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## UNRIC Library Newsletter – June 2007

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## New websites within the UN system

### UN in General

#### International Year of the Potato 2008

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.potato2008.org/>

#### National Competitive Recruitment Examination 2008

English: <http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/exam.htm>

French: <http://www.un.org/french/Depts/OHRM/examin/fexam.htm>

#### United Nations Common Database (UNCDB)

[http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cdb/cdb\\_help/cdb\\_quick\\_start.asp](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cdb/cdb_help/cdb_quick_start.asp)

As of 1 May 2007, use of the Common Database will be **FREE OF CHARGE**. No subscription will be necessary after that date, and any user can enjoy the full range of data, metadata and various search tools without restriction. UNCDB has the largest and most authoritative compilation of United Nations and agency statistics ever compiled, covering economic, social, financial and development topics. There is no comparable international database available in print or on the Web, from any source.

#### UN Documentation on the Environment

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

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library has prepared a new chapter for the UN Documentation Research Guide on the Environment. The guide provides an overview of the development of UN consideration of issues related to the environment, highlights the major bodies in the UN family currently at work on the topic, and provides information about the kind of documentation produced for each body. Currently available in English, the guide will be translated into the other official languages.

### Peace & Security

#### Logistics Support Division (LSD)

<http://www.lsd.unlb.org/default.aspx>

The Logistics Support Division (LSD) under the Office of Mission Support of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations announces the launch of its web site. Developed as part of a larger and ongoing initiative aimed at

achieving greater gender balance in staffing in the Division, the web site was created to: - Make readily available information about the work that LSD undertakes in its mission to support peacekeeping operations around the world, - Highlight LSD's activities to enhance gender within the Division, - Provide information about career options with LSD, particularly for professional women, who have traditionally been underrepresented in fields such as engineering, logistics, aviation and transport, and cartography.

### **UNDP Support to the Timorese Electoral Cycle**

<http://www.undptimorelections.tl/>

Under the "Background Information" of the homepage menu you will find a broad selection of election related materials regarding the first and second rounds of Timor-Leste's Presidential and Parliamentary Elections. Materials available on this site include press releases, election laws, regulations and procedures, observer reports, codes of conduct, and general election information. In addition you will find regular program updates about the work done under the UNDP Timorese Electoral Cycle project (February Update, March Update, May Update) and information about the different components of the program including voter education, media, observer coordination and support to political parties.

### **United Nations Peacekeeping Operations** (Background Note: 30 April 2007)

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

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

## **Economic & Social Development**

### **Africa & the Millennium Development Goals: 2007 Update**

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/docs/MDGafrica07.pdf>

The report brings together the latest data compiled by the United Nations Statistics Division from across the entire United Nations System. The report shows that challenges remain daunting, yet progress is emerging. To share with you some of the highlights, the report shows that the rise in extreme poverty -- the number of people living on less than one dollar a day -- has levelled off since 1999. It also shows that, in the face of rapid population growth, African countries have increased primary school enrolment rates to 70 per cent in 2005, but more investments in the sector are needed to reach the goal of universal primary education.

### **Compendium of Innovative E-government Practices**

<http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/UN/UNPAN023997.pdf>

This publication -- released by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) -- is a compilation of 107 recent case studies from 48 countries that cover a wide range of innovative practices, including e-democracy, gender equality, e-education, e-commerce, information access, and citizen service delivery.

### **New ECOSOC Web site**

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

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has a new Web site that includes information about ECOSOC in general, the President, and Meetings. Links to Documentation by type include: Resolutions and Decisions from 1946-present, Reports from 2004-2006, recent Publications, and Newsletters 2003-2007.

### **World Economic Situation and Prospects**

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess/wesp.html>

The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2007 provides an overview of recent global economic performance and short-term prospects for the world economy and of some key global economic policy and development issues. According to the report, the world economy is expected to moderate in 2007 after three years of historically high growth. The weakening housing market in the United States is a major factor in the global slowdown. The economic recovery in Japan and Europe is not strong enough to replace the US as the engine for growth of the world economy.

## **Human Rights**

### **Human Rights in the World: Updated Country Pages**

**Now available in also in French and Spanish**

French: <http://www.ohchr.org/french/countries/index.htm>

Spanish: <http://www.ohchr.org/spanish/countries/index.htm>

Compiled on one page the following information for each country is listed: status of ratifications for Human Rights treaties, reporting status, Voluntary Pledges and Commitments, special procedures, most recent concluding observations

### **Legislative History of the Convention on the Rights of the Child**

(OHCHR publication)

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/publications/docs/historycrc.zip>

A new publication that aims to become an essential research tool for children's rights advocates was launched by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 11 June 2007. The two-volume set lists among the many major advances ushered in by the Convention recognition, for the first time in a human rights treaty, of the differential and often discriminatory impact that national legislation, policies, attitudes and cultural traditions can have on girls. "The Legislative History on the Convention on the Rights of the Child" is the first comprehensive record of the drafting of the Convention. It is the result of 10 years of work by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Save the Children Sweden.

### **REFWORLD: UNHCR launches online resources for decision makers**

<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/refworld/rwmain>

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has announced the creation of an online protection tool for use by those who have to make decisions on the status of people who have fled their homes. *Refworld* contains a large collection of reports relating to situations in countries of origin, policy documents and positions, and documents relating to international and national legal frameworks. The free service provides information that UNHCR and its partners need to help them make a decision about whether to grant an asylum seeker refugee status based on a well-founded fear of persecution.

## New information material

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail:  
[info@unric.org](mailto:info@unric.org)

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, August 2006, Volume XXIX, Bulletin No. 8.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 12 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/fe1f9d2f17f092518525726c00733963!OpenDocument>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, October 2006, Volume XXIX, Bulletin No. 10.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 7 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/3c7b91851af1cf578525725e005135af!OpenDocument>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, December 2006, Volume XXIX, Bulletin No. 12.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 53 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/969debe36c201f3d852572c600531817!OpenDocument>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, January 2007, Volume XXX, Bulletin No. 1.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 4 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/930a44f2a2afc089852572c600551352!OpenDocument>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 April 2007.

Online version: <http://conf.un.org/DGAACS/Meetings.nsf/wByYear?OpenForm>

Die Friedenssicherungseinsätze der Vereinten Nationen: Neue Herausforderung; Fragen und Antworten zur Friedenssicherung.  
(DPI/2350/Rev.2 – Deutsche Ausgabe: Februar 2007). 24 Seiten.

How the European Union and the United Nations cooperate.

UNRIC. Supported by the German Foreign Office. 2007. Flyer.

Online version: [http://www.unric.org/html/english/pdf/Leporello\\_EU-VN\\_e.pdf](http://www.unric.org/html/english/pdf/Leporello_EU-VN_e.pdf)

UNRIC Brochure. 2007. Available in Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

Wie Europäische Union und Vereinte Nationen zusammenarbeiten.

UNRIC. Mit Unterstützung des Auswärtigen Amtes. 2007. Flyer.

Online version: [http://www.unric.org/html/german/pdf/Leporello\\_EU-VN\\_d.pdf](http://www.unric.org/html/german/pdf/Leporello_EU-VN_d.pdf)

**The UNRIC Library has updated its backgrounders  
in English and French on the following subjects:**

- **Climate Change** (first issued in January 2007, updated June 2007)
- **Human Rights Council** (first issued in May 2006, updated June 2007)

Copies can be requested by e-mail ([info@unric.org](mailto:info@unric.org)) or downloaded from the library website at [http://www.unric.org/UNRIC Brussels Reference Library/4/](http://www.unric.org/UNRIC_Brussels_Reference_Library/4/).

## **New titles added to the library collection in June**

### **I General Information and Reference**

Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-first session - Volume I: Resolutions, 12 December - 22 September 2006.

General Assembly. Official Records. Sixty-first session. Supplement No. 49 (A/61/49/Vol.I).

United Nations. New York. 2007. 545 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/r61.htm>

### **II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)**

Compendium of Legal Instruments, Norms and Standards.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vi, 39 p. (ECE/INF/2007/03)

Online version: [http://www.unece.org/pub\\_cat/topics/annual\\_report\\_2007.pdf](http://www.unece.org/pub_cat/topics/annual_report_2007.pdf)

Environmental Performance Review: Ukraine; Second Review.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. xxiv, 195 p. (ECE/CEP/133)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.6. ISBN 978-92-1-116958-4.

Online version: [http://unece.org/env/epr/studies/Ukraine\\_2/welcome.htm](http://unece.org/env/epr/studies/Ukraine_2/welcome.htm)

Looking Back and Peering Forward: A Short History of the United Nations

Economic Commission for Europe. 1947-2007.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. x, 157 p. (ECE/INF/2007/4)

Managing Statistical Confidentiality & Microdata Access: Principles and Guidelines of Good Practice.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. v, 102 p. (ECE/CES/STAT/2007/3)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.7. ISBN 978-92-1-116959-1.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: Report 2007.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. 52 p. (ECE/INF/2007/1)

Online version: [http://www.unece.org/pub\\_cat/topics/annual\\_report\\_2007.pdf](http://www.unece.org/pub_cat/topics/annual_report_2007.pdf)

### **III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

Global Outlook for Ice & Snow.

United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi. 2007. 235 p.

ISBN 978-92-807-2799-9.

Online version: [http://www.unep.org/geo/geo%5Fice/PDF/full\\_report\\_LowRes.pdf](http://www.unep.org/geo/geo%5Fice/PDF/full_report_LowRes.pdf)

TUNZA: The UNEP Magazine for Youth.

Vol. 5, Number 1: Melt down. 23 p.

Online version: [http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza\\_5.1\\_English\\_v7.pdf](http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza_5.1_English_v7.pdf)

TUNZA: Le magazine du PNUE pour les jeunes.

Vol. 5, No. 1: La fonte des glaces. 23 p.

Online version: [http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza\\_5.1\\_French\\_v7.pdf](http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza_5.1_French_v7.pdf)

### **IV Social Questions**

Participatory Dialogue: Towards a Stable, Safe and Just Society for All.

United Nations. New York. 2007. xvii, 168 p. (ST/ESA/310)

Sales No. E.07.IV.3. ISBN 978-92-1-130259-2.

Online version: [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/prtcprtry-dlog/prtcprtry\\_dlg\(full\\_version\).pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/prtcprtry-dlog/prtcprtry_dlg(full_version).pdf)

### **V International Law**

Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 62.

United Nations. New York. 2006. iv, 164 p.

ISBN 978-92-1-133760-0.

The Work of the International Law Commission: Seventh edition; Volume I.

United Nations. New York. 2007. xii, 409 p.

Sales No. E.07.V.9. ISBN 978-92-1-133763-1.

The Work of the International Law Commission: Seventh edition; Volume II:  
Instruments.

United Nations. New York. 2007. x, 324 p.

Sales No. E.07.V.9. ISBN 978-92-1-133763-1.

Yearbook of the International Law Commission 1995, Volume II, Part One:  
Documents of the forty-seventh session.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2006. iv, 178 p.

(A/CN.4/SER.A/1995/Add.1 (Part 1))

Sales No. E.97.V.2 (Part I). ISBN 978-92-1-133518-7.

### **XI Narcotic Drugs**

#### **(including United Nations Office on Drug and Crime - UNODC)**

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties:

With introductory texts in Arabic, Chinese and Russian / Autorités nationales

compétentes au titre des traités internationaux concernant le contrôle des

drogues: Avec une introduction en arabe, en chinois et en russe / Organismos

nacionales competentes en virtud de los tratados internacionales de fiscalización

de drogas : Con introducciones en árabe, chino y ruso.

United Nations – Nations Unies – Naciones Unidas. New York 2007. xiv, 128 p.

(ST/NAR.3/2006/1/(E/NA))  
Sales No. T.07.XI.8. ISBN 978-92-1-048106-9.

### **XIII Demography**

Perspectives de baisse du taux de fécondité dans les pays à taux de fécondité élevé.

(Bulletin démographique des Nations Unies, Numéro spécial, nos 46/47 2002)  
Nations Unies. New York. 2006. viii, 362 p. (ST/ESA/SER.N/46-47)  
Sales No. F.02.XIII.11. ISBN 978-92-1-251117-7

### **XV United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)**

Glossaire à l'usage des délégués à l'ONU (Conférences et diplomatie multilatérales)

Institut des Nations Unies pour la formation et la recherche. Genève. 2007. 190 p.  
ISBN 978-92-9182-042-9.

A Glossary of Terms for UN Delegates (Multilateral Conferences and Diplomacy).  
United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Geneva. 2005. 188 p.  
ISBN 92-9182-036-8.

### **XVII International Statistics**

2004 Energy Statistics Yearbook / Annuaire des statistiques de l'énergie.  
United Nations / Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xlix, 569 p.  
(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.J/48)  
Sales No. E/F.07.XVII.2. ISBN 978-92-1-061222-7.

Comptabilité nationale: introduction pratique. (Etudes méthodologiques, Série F, n° 85)  
Nations Unies. New York. 2007.viii, 128 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/85)  
Sales No. F.04.XVII.4. ISBN 978-92-1-261201-0

National Accounts Statistics: Analysis of Main Aggregates, 2004-2005.  
United Nations. New York. 2007. x, 276 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.X/37)  
Sales No. E.07.XVII.3. ISBN 978-92-1-161496-1.

Technical reference manual for the standardization of geographical names: United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.  
United Nations. New York. 2007. vii, 194 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/87)  
Sales No. E.07.XVII.5. ISBN 978-92-1-161500-5.

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**

State of the World's Forests, 2007.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Rome. 2007. xi, 144 p.  
ISBN 978-92-5-105586-1.

Online version: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/009/a0773e/a0773e00.htm>

Situation des forêts du monde, 2007.

Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture. Rome. 2007.  
xi, 143 p.

Online version: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/009/a0773f/a0773f00.htm>

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[http://www.unric.org/UNRIC\\_Brussels\\_Reference\\_Library/3/](http://www.unric.org/UNRIC_Brussels_Reference_Library/3/).