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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

United Nations Day – 24 October 2010

United Nations Day in Brussels
http://www.unbrussels.org/

UN Day is devoted to highlighting the aims and achievements of the United Nations. This year’s UN Day focuses on the eight UN Millennium Development Goals (above) and follows on the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on 20-22 September 2010, which adopted a global action plan to achieve the eight goals by their 2015 target date.

Statistics Resource Guide (UNOG Library)
http://www.netvibes.com/unoglibrary-statistics#Home

The United Nations and its Specialized Agencies collect and publish a wide variety of statistical information on the topics related to the work of the organization. This guide will help you find resources focusing on statistical information. It provides links to major organizations and institutes and to relevant documents and databases. It also highlights the collections of the UNOG Library and UNCTAD on the topic of statistics - both print and online resources (books, articles, journals, and databases). Many of these resources contain full-text documents. In addition, key websites and web feeds (RSS) have been selected by your UNOG librarians to help you to keep up-to-date on this subject.

Temas mundiales

Aquí, en este sitio web, ofrecemos una visión general de algunos de los problemas mundiales únicos que un país por sí solo no puede solucionar de forma adecuada y que requieren esfuerzos de cooperación y le dirigimos a lugares en la red donde pueda obtener información adicional de cada tema.
Peacekeeping

Women and peace and security: Report of the Secretary-General (S/2010/498)
The latest report of the Secretary-General on Women and peace and security has been issued (S/2010/498). The report lists a range of initiatives recommended to the Security Council to consider ensuring a more effective implementation of resolution 1325 (2000).

Women Count for Peace: The 2010 Open Days on Women, Peace and Security (UNIFEM)
This report details women’s perspectives on resolving conflict and building peace more effectively, on improving efforts to protect women and promote peace.

Economic & Social Development

Early Childhood Care and Education Regional Report – Europe and North America (UNESCO)
Despite efforts to expand and improve education for children in the Roma community, the largest ethnic minority in Europe, an estimated 50 per cent fail to complete primary education, according to a report presented at the first World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education, taking place in Moscow. The regional report for Europe and North America states that “among all the European populations, the Roma are at greatest risk of being poor, uneducated and unemployed.” It points to European and national opinion surveys that show many European citizens have negative views about the Roma that are often based on stereotypes and prejudice dating back several centuries. There are an estimated 10 million members of the Roma community in Europe, according to the report.

Economic Diversification in Africa: A Review of Selected Countries (UN / AU / OECD)
This study, prepared by the African Union (AU), the UN Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (UN-OSAA) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), points out that global financial and economic crises exposed African economies’ dependence on too few export commodities and one or two sectors. It looks at how African governments can diversify their economies and begins by examining some of the major determinants of diversification and examines how the private sector plays a key role by being at the forefront of innovation, research and development and production.

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity: Mainstreaming the Economics of Nature: A synthesis of the approach, conclusions and recommendations of TEEB
http://www.teebweb.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=bYhDohL_TuM%3d&tabid=924&mid=1813
The economic importance of the world's natural assets is now firmly on the political radar as a result of an international assessment showcasing the enormous economic value of forests, freshwater, soils and coral reefs, as well as the social and economic costs of their loss, was the conclusion of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) report. The TEEB study calls for wider recognition of nature's contribution to human livelihoods, health, security, and culture by decision-makers at all levels (local to national and business to citizens). It promotes the demonstration, and where appropriate, the capture of the
economic values of nature's services through an array of policy instruments and mechanisms.

**ICAO Environmental Report 2010: Aviation and Climate Change**  
The report – published by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) - builds on the first edition published in 2007 and is dedicated to the topic of climate change in bringing together a vast array of authoritative ideas, solutions and new challenges to feed the global discussion on how best to deal with the impact of aviation on the environment.

**LABORSTA – new ILO database**  
The International Labour Organization (ILO) has launched a new statistics database containing timely information on the labour market and consumer prices aimed at providing vital information needed by policy makers faced with a global economic and social crisis.

**State of World Population 2010: From Conflict and Crisis to Renewal; Generations of Change (UNFPA)**  
The report explores how conflict and protracted humanitarian emergencies affect women and girls—and men and boys—and shows how many women and young people have overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and have begun rebuilding their lives and laying the foundation for peace and renewal of their societies.

**The World's Women 2010: Trends and Statistics (DESA)**  
The current issue highlights the differences in the status of women and men in eight areas – population and families, health, education, work, power and decision-making, violence against women, environment and poverty. Analyses are based mainly on statistics from international and national statistical sources.

**Human Rights**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo: Mapping human rights violations 1993-2003**  
*English:* [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/RDCProjetMapping.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/RDCProjetMapping.aspx)  
*French:* [http://www.ohchr.org/fr/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/RDCProjetMapping.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/fr/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/RDCProjetMapping.aspx)  
The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights released on 1 October 2010 a 550-page report listing 617 of the most serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law over a ten-year period by both state and non-state actors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Tens of thousands of people were killed, and numerous others were raped, mutilated or otherwise victimized during the decade. The report also examines in detail various options for truth and reconciliation, as well as for bringing those responsible for serious crimes to justice, thereby ending a climate of near-total impunity and setting the foundation for sustainable peace and development in the DRC.
Humanitarian Affairs

**Pakistan Floods 2010 – Rapid Gender Needs Assessment of Flood-Affected Communities (UNIFEM)**

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) has released a gender needs assessment of Pakistan floods. The report maps gender-related concerns from the onset of floods to current relief camps, identifying gaps in information and flagging issues for upcoming stages of early recovery.

International Law

**WIPO Lex**

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has launched a new search tool, WIPO Lex, a one-stop search facility for national laws and treaties relating to intellectual property. It also features related information which elaborates, analyzes and interprets these laws and treaties. It provides streamlined access to reference material of key importance for optimal information on the global Intellectual Property System.

New information material

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

« Afrique, 50 ans d’indépendance »


The following new UNRIC Library Backgrounders have been issued for UN Day 2010:

- **Educational Resources** (English only)
- **Human Rights** (English & French)
- **Peacekeeping Operations** (English & French)

**Your Web Guide to the United Nations** (English only):

Copies can be requested by e-mail (info@unric.org) or downloaded from the library website at [http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library?start=3](http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library?start=3)
NEW TITLES
added to the library collection in October

I  General Information and Reference

Online version: http://ochaonline.un.org/OchaLinkClick.aspx?link=ocha&docId=1165583

II.D  Trade, Finance and Commerce


II.E  Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)


III.H  United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Online version: http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/sitemap/swp2010#reports

V  International Law


VIII  Transport and Communications


XIII Demography


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

Suivi de la Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées: Guide à l’intention des observateurs des droits de l’homme (Série sur la formation professionnelle n° 17)

XVII International Statistics

Guide pratique pour la conception d’enquêtes sur les ménages. (Études méthodologiques, Série F, N° 98)

Online version: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs

Principes et recommandations concernant les recensements de la population logements: Deuxième édition. (Études statistiques, Série M, N° 67/Rev.2)


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