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New websites within the UN system

UN in General



RIO+20
United Nations Conference
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UN News Centre Coverage

UN News Centre: Coverage of the Rio+20 Conference

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/html/rio/>

UN Digital micro website

<http://www.un.org/digital>

Ahead of Rio+20, UN Publications has launched UN Digital, a micro website highlighting major digital products and services from the UN. The site helps people discover UN content such as eBooks, apps, databases and the UN eCollection. In support of Rio+20, the site features content related to sustainable development.

Tracking Support for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) - new website of the Integrated Implementation Framework (IIF)

<http://iif.un.org>

This site records and monitors commitments made in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by UN Member States and other international stakeholders. Data is displayed through an interactive data visualization and mapping tool, raw datasets and searchable qualitative data entries.

Green Economy: A selection of recent material prepared by the UNOG Library

[http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/88137D498D3196C8C1257A1400223869/\\$file/GreenEconomy-bibliography.pdf](http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/88137D498D3196C8C1257A1400223869/$file/GreenEconomy-bibliography.pdf)

Peace and Security

CTBTO - revamped website

<http://www.ctbto.org/>

The Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Organization (CTBTO) has launched its revamped website. The design, structure and functionality have been optimized for enhanced user-friendliness. Video-audio content and multiple social media platforms have been integrated. It becomes 'one stop shop' for all information on ending nuclear testing.

Strengthening the Rule of Law in Crisis-affected and Fragile Situations: Global Programme Annual Report 2011 (UNDP)

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/crisis-prevention-and-recovery/rule-of-law-global-programme-annual-report-20110/>

Violent conflict has declined significantly in the past two decades, yet one and a half billion people still live in fragile or conflict-affected countries. Strengthening the rule of law in crisis-affected and fragile countries by providing people with security and justice will enable governments, communities and individuals to find solutions to conflict and allow men, women and children to live in transparent, accountable and just societies.

United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, 2-27 July 2012, New York

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/>

The dedicated UN website on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) negotiations went live on 7 June 2012. This website serves as the primary information platform regarding the historic United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty that will take place in New York from 2 – 27 July 2012. The Conference will begin with a high-level segment during which the attendance of government ministers and the Secretary-General of the United Nations is expected. The Conference aims to deliver on the most important initiative ever within the United Nations in the field of conventional arms regulation: a robust agreement on common standards regarding the international transfer of arms.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 May 2012

(DPI/1634/Rev.133, June 2012)

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 May 2012

(DPI/2166/Rev.107, June 2012)

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

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

United Nations Security Sector Reform

<http://unssr.unlb.org/>

<http://iseek.un.org/LibraryDocuments/2125-20120529161037582375.pdf>

This publication – published by the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) – is the first of its kind and describes the evolution of the UN SSR agenda and showcases activities being undertaken in the field and by the SSR Unit at Headquarters. The UN SSR Perspective was produced by DPKO's SSR Unit, which serves as the focal point and technical resource capacity for the UN system, as well as national and international partners. The SSR Unit focuses on three areas: it supports the rapidly expanding number of field Missions and Offices involved in assisting national SSR efforts. It develops guidance and fosters a normative basis for SSR. It co-chairs the UN Inter-agency SSR Task Force at the working level, and serves as its secretariat.

Economic & Social Development

Africa Report on New and Emerging Challenges (AU / ADB / UNDP / UNEP)

Report: http://www.uneca.org/eca_programmes/sdd/events/Rio20/cfssd/4AfricaNewEmergingChallengesReportEN.pdf

Summary: http://www.uneca.org/eca_programmes/sdd/events/Rio20/Reports/Africa%20Summary%20Report%20-%20New%20and%20emerging%20challenges%20Sept.pdf

Africa is home to about one quarter of the internationally recognized biodiversity hotspots whose resources are sustaining the livelihood of millions of people in Africa. Two-thirds of the population in sub Saharan Africa relies on products from the forests of the subregion while wild resources and non timber forest products provide up to 35 percent of rural household incomes in Zimbabwe and over 50 percent in Senegal.

Energy-Smart Food at FAO: An overview (FAO)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/an913e/an913e.pdf>

The report examined the linkages between energy and agrifood systems and their implications for food security and climate. The study recommended programme based on three pillars (1) improving energy efficiency in agrifood systems, (2) increasing the use of renewable energy in these systems and (3) improving access to modern energy services through integrated food and energy production.

Fundamental principles and rights at work: From commitment to action (ILO)

English, French, German and Spanish: http://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/101stSession/reports/reports-submitted/WCMS_176149/lang--en/index.htm

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has issued a report on the worldwide situation concerning its fundamental principles and rights of work – freedom of association and collective bargaining, forced and child labour and discrimination. It will be discussed at the 101st International Labour Conference, to be held between 30 May and 14 June 2012 in Geneva.

Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-5): Environment for the future we want

Report: http://www.unep.org/geo/pdfs/geo5/GEO5_report_full_en.pdf

Further resources, including regional summaries:

<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2688&ArticleID=9158&l=en>

The world continues to speed down an unsustainable path despite over 500 internationally agreed goals and objectives to support the sustainable management of the environment and improve human wellbeing. The report assessed 90 of the most-important environmental goals and objectives and found that significant progress had only been made in four.

Measuring Water use in a Green Economy (UNDP)

http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/Portals/24102/Measuring_Water.pdf

The report covers decoupling within integrated water resource management, including innovative approaches and technologies to maximise water-use efficiency and productivity gains in different sectors.

The State of the World's Forests 2012 (FAO)

English: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i2000e/i2000e00.htm>

French: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i2000f/i2000f00.htm>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i2000s/i2000s00.htm>

Sustainable use of forestry resources can make a significant contribution to meeting many of the core challenges being discussed in Rio, including reducing poverty and hunger, minimizing the impacts of climate change, and creating alternative and more sustainable sources of bio-products and bio-energy for human use.

Towards the future we want: End hunger and make the transition to sustainable agricultural and food systems (FAO at Rio+20)

English: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/an894e/an894e00.pdf>

French: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/an894f/an894f00.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/an894s/an894s00.pdf>

This policy document – issued by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) - urges governments to establish and protect rights to resources, especially for the poor; incorporate incentives for sustainable consumption and production into food systems; promote fair and well-functioning agricultural and food markets; reduce risks and increase the resilience of the most vulnerable; invest public resources in essential public goods, especially innovation and infrastructure.

UNEP South-South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism

http://hqweb.unep.org/south_south_cooperation/

What do a biomass project at a Kenyan sugar factory, sustainable mining in Sierra Leone and orang-utan conservation in the rainforests of Borneo have in common? All three are among a host of initiatives included in a new online database from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), which aims to strengthen partnerships between sustainable development projects in developing countries. The website was launched on 23 March 2012 during the 17th session of the United Nations High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation in New York. Governments, NGOs, research centres, civil society, academics, and others working on environmental issues in developing countries are invited to submit content to the database and share their expertise and experiences with peers. The first online portal of its kind, the South-South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism will also provide multimedia updates, a discussion forum and other interactive features. The initiative aims to improve access to information, best practices, methodologies, advisory services and training opportunities that can enable communities to better manage their natural resources and local environment.

Working towards sustainable development: Opportunities for decent work and social inclusion in a green economy (UNEP / ILO / IOE / ITUC)

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

http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/WCMS_181836/lang--en/index.htm

The transformation to a greener economy could generate 15 to 60 million additional jobs globally over the next two decades and lift tens of millions of workers out of poverty, according to a new report led by the Green Jobs Initiative. The study "Working towards sustainable development: Opportunities for decent work and social inclusion in a green economy " says that these gains will depend on whether the right set of policies are put in place.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012: Update as of mid-2012 (UN DESA)

http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/wesp_archive/2012wespupdate.pdf

The European debt crisis is currently the biggest threat to the world economy, according to a United Nations report released on 7 June 2012, which warns that the austerity measures followed by countries in the region will plunge them further into recession, and calls for a shift in fiscal policies to stimulate growth. "An escalation of the crisis could result in severe turmoil in financial markets and a sharp rise in global risk aversion, leading to a further weakening of global growth," states the WESP 2012 mid-year update.

Human Rights

Children and armed conflict (A/66/782-S/2012/261)

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/A/66/782>

The Secretary-General issued his annual report on children and armed conflict to the Security Council which gives an overview of the situation of girls and boys in conflict zones and measures taken for their protection. The report includes a list of parties who recruit and use children, kill and maim, commit sexual violence or attack schools and hospitals; the so-called "list of shame."

"2011 shows a mixed picture. While new crises erupted with a heavy toll on children such as in Syria, and also in Libya, violations against girls and boys have come to an end in other parts of the world," the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict Radhika Coomaraswamy said.

Report on Human Rights in Iraq: 2011 (UNAMI / OHCHR)

Report & Key findings: <http://unami.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2790&ctl=Details&mid=5079&ItemID=304088&language=en-US>

The human rights situation in Iraq remains fragile as the country continues its transition from years of dictatorship, conflict, and violence, to peace and democracy," states a United Nations report for 2011 on the human rights situation in Iraq prepared and published by the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) in cooperation with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The report recognizes that the Government of Iraq made some progress in implementing measures to protect and promote the human rights of the Iraqi people. However, the impact of these measures on the overall human rights situation remained limited.

Humanitarian Affairs

Global Trends Report 2011 (UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/4fd6f87f9.html>

The report shows 2011 to have been a record year for forced displacement across borders, with more people becoming refugees than at any time since 2000. In all, 4.3 million people were newly displaced, with a full 800,000 of these fleeing their countries and becoming refugees.

OCHA Annual Report 2011

<http://www.unocha.org/node/3216>

A wave of natural disasters and political upheaval in 2011 threatened tens of millions of lives. Earthquake and tsunami in Japan, disasters in Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Globally, natural disasters killed almost 26,000 people. The cumulative economic cost was US\$380 billion, making 2011 the most expensive year in history.

The State of the World's Refugees: In Search of Solidarity (UNHCR)

Report in English: <http://www.unhcr.org/publications/unhcr/sowr2012> or <http://www.unhcr.org/4fc5ceca9.html>

Summary in French: <http://www.unhcr.fr/4fc7257d9.html>

The number of displaced persons worldwide will significantly grow over the next ten years due to factors such as conflict, natural disasters and climate change, according to the flagship publication of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), launched on 31 May 2012, which stresses that international solidarity is needed to address the issue.

New information material

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

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Enero de 2012, Volumen XXXV, Boletín núm. 1.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 9 p.

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Abril de 2011, Volumen XXXIV, Boletín núm. 4.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 25 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/12-27748s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Marzo de 2011, Volumen XXXIV, Boletín núm. 3.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 27 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/12-27757s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, January 2012, Volume XXXV, Bulletin No. 1.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 6 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/2373D9C46B43A491852579B5006BCFF1>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, April 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 4.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 21 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/7BFD090E021BC9BE85257968005C513C>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, March 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin No. 3.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 23 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/7CE38368D9DFC4E885257937006B042C>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, janvier 2012, Volume XXXV, Bulletin n° 1.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 9 p.

Bulletin des activités du système des Nations Unies et d'autres organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, avril 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin n° 4.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 25 p.

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, mars 2011, Volume XXXIV, Bulletin n° 3.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 27 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/12-20818f.pdf>

United Nations Publications: Spring Summer 2012 Catalogue.

Online version: http://issuu.com/unpublications/docs/un_cat_sum_2012_web

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in June

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Economic Development in Africa Report 2012: Structural Transformation and Sustainable Development in Africa.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2012. ix, 149 p. (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2012)

Sales No. E.12.II.D.10. ISBN 978-92-1-112853-6.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/aldcafrica2012_embargo_en.pdf

III.B United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Africa Human Development Report 2012: Towards a Food Secure Future.

United Nations Development Programme. New York. 2012. xii, 176 p.

Sales No. E.12.III.B.7. ISBN 978-92-1-055606-4.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/HDR/Africa%20HDR/UNDP-Africa%20HDR-2012-EN.pdf>

Africa Human Development Report 2012: Towards a Food Secure Future; Summary.

United Nations Development Programme. New York. 2012. vii, 12 p.

Online version: <http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/HDR/Africa%20HDR/UNDP-Africa%20HDR-2012-Summary-EN.pdf>

Rapport sur le développement humain en Afrique – 2012: Vers une sécurité alimentaire durable; Résumé.

Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement. New York. 2012. ix, 14 p.

Online version:

http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/HDR/Africa%20HDR/French_AfHDR_summary.pdf

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

Disarmament forum, four, 2011: Confronting cyberconflict / Forum du désarmement,

quatre, 2011: Faire face aux cyberconflits (UNIDIR - United Nations Institut for Disarmament Research / Institut des Nations Unies pour la Recherche sur le Désarmement)

English online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2011-4-en

French online version: http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2011-4-fr

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 90, Number 6, June 2012, p. 401,476.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/6/en/>

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