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UNRIC Library Newsletter – January 2010

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New websites within the UN system

UN in General

News Focus: Haiti earthquake

English: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=91&Body=Haiti&Body1=>

French: <http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/infocusRelF.asp?infocusID=50&Body=Ha%EFTi&Body1=>

Spanish: http://www.un.org/spanish/News/focus_ht.asp?cr=haiti

Background resources on Haiti

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/haiti/haiti.htm>

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library has developed a new page with links to information on Haiti. For many years, the UN system has produced reports, statistics and other resources about Haiti. This page provides access to many of these resources in English and French.

Economic and Social Council – redesigned website

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

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

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/ecosoc/>

International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding (A/RES/64/134)

(commencing on 12 August 2010)

The December issue of UN Youth Flash focuses on the International Year of Youth, the World Programme of Action for Youth, news from United Nations offices, publications, upcoming events and contributions from youth organizations around the world:

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/yfv6n12.htm>

ST/ADM/SER.B/789 (24 December 2009)

English, French & Spanish:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=ST/ADM/SER.B/789>

In this document you can find the contributions of each member state to the United Nations regular budget for the year 2010.

Year in Review 2009

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

Spanish: <http://www.un.org/es/aboutun/yearreview/2009/>

In 2009, Arctic ice was melting faster than ever before. Amid many other crises – food, energy, recession and pandemic flu – United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged the world to take on these challenges together. This video highlights key events from 2009 – and how the United Nations and the international community took action.

Climate Change

"Copenhagen Accord" (advance unedited version)

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/cop_15/application/pdf/cop15_cph_auv.pdf

The accord recognizes the need to limit the increase in global temperature to less than 2 degrees Celsius.

Case for Climate Neutrality: Case studies on moving towards a low carbon economy (UNEP)

http://www.unep.org/pdf/CN-Net_case_studies.pdf

The publication draws upon the experiences of nearly 200 participants of the Climate Neutral Network (CN Net), 10 case studies led by the UNEP, that are moving towards low-carbon economies and societies.

Population Dynamics and Climate Change (UNFPA / IIED)

http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2009/pop_dynamics_climate_change.pdf

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) has issued a report on population dynamics and climate change. The report broadens and deepens understanding of a wide range of population-climate change linkages. Incorporating population dynamics into research, policymaking and advocacy around climate change is critical for understanding the trajectory of global greenhouse gas emissions, for developing and implementing adaptation plans and thus for global and national efforts to curtail this threat.

Economic & Social Development

Afghanistan Opium Survey 2009 (UNODC)

http://www.unodc.org/documents/crop-monitoring/Afghanistan/Afgh-opiumsurvey2009_web.pdf

The potential gross export value of Afghanistan's opiates is down 18 per cent, from US\$ 3.4 billion in 2008 to US\$ 2.8 billion in 2009. The decline can be attributed to less cultivation, lower production, lower prices and relatively higher GDP.

DESA Capacity Development Office – new website

<http://www.un.org/esa/cdo/index.html>

The Capacity Development Office has launched a new website to inform about the role and approach of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) to capacity development and how the office supports the USG and divisions of DESA in the formulation and implementation of the Department's capacity development approach and promotes coherence and integrated delivery of the Department's operational activities.

Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009: Who Answers to Women? Gender and Accountability (UNIFEM)

English, French, Spanish & Portuguese: <http://www.unifem.org/progress/2008/>

This new report - released by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) - reveals that much stronger accountability mechanisms for tracking progress on gender equality are needed in order to meet national and international commitments to women's rights. Accountability to women begins with increasing the number of women in decision-making positions, but it cannot stop there.

State of the World's Indigenous People

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/sowip.html>

The United Nations has launched its first publication on the State of the World's Indigenous People. The report notes that the world's 370 million indigenous peoples suffer from disproportionately, often exponentially, higher rates of poverty, health problems, crime and human rights abuses; stressing that self-determination and land rights are vital for their survival. Startling figures contained in report include:

- In the United States, a Native American is 600 times more likely to contract tuberculosis and 62 per cent more likely to commit suicide than the general population.
- In Australia, an indigenous child can expect to die 20 years earlier than his non-native compatriot. The life expectancy gap is also 20 years in Nepal, while in Guatemala it is 13 years and in New Zealand it is 11.
- In parts of Ecuador, indigenous people have 30 times greater risk of throat cancer than the national average.
- Worldwide, more than 50 per cent of indigenous adults suffer from Type 2 diabetes – a number predicted to rise.

United Nations-Business Partnership Gateway

<http://business.un.org>

This new gateway will allow companies willing to contribute to the United Nations to browse through a catalogue of humanitarian needs (including relief-for-Haiti appeals) and partnership opportunities, or simply to submit ideas for collaboration. Based on shared interests, the site flags potential matches to be connected directly. At the same time, business.un.org offers United Nations agencies interested in private-sector support the opportunity to identify and describe needs and preferences, covering nearly all operations of the Organization, from humanitarian relief to poverty reduction and HIV/AIDS prevention.

United Nations Reports on Social Development

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/un-reports.html>

United Nations Resolutions on Social Development

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/un-resolutions.html>

New webpage developed by DESA's Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD/DESA) that includes all the Reports of the Secretary-General and the Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and ECOSOC on Social Development.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2010 (UNCTAD)

http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/wesp2010pr_en.pdf

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), has issued an advance copy of The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2010 (Global Outlook Report). This report is a joint product of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the five United Nations regional commissions (Economic Commission for Africa, (UNECA), Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). The report provides an analysis of the past year economic situation and prospects for the future.

Peace and Security

Politically Speaking: Winter 2009-2010 issue (DPA)

http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/newsletters/DPA%20Bulletin_winter09.pdf

Archive: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/archive.html>

The latest issue includes interviews with UN envoys in the field, a two-year progress report from the USG for Political Affairs, B. Lynn Pascoe, reviews a major 2009 report of the Secretary-General on enhancing UN capacity for conflict mediation, described the prevention of conflict between the West African nations of Ghana and the Gambia.

Security Council Concept Paper: Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security (S/2010/9)

English, French & Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2010/9>

The President of the Security Council for January 2010, China, has issued a concept paper for the Security Council debate on Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security, held on 13 January 2010.

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 30 November 2009 (DPI/1634/Rev.103, December 2009)

English: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/bnote.htm>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/bnote.htm>

United Nations Political and Peacebuilding Missions - Background Note: 30 November 2009 (DPI/2166/Rev.78, December 2009)

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

French: <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/pdf/ppbmf.pdf>

International Law

United Nations Information Resources on International Law

<http://www.un.org.au/files/files/United%20Nations%20Information%20Resources%20on%20International%20Law%20-%20article.pdf>

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New information material

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

Afrique Renouveau, Vol. 23, No. 3, octobre 2009. 24 p.

« Traite des être humains : Droits de l'homme »

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol23no3/index.html>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Septiembre de 2009, Volumen XXXII, Boletín núm. 9.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 34 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-61082s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Julio de 2009, Volumen XXXII, Boletín núm. 7.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 29 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-60927s.pdf>

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Diciembre de 2008, Volumen XXXI, Boletín núm. 12.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 69 p.

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Noviembre de 2008, Volumen XXXI, Boletín núm. 11.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 31 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-58405s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, Volume XXXII, Bulletin No. 9, September 2009. United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 30 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/557C05FB43A499B78525766C00727500>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, Volume XXXII, Bulletin No. 7, July 2009.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 26 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/0381DCD61D87BB9B852576570067F6B7>

Bulletin sur les mesures prises par les organismes du système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, septembre 2009, Volume XXXII, Bulletin n° 9.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 31 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-61082f.pdf>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, novembre 2008, Volume XXXI, Bulletin n° 11.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 31 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/09-58405f.pdf>

Conférence internationale de la société civile à l'appui de la paix israélo-palestinienne : Bruxelles, 30 et 31 août 2007.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 40 p.

Politically Speaking: Bulletin of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Winter 2009-2010 issue. 24 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/newsletters/DPA%20Bulletin_winter09.pdf

United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace: Brussels, 30 and 31 August 2007.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 40 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/C9EC9DAB18481E6D8525767700513525>

United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Principles and Guidelines.

United Nations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Department of Field Support.

2008. 100 p.

Online version: http://pbpu.unlb.org/pbps/Library/Capstone_Doctrine_ENG.pdf

NEW TITLES **added to the library collection in January**

0 Geneva Publications

EU-UN Cooperation in Peacebuilding: Partners in Practice? / Catriona Gourlay.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xxviii, 166 p. (UNIDIR/2009/7)

Online version: <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-1-92-9045-009-G-en.pdf>

Unacceptable Harm: a history of how the treaty to ban cluster munitions was won / by John Borrie.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xxvii, 532 p. (UNIDIR/2009/8)

Sales No. GV.E.09.0.8. ISBN 978-92-9045-196-9.

Description available at <http://www.unidir.org/pdf/ouvrages/pdf-resume978-92-9045-196-9-en.pdf>

I General Information and Reference

Index to Proceedings of the Economic and Social Council: Organizational session – 2008, Substantive session - 2008.

United Nations. New York. 2009. xxi, 116 p. (ST/LIB/SER.B/E.85)

Sales No. E.09.I.15. ISBN 978-92-1-101202-6.

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Investment Policy Review: Republic of Belarus.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xi, 111 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2009/10)

Sales No. E.09.II.D.19. ISBN 978-92-1-112780-5.

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/diaepcb200910_en.pdf

The Role of International Investment Agreements in Attracting Foreign Direct Investment to Developing Countries. (UNCTAD Series on International Investment Policies for Development)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xvi, 145 p. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2009/5)

Sales No. E.09.II.D.20. ISBN 978-92-1-112781-2.

Online version: http://www.unctad.ch/en/docs/diaeia20095_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 18, Number 1, April 2009. viii, 183 p.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment,
Technology and Enterprise Development. (UNCTAD/DIAE/IA/2009/7 (Vol.18, No.1))
ISBN 978-92-1-112779-9.

Online version: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=5165&lang=1>

III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Our Planet: "Climate Change". December 2009.

United Nations Environment Programme. 35 p.

Online version: http://www.unep.org/pdf/OP_Dec/EN/OP-2009-12-en-FULLVERSION.pdf

Notre Planète : « Le changement climatique ». Décembre 2009.

Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement. 34 p.

Online version: http://www.unep.org/pdf/OP_Dec/FR/OP-2009-12-fr-FULLVERSION.pdf

Nuestro Planeta: "El cambio climático". Diciembre 2009.

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente. 35 p.

Online version: http://www.unep.org/pdf/OP_Dec/SP/OP-2009-12-sp-FULLVERSION.pdf

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Forum de comercio internacional, número 2, 2009. 34 p.

"Ayuda para el comercio inversión en la gente"

Online version: <http://www.forumdecomercio.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/774>

Forum du commerce international, numéro 2, 2009. 34 p.

"L'Aide pour le commerce: Investir dans les personnes"

Online version: <http://www.forumducommerce.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/770>

Guía de Indicaciones Geográficas : Vinculación de los Productos con su Origen.

Centro de Comercio Internacional. Ginebra. 2009 xxi, 221 p. (ITC/P228.E/DMD/SC/09-11)

Sales No. S.09.III.T.2., ISBN 978-92-9137-368-0

Guide to Geographical Indicators: Linking Products and their Origins.

International Trade Center. Geneva. 2009. xix, 207 p. (ITC/P228.E/DMD/SC/09-11)

Sales No. E.09.III.T.2. ISBN 978-92-9137-365-9.

IV Social Questions

State of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

United Nations. New York. 2009. x, 238 p. (ST/ESA/328)

Sales No. E.09.VI.13. ISBN 978-92-1-130283-7.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/SOWIP_web.pdf

V International Law

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2000, Volume II, Part One: Documents of the fifty-second session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. iv, 284 p.

(A/CN.4/SER.A/2000/Add.1 (Part 1))

Sales No. E.03.V.7 (Part 1). ISBN 978-92-1-133531-6.

Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/yearbooks.htm>

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 2003, Volume I: Summary records of the meetings of the fifty-fifth session 5 May-6 June and 7 July-8 August 2003.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. xxiii, 271 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2003)

Sales No. E.09.V.2. ISBN 978-92-1-133786-0.

Online version: <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/yearbooks.htm>

XIII Demography

World Mortality 2009.

United Nations. New York. 2009. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/286)

Sales No. E.09.XIII.4. ISBN 978-92-1-151452-0.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/worldmortality/WMR2009.htm>

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

Rule-of-law Tools for Post-conflict States: National consultations on transitional justice.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2009. vi, 34 p. (HR/PUB/09/2)

Sales No. E.09.XIV.2. ISBN 978-92-1-154188-5.

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Droits de l'homme, santé et stratégies de réduction de la pauvreté (Série de publications santé et droits humains, No. 5)

Organisation mondiale de la Santé, Haut-Commissariat aux droits de l'homme. Genève.

2008. 90 p.

ISBN 978-92-4-256374-0

WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2009: Implementing smoke-free environments.

World Health Organization. Geneva. 2009. 136 p. plus CD-ROM.

ISBN 978-92-4-156391-8.

Online version: http://www.who.int/tobacco/mpower/2009/gtcr_download/en/index.html

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