

October 2014

New UN websites & publications

UN in General



United Nations Day – 24 October 2014

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

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

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

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being. 24 October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948.

UN Day in Brussels: Sunday, 26 October 2014, Grand Place

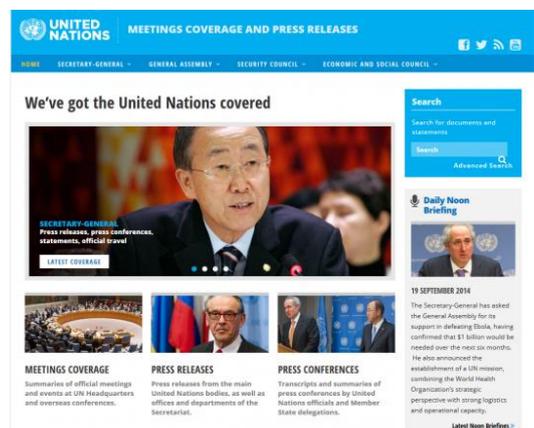
<http://www.unbrussels.org/un-day-2014.html>

Meetings Coverage & Press Releases – redesigned website

English: <http://www.un.org/press/en>

French: <http://www.un.org/press/fr>

The Meetings Coverage web site, an online key resource about the work of the Organisation, has a new look and feel! Modern and mobile-friendly, it uses an open source content management system (CMS) based on Drupal and is available in both English and French. In addition to press releases, meeting summaries, coverage of press conferences and the daily noon briefing, new multimedia features such as videos or photos, will also find their way on this new platform, linked from relevant content.





<http://www.un.org/africarenewal/africa-nepad-week-2014>

The African Union's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), Office of the UN Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Department of Public Information (DPI) co-organised a series of activities to mark the "Africa Week" (13-17 October) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the margins of the UN General Assembly Debate on Africa.

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library has issued a new research guide for this event:

Africa: A Quick-Start Research Guide: Africa Week 2014

<http://research.un.org/en/africa-week>



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

The UN system and the international community are coming together as never before to deliver a rapid, robust and effective response to help the Governments and the people of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone

UNRIC Library Backgrounder: EBOLA

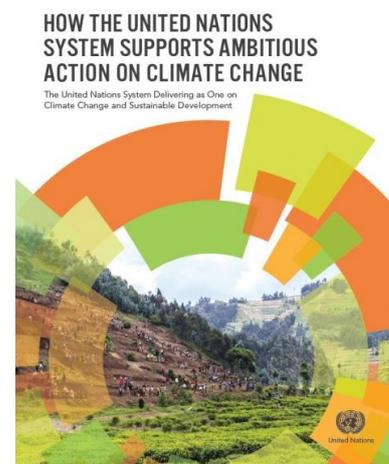
html: <http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/29436>

pdf: <http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/ebola.pdf>

How the United Nations System Supports Ambitious Action on Climate Change: The United Nations System Delivering as One on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (September 2014)

<http://un4.me/10ds9bC>

This brochure has been produced by the nearly 40 UN specialized agencies, funds, programmes and other bodies. It aims to show how the diverse entities of the UN system work together and with partners to support ambitious action on climate change at the global, regional and national level.



Peace and Security

Security Council Concept Paper: "Working methods of the Security Council", 23 October 2014

English, French & Spanish: <http://undocs.org/S/2014/725>

The Security Council will hold an open debate on the theme "Working methods of the Security Council" on Thursday, 23 October 2014. In order to guide the debate, Argentina, has prepared this concept paper.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2014 (DPI/1634/Rev.160, September 2014)

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>

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions – Fact Sheet: 31 August 2014 (DPI/2166/Rev.134, September 2014)

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

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

Economic & Social Development



Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability (IPCC Fifth Assessment Report)

<http://www.ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/>

Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change launched the full version of its contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report on Wednesday 16 October. This definitive assessment is the result of years of intensive work by leading experts in the field. It provides the most comprehensive look to date at the widespread impacts and risks of climate change and the opportunities for response. The full version of the Working Group II report includes a Summary for Policymakers, a Technical Summary, 30 assessment chapters, cross-chapter boxes, frequently asked questions, and high-resolution graphics.

Global Biodiversity Outlook 4 (CBD)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.cbd.int/gbo4/>

Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO) is the flagship publication of the Convention on Biological Diversity. It is a periodic report that summarizes the latest data on the status and trends of biodiversity and draws conclusions relevant to the further implementation of the Convention. GBO4 shows that there has been significant progress towards meeting some components of the majority of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. However, in most cases, additional action is required to keep the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 on course.

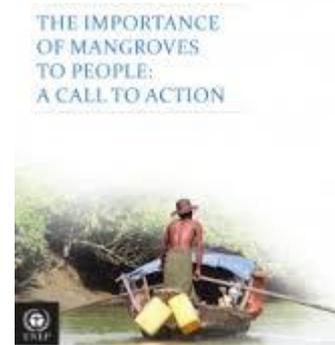
The Importance of Mangroves to People: A Call to Action (UNEP / WCMC)

Report in English: <http://un4.me/1oMyAIa>

Executive Summary in French: <http://un4.me/1EowpEK>

Executive Summary in Spanish: <http://un4.me/1y0BukX>

Mangroves are a type of tropical forest, uniquely positioned at the dynamic interface of land and sea. They are found along coasts and estuaries throughout the tropics and subtropics and are capable of thriving in salt water; prospering in conditions to which only a few species have adapted. Mangroves form the foundation of a highly productive and biologically rich ecosystem which provides a home and feeding ground for a wide range of species, many of which are endangered. Although mangroves make up less than one percent of all tropical forests worldwide, they are highly valuable ecosystems, providing an array of essential goods and services which contribute significantly to the livelihoods, well-being and security of coastal communities.



Spain: Growth with Jobs (ILO)

English & Spanish: http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/ilo-bookstore/order-online/books/WCMS_309955/lang--en/index.htm

Spain's current export-driven economic recovery – with growth projections of 1.5 per cent this year – needs supplementary measures to solve the massive unemployment the country faces. The report calls on the government and social partners to develop together an employment action plan to avoid a situation of so-called "jobless growth," which would have a lasting impact on the livelihoods of Spaniards.

The State of Food and Agriculture 2014: Innovation in family farming (FAO)

English: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/en/>

French: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/2014/fr/>

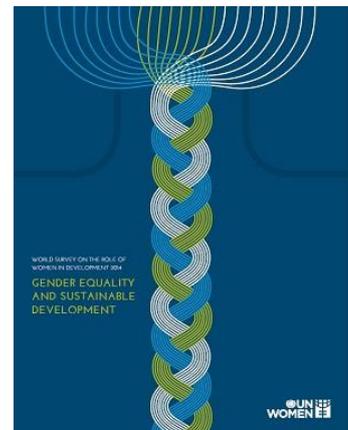
Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/2014/es/>

Nine out of ten of the world's 570 million farms are managed by families, making the family farm the predominant of agriculture, and consequently a potentially crucial agent of change in achieving sustainable food security and in eradicating hunger in the future. Family farms produce about 80 percent of the world's food. Their prevalence and output mean they "are vital to the solution of the hunger problem" afflicting more than 800 million people.

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 2014: Gender Equality and Sustainable Development (UN Women)

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2014/10/world-survey-2014>

The World Survey 2014, issued every five years, focuses this year on the theme of gender equality and sustainable development by examining a select range of issues that are fundamental to women's lives and are strategic for achieving gender equality and sustainability. These include: patterns of growth, employment generation and the role of public goods; food production, distribution and consumption; population dynamics and women's bodily integrity; and water, sanitation and energy.

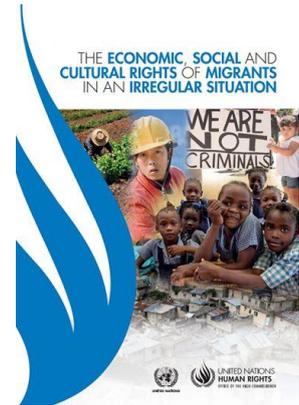


Human Rights

The Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Migrants in an Irregular Situation (OHCHR)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-14-1_en.pdf

This new publication by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights offers a rich resource for policymakers in Governments, national human rights institutions, civil society, lawyers, judges and migrants themselves to understand the scope and content of the human rights of migrants in an irregular situation. Through a specific focus on economic, social and cultural rights, it seeks to challenge common assumptions about the entitlement of migrants in an irregular situation to such fundamental human rights as the right to health, to education, to an adequate standard of living, to social security, and to just and favourable conditions of work.



Moving Away from the Death Penalty - Arguments, Trends and Perspectives (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Lists/MeetingsNY/Attachments/52/Moving-Away-from-the-Death-Penalty.pdf>

Today, more than four out of five countries have either abolished the death penalty or do not practice it. This book provides arguments and analysis, reviews trends and shares perspectives on moving away from the death penalty. In 2013, there were at least 778 documented executions in 22 countries.

Report of the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office on human rights violations committed by agents of the Congolese national police during operation Likofi in Kinshasa between 15 November 2013 and 15 February 2014

English: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/CD/LikofiReportOctober2014_en.pdf

French: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/CD/LikofiReportOctober2014_fr.pdf

A United Nations report released on 15 October details serious violations of human rights, including summary and extrajudicial executions and enforced disappearances, committed against civilians by Congolese security forces in the context of Operation "Likofi" in Kinshasa between 15 November 2013 and 15 February 2014. The report, based on investigations conducted by the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office (UNJHRO) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), documents the killing of at least nine civilians and the enforced disappearance of at least 32 civilians by agents of the Congolese National Police (PNC) as part of Operation "Likofi". The total number of victims could be much higher since UNJHRO human rights officers faced various difficulties in their investigations into these human rights violations.

Report on the Death Penalty in Iraq (UNAMI / OHCHR, Baghdad, October 2014)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/IQ/UNAMI_HRO_DP_1Oct2014.pdf

The report documents that the number of executions carried out in Iraq rose substantially between 2005 and 2009. In 2009, 124 people were executed. Despite a drop in the implementation rate in 2010, the number of executions significantly increased between 2011 and 2013, culminating in the hanging of 177 individuals in 2013. Between 1 January and 30 September 2014 at least 60 people have been executed. Executions are often carried out in batches in Iraq – on one occasion in 2013, up to 34 individuals were executed in a single day. As of August 2014, according to the Iraqi Ministry of Justice, some 1,724 prisoners are awaiting execution. This number includes those sentenced to death at first instance, those on appeal, and those awaiting implementation of their sentences.

Report on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict in Iraq: 6 July – 10 September 2014 (UNAMI / OHCHR)

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/IQ/UNAMI_OHCHR_POC_Report_FINAL_6July_10_September2014.pdf

A UN report released on 2 October 2014 lists a “staggering array” of gross human rights abuses and “acts of violence of an increasingly sectarian nature” committed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and associated armed groups over a nine-week period, as well as a number of violations committed by Iraqi security forces (ISF) and associated forces in their efforts to combat ISIL. The report, produced jointly by the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights covers the period from 6 July to 10 September and lists a litany of serious violations of international humanitarian law and gross abuses of human rights that have been perpetrated by ISIL and associated armed groups, “with an apparent systematic and widespread character.”

Humanitarian Affairs

Humanitarianism in the Age of Cyber-warfare: Towards the Principled and Secure Use of Information in Humanitarian Emergencies (OCHA)

<http://un4.me/1rn2tyB>

This policy brief was issued by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in October 2014 as part of the OCHA Policy and Studies Series.

UNHCR Policy on Alternatives to Camps

<http://www.unhcr.org/5422b8f09.html>

Refugee camps remain an important feature of the humanitarian landscape. Some forty percent of all refugees live in camps, most often because they have no alternatives. Government in many countries hosting refugees have concluded that the disadvantages of camps outweigh the justifications. They have decided not to establish camps. Alternatives to camps exist today and the purpose of the policy is to build upon and expand such good practices.



So close, yet so far from safety (UNHCR)

Report: <http://www.unhcr.org/542c07e39.html>

Press Release: <http://www.unhcr.org/542cfe899.html>

The UN refugee agency reported on 2 October 2014 that new data on irregular crossings of the Mediterranean in the third quarter of the year show an alarming increase in the numbers of people perishing while attempting to make the journey to Europe

International Law

2014 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation (23-25 September and 30 September-1 October 2014, UN Headquarters in New York)

Summary of Treaty Action & Final Report

English: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?pathtreaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_en.xml

French:

https://treaties.un.org/Pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?pathtreaty=Treaty/Focus/Page1_fr.xml&clang=fr

New information material

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

Afrique Renouveau : « Le commerce en Afrique : une affaire inachevée »
Août 2014. 31 p.

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

UN Cards (70th Anniversary Edition) in English, French, Spanish.

English online version: <http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/pdf/2014%20E%20UN%20Card.pdf>

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in October

0 Geneva Publications

An Illusion of Safety: Challenges of Nuclear Weapon Detonations for United Nations Humanitarian Coordination and Response.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xii, 88 p. (UNIDIR/2014/6)

Sales No. GV.E.14.0.1. ISBN 978-92-9-045203-4.

Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/files/publications/pdfs/an-illusion-of-safety-en-611.pdf>

I General Information and Reference

Millenniums-Entwicklungsziele – Bericht 2014.

Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2014. 56 p. + Faltblatt Umsetzungstand 2014.

Bericht: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/MDG%20Report%202014%20German.pdf>

Faltblatt:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/german/millennium/MDG%20Report%202014%20Progress%20Chart%20German.pdf>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

International Accounting and Reporting Issues: 2013 Review.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xi, 230 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/ED/2013/4)

Sales No. E.14.II.D.3. ISBN 978-92-1-112875-8.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeed2013d4_en.pdf

International Accounting and Reporting Issues: 2012 Review.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. x, 67 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/ED/2013/3)

Sales No. E.13.II.D.10. ISBN 978-92-1-112876-5.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/diaeed2013d3_en.pdf

Trade and Development Report, 2014: Global governance and policy space for development.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xiv, 212 p. (UNCTAD/TDR/2014)

Sales No. E.14.II.D.4. ISBN 978-92-1-112877-2.

Online version: http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdr2014_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Innovation Performance Review: Armenia.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xxiv, 130 p. (ECE/CECI/21)

Sales No. E.14.II.E.9. ISBN 978-92-1-117079-5

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/ceci/publications/icp8.pdf>

Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy. (Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper 35)

United Nations. Geneva. 2014. Vii, 46 p. (ECE/TIM/SP/35)

Sales No. E.14.II.E.8. ISBN 978-92-1-117078-8.

Revue annuelle du marché des produits forestiers, 2012-2013. (Études de Genève sur le bois et la forêt, n° 33)

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2014. xvii, 141 p. (ECE/TIM/SP/33)

Sales No. F14.II.E.1.

Online: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/publications/FPAMR2013F.pdf>

II.K Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Economic Report on Africa 2014: Dynamic Industrial Policy in Africa.

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa / African Union. 2014. xvi, 128 p.

Sales No. E.14.II.K.2. ISBN 978-92-1-125122-7.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/publications/economic-report-africa-2014>

III.H United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Exploiter le potentiel : rapport annuel 2013.

Fonds des Nations Unies pour la Population. New York. 2014. 48 p.

ISBN 978-0-89714-995-2.

VIII Transport and Communications

ADR applicable as from 1 January 2015: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; Volume I.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xxiv, 616 p. (ECE/TRANS/242 (Vol.I))

Sales No. E.14.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139149-7.

ADR applicable as from 1 January 2015: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; Volume II.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. xiii, 600 p. (ECE/TRANS/242 (Vol.II))

Sales No. E.14.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139149-7.

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

Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées: Guide de formation N° 19. (Série sur la formation professionnelle).

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2014. 165 p. (HR/P/PT/19)

Sales No. F.14.XIV.2. ISBN 978-92-1-254179-2.

Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/CRPD_TrainingGuide_PTS19_Accessible_fr.pdf

The Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Migrants in an Irregular Situation (OHCHR).
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2014. iv, 136 p. (HR/PUB/14/1)
Sales No. E.14.XIV.4. ISBN 978-92-1-154205-9.
Online version: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-14-1_en.pdf

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 92, Issue 10, October 2014, p. 697-772.
Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/92/10/en/index.html>

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