinned by effective national management systems. It also seeks to encourage DWF or flag states to adopt responsible policies and practices with regard to the behaviour and activities of their fleets.

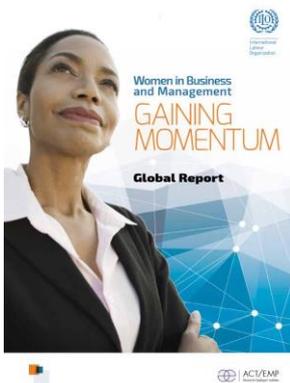
Women in Business and Management: Gaining momentum (ILO)

Report in English:

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/WCMS_316450/lang--en/index.htm

Summary in English, French & Spanish:

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/WCMS_334882/lang--en/index.htm



While women are still under-represented in top management, the number of women in senior and middle management positions has increased over the last 20 years, a new study by the ILO Bureau for Employers' Activities released on 12 January 2015 finds.

All-male company boards are still common but are decreasing in number, with women attaining 20 per cent or more of all board seats in a handful of countries. A global survey quoted in the study shows that Norway has the highest global proportion of companies (13.3 per cent) with a woman as company board chairperson, followed by Turkey (11.1 per cent).

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015

Report in English, Executive Summary in English, French & Spanish:

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

Global economic growth is forecast to increase marginally over the next two years at 3.1 per cent in 2015 and 3.3 per cent in 2016, compared with an estimated growth of 2.6 per cent for 2014. An expected US interest rate increase, remaining euro area fragility, a further slowdown in developing economies and geopolitical conflicts pose major concerns for the global economic outlook.

World Employment and Social Outlook - Trends 2015

Report in English, Summary in English, French & Spanish:

http://www.ilo.org/global/research/global-reports/weso/2015/WCMS_337069/lang--en/index.htm

Formerly entitled Global Employment Trends, the World Employment and Social Outlook – Trends 2015 includes a forecast of global unemployment levels and explains the factors behind this trend, including continuing inequality and falling wage shares. It looks at the drivers of the rising middle class in the developing world as well as the risk of social unrest, especially in areas of elevated youth unemployment. The report addresses structural factors shaping the world of work, including an aging population and shifts in the skills sought by employers.

UN Global Compact Guide to Corporate Sustainability: Shaping a Sustainable Future

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/guide_to_corporate_sustainability.html

Corporate sustainability is imperative for business today – essential to long-term corporate success and for ensuring that markets deliver value across society. This guide lays out five defining features of corporate sustainability, which the Global Compact asks businesses to strive towards – looking at why each element is essential, how business can move forward and what the Global Compact is doing to help.

Human Rights

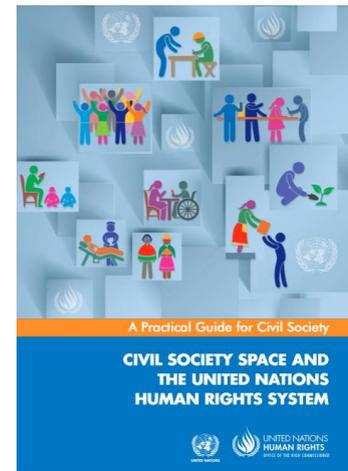
Civil Society Space and the United Nations Human Rights System: A Practical Guide for Civil Society (OHCHR)

English: <http://un4.me/1BHJjdv>

French: <http://un4.me/1417Grw>

Spanish: <http://un4.me/1HMLxfS>

At its essence, civil society work, irrespective of its content, is about equitable redistribution of power and control over peoples' lives back to people themselves: raising awareness of issues; helping others articulate concerns; shaping laws and policies; pressing for accountability; providing support to groups at risk, etc. It is human rights work. And it is in the interests of all civil society actors to build awareness and solidarity on how to further promote and safeguard their space to work. Members States, the international community, and civil society together must acknowledge the value of civil society's contribution, build the capacity of marginalised ensure a place at the table for civil society actors, and safeguard their activities. OHCHR, with input from civil society, has put together a short, simple guide for civil society to explain: - concepts of civil society, and civil society space; - elements for promoting space; - challenges faced by civil society actors; - how issues of shrinking space may be brought to the attention of UN mechanisms; and a - list of useful links and documents.



Update on Violations of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law during the Ongoing Violence in Libya, 23 December 2014 (UNSMIL / OHCHR)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/LY/UNSMIL_OHCHRJointly_report_Libya_23.12.14.pdf

Fighting in recent months between armed groups in western and eastern Libya, as well as in the south, has resulted in hundreds of civilian deaths, mass displacement and acute humanitarian conditions for those trapped in conflict zones, a new UN human rights report released on 23 December 2014 warns. The report published jointly by the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) and the UN Human Rights Office, documents indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas, the abduction of civilians, torture and reports of executions, as well as deliberate destruction of property, among other serious abuses and violations of international law in various parts of the country.

Humanitarian Affairs

Living in the Shadows: Jordan Home Visits Report 2014 (UNHCR)

<http://unhcr.org/jordan2014urbanreport/>

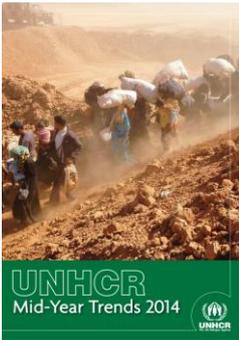
The report showed that two-thirds of Syrian refugees across Jordan are now living below the national poverty line, and one in six Syrian refugee households is in abject poverty, with less than \$40 per person per month to make ends meet. Almost half of the households researchers visited had no heating, a quarter had unreliable electricity, and 20 per cent had no functioning toilet. Rental costs accounted for more than half of household expenditures, and refugee families were increasingly being forced to share accommodations with others to reduce costs.



Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan 2015 – 2016: In Response to the Syria Crisis; Regional Strategic Overview (UNDP)

<http://www.undp.org/content/rbas/en/home/library/CPR/regional-strategic-overview/>

The 3RP brings together the plans developed under the leadership of national authorities - namely, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Iraq, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Lebanese Republic, and the Republic of Turkey – to ensure protection, humanitarian assistance and strengthen resilience. This Regional Strategic overview is a summary of the programme priorities and resource requirements of nearly 200 partners responding to the Syrian crisis in support of government priorities. The 3RP has the over-arching goals of ensuring protection and humanitarian assistance for refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria and other vulnerable communities, while building the resilience of individuals, families, communities and institutions in the most impacted countries.



UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2014

<http://unhcr.org/54aa91d89.html>

War in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere had uprooted an estimated 5.5 million people during the first six months of 2014, signalling a further rise in the number of people forcibly displaced. The report shows that of the 5.5 million who were newly displaced, 1.4 million fled across international borders becoming refugees, while the rest were displaced within their own countries. The number of people being helped by UNHCR stood at 46.3 million as of mid-2014 – some 3.4 million more than at the end of 2013 and a record high.

New information material

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail: info@unric.org

Africa Renewal: "Improving maternal health in Africa; Sustainable Development Goals promise for Africa; Special Coverage on Ebola: How people's lives are changing"
December 2014. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/december-2014>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in January

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2014 / Manuel de Statistiques de la CNUCED 2014.
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York and Geneva / New York et Genève. 2014.
xviii, 364 p. (plus CD-ROM). (TD/STAT/39)

Sales No. B.14.II.D.6. ISBN 978-92-1-012077-7.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdstat39_en.pdf

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

Planning and Design for Sustainable Urban Mobility: Global Report on Human Settlements 2013.

United Nations Human Settlements Programme. Nairobi. 2013. xxiv, 317 p.

ISBN 978-0-415-72318-3.

Online version: <http://unhabitat.org/planning-and-design-for-sustainable-urban-mobility-global-report-on-human-settlements-2013/>

Planning and Design for Sustainable Urban Mobility: Global Report on Human Settlements 2013; Abridged edition.

United Nations Human Settlements Programme. Nairobi. 2013. viii, 66 p.

ISBN 978-0-415-72319-0.

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Forum de comercio internacional, número 3, 2014. 39 p.

“El programa de desarrollo posterior a 2015”

Forum de comercio internacional, número 2, 2014. 41 p.

“50 años de comercio y desarrollo”

Online version: http://www.forumdecomercio.org/uploadedFiles/Common/Content/TradeForum/Home/TradeForum_2-2014_Spanish_Web.pdf

Forum de comercio internacional, número 1, 2014. 38 p.

“Comercia de servicios”

Forum du commerce international, número 3, 2014. 39 p.

« Programme de développement pour l'après-2015 »

Forum du commerce international, número 2, 2014. 41 p.

« 50 ans de commerce et développement »

Online version :

http://www.forumducommerce.org/uploadedFiles/Common/Content/TradeForum/Home/TradeForum_2-2014_French_Web%283%29.pdf

Forum du commerce international, número 1, 2014. 38 p.

« Commerce des services »

VIII Transport and Communications

Accord européen relative au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par voies de navigation intérieures (ADN) y compris le Règlement annexé en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2015 : Volume I.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2014. xxiii, 585 p. (ECE/TRANS/243 (Vol.I))

Sales No. F.14.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-239136-6.

Accord européen relative au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par voies de navigation intérieures (ADN) y compris le Règlement annexé en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2015 : Volume II.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2014. v, 454 p. (ECE/TRANS/243 (Vol.II))

Sales No. F.14.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-239136-6.

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) including the Annexed Regulations, applicable as from 1 January 2015: Volume I.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xxiii, 545 p. (ECE/TRANS/243 (Vol.I))
Sales No. E.14.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-139152-7.

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) including the Annexed Regulations, applicable as from 1 January 2015: Volume II.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. iv, 434 p. (ECE/TRANS/243 (Vol.II))
Sales No. E.14.VIII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-139152-7.

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

Women's Rights are Human Rights.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. iv, 117 p. (HR/PUB/14/2)

Sales No. E.14.XIV.5. ISBN 978-92-1-154206-6.

Online version: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-14-2.pdf>

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<http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library-newsletter>