Agency Liaison reports are presented at the IDTF Meeting during each Annual and Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association. They are also available on the IDTF web page, which is found on the GODORT page on the American Library Association site. The Coordinator for the Agency Liaison Program is Susan Bennett White, who welcomes comments and suggestions. She can be contacted at sbwhite@princeton.edu.

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### Bernan Publishing

**www.bernan.com**

Bernan invites all IDTF members to visit them at exhibit booth No.1439 at the ALA Conference in Anaheim, where they will be showcasing their new annual catalog, a new Green Catalog in honor of the Rio+20 Conference, and various special discount offers.

**Bernan is publishing two important publications this year:**

1) In response to numerous requests from the library community, Bernan is partnering with ProQuest to keep alive the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. The 2013 edition will be published in November; the print edition will be available from Bernan while an electronic edition will be available from ProQuest. Bernan is offering pre-publication discounts. This is exciting news for the international documents community since the *U.S, Stat Abstract* provides critical international measures, and also serves as a model for many other statistical publications on a global basis.

2) Bernan is once again partnering with OMB to publish the *North American Industry Classification System* (NAICS). Published every 5 years, this indispensable volume of official industry codes is used by businesses, libraries, and others complete tax returns, grant requests, and fill out other forms and to improve analyses and comparisons of different industries. The 2012 edition will be published later this summer, and it will supersede the 2007 edition. For those dealing with international documents, this guide is essential for comparisons with other national and regional systems.

3) Bernan is offering pre-publication discounts.

**New titles of interest include:**

- **WTO Analytical Index: Guide to WTO Law and Practice** – The third edition of this two-volume set is due to be published in July, the first new edition in 5 years.
- **FAO Statistical Pocketbook** – This new product presents a visual synthesis of the key trends and factors shaping the global food and agricultural landscape and their interplay with broader environmental, social and economic dimensions.
- **World of Work Report 2012: Better Jobs for a Better Economy** – This new publication from the ILO provides a comprehensive analysis of recent labor market and social trends, assesses risks of social unrest, and presents employment projections for the next five years.
- **UN Human Development Reports** – The United Nations just released the *Africa Human Development Report 2012: Towards a Food Secure Future* and this month they are releasing *Arab Human Development Report 2012: From Paralysis to Empowerment - Activating the Arab Future* as well as *Asia Pacific Human Development Report: One Planet to Share - Sustaining Human Progress in a Changing Climate*.

- **The Commonwealth Yearbook 2012** – The *Commonwealth Yearbook* is the flagship annual publication of the Commonwealth Secretariat. It is the essential reference guide to the countries, organizations, activities and values of the modern Commonwealth.

Bernan’s free monthly email newsletter focuses primarily on new and forthcoming international agency publications. Sign up online at www.bernan.com, call toll-free at 1-800-274-4447, or stop booth #1439.

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**Canadian Official Publications**

**Depository Publications Services (DSP).** In an effort to support Canada’s greening government initiatives combined with the public’s increased access to the internet and the cost of producing and distributing paper copies, the Publishing and Depository Services is moving to electronic-only publishing and distribution of publications. The DSP will continue to distribute print copies of documents provided to them for distribution until 2014. Also, they will no longer distribute printed maps but rather users are directed to contact the agency creating the map to discuss printing or electronic format issues. However, the DSP will continue to provide access to Canadian government publications through: [http://publications.gc.ca/](http://publications.gc.ca/). There will be discussions as to what the depository system will be like and what will be its mandate in this new electronic-only environment.

**Library Closings and Other Reductions.** The National Archives Development Program (NADP) was eliminated with 11 out of 13 provincial/territorial archive libraries closing. Many federal libraries have or will close. The unique departmental library collections will remain in the department but will not be accessible by an OPAC or maintained with the same level of professionalism. LAC will discontinue Interlibrary Loan in February 2013. The workforce of Statistics Canada was cut almost in half with many surveys and analyses stopped. (Carla Graebner, Simon Fraser University)

**Census and Open Government.** The 2011 Census Dissemination Project has released an additional file format for downloading in the 2001 and 2006 censuses topic-based tabulations electronic profile/cumulative profile sub-modules. It is XML format with two files provided in a compressed bundle for each product.
The 2001 and 2006 data sets have also been released in the Treasury Board of Canada's 'Open Data Portal.' You can view them at www.data.gc.ca. With the May 2012 release of the 2011 Census Age and Sex (May 29, 2012), users will be able to access XML versions of the 2011 Census topic-based tabulations and Census Profile from the 'Open Data Portal.'

Parliament

- Official reporting of the debates of Canada’s Parliament began in 1871 in the Senate and in 1875 in the House of Commons. Prior to these, the reconstituted debates, created using newspaper accounts, are available for 1867-1872 at http://www.parl.gc.ca/About/Parliament/ReconstitutedDebates/index-e.asp
- In the U. S., access to the House of Commons Debates (1875-1956) through the Hathi Trust catalog record is at: http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000680317
- Also, Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada (1841-1866) are available, in part, through the Hathi Trust at: http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/010311716

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The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) was established by the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1958 as one of the UN's five regional commissions. ECA's mandate is to promote the economic and social development of its member States, foster intra-regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development. ECA currently focuses on promoting regional integration in support of the African Union’s vision and priorities and on meeting Africa's special needs and emerging global challenges.

ECA has seven programs: the African Centre for Statistics; the Food Security & Sustainable Development Division; the African Center for Gender & Social Development; the Governance & Public Administration Division; the ICT and Science & Technology Division; the Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division; and the Economic Development and NEPAD Division. There are also five Sub-Regional Offices (SROs), each taking the lead in their respective sub-regions.

Publications and Information. Many publications are available for free download. Featured publications are linked directly from the home page and also included under the “resources” menu. The ECA site is built with frames, but the publications page frame can also be accessed separately: http://www.uneca.org/eca_resources/Publications/. Publications are available grouped by theme, date, or users can click on “All ECA publications” and get links to all of the online publications, in chronological order back to 1998 (plus the 1958 ECOSOC resolution establishing the ECA). Documents are available in a variety of formats including pdf, HTML, Word, and even an .exe that I was not able to open using my work computer. Many recent publications are also linked on the main ECA page but not yet on the publications page. Each of the programs SROs also has a “publications” (or “resources”) tab with links to its own publications not included in the list on
Key recent publications include:

- ECA Policy Briefs (http://www.uneca.org/ednd/policybriefs/)

**Contacting ECA**  
ECA has a form with several subscription options (News and Information, e-publications, Hard Copy Publications) covering various ECA interest areas: http://www.uneca.org/list/sub.cf. This appears to be the way to order print versions of publications directly from ECA. Publications can also be ordered via UN Publications in New York.

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**ECA Library (primarily supports ECA divisions, sections, and SROs)**

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Email: ecainfo@uneca.org  
The UNECA is also on:

- Facebook  [https://www.facebook.com/EconomicCommissionforAfrica](https://www.facebook.com/EconomicCommissionforAfrica)
- Twitter  [http://twitter.com/#!/@ECA_Official](http://twitter.com/#!/@ECA_Official)
- YouTube  [http://www.youtube.com/unecaVideo/](http://www.youtube.com/unecaVideo/)

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**U N Economic Commission for Europe – ECE**

[www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), one of five regional commissions of the United Nations, was set up in 1947 by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Its major aim is to promote pan-
European economic integration, bringing together 56 member countries located in the European Union, non-EU Western and Eastern Europe, South-East Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and North America. Any interested UN member States may participate in its work, and over 70 international professional organizations and other non-governmental organizations take part in UNECE activities.

The UNECE provides analysis, policy advice and assistance to governments, and it focuses on the United Nations global mandates in the field of economics, in cooperation with other global players and key stakeholders, notably the business community. The UNECE’s expertise covers sectors such as: economic cooperation and integration, energy, environment, housing and land management, population, statistics, timber, trade, and transport.

The website includes a great deal of useful information, including sections on UNECE programs, statistics, quick links to key issues and resources (i.e., climate change, population, UNECE legal instruments, etc.), events, news, publications, Millennium Development Goals, other UN Regional Commissions, and other useful UN sites.

Publications and Information. Publications are linked in various places throughout the UNECE site, but the main publications page (http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/welcome.html) is linked off of the “Information Resources” tab at the top. This page displays a list of recent publications as well as area of activity. Most current publications are available online in full text form, primarily as pdfs. For many older publications, only the UN symbol, sales publication number, ISBN, and price are listed. The “How to Order?” link leads to contact information for sales and non-sales publications.

Statistics. Especially useful is the Statistics Programme’s site (http://www.unece.org/stats/stats_h.html), which includes publications, papers, and papers from meetings. Statistics resources are grouped by topic (i.e., economic statistics, environment and sustainable development, gender statistics, etc.) and also available as “statistics on-line” in the UNECE Statistical Database (http://w3.unece.org/pxweb/).

Contacting the UNECE.
Sales publications can be purchased from United Nations Publications distributors (https://unp.un.org/distributors.aspx) or from United Nations Publications Customer Service
c/o National Book Network
15200 NBN Way
PO Box 190
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The European Union’s web presence is at times overwhelming, but contains a plethora of reports, statistics, official documents (e.g., legislation, court cases from the European Court of Justice, etc.), and tools/manuals is EUROPA (http://europa.eu). There are several means by which to access the information, e.g., one can search by relevant institution (European Parliament, Committee of the Regions, European Central Bank, etc.) OR one can use the Databases by Subject feature, which allows a researcher to refine one’s search by subject and subsequently by other parameters.

- Official publications and documents are here: http://europa.eu/documentation/index_en.htm
- The main publications office is located here: http://publications.europa.eu/index.htm
- Most documents are available as PDF downloads for free; check out the “just published” link for the most recent publications, and can be searched by broad subject category.
- Most institutions of the EU have their own subsites dedicated to their work and publications, e.g.:
- ECLAS serves as the main database for the European Commission library in Brussels; includes mostly secondary materials on European Union policies, activities, relations, etc.: http://ec.europa.eu/eclas/F. Many documents are in electronic format, others need to be searched within one’s respective institutional catalogue.
- There is a large archive of news bulletins, quick/rapid reports and the like on the “What’s New on Europa”: http://europa.eu/geninfo/whatsnew_en.htm
- EU news has the most updated information on European activities (searchable): http://europa.eu/news/index_en.htm
- The European Union offers numerous mailing lists and RSS feeds to keep interested parties current. The RSS feeds are divided into a substantial number of specific areas so that subscribers receive more targeted information: http://europa.eu/press_room/mailing-rss/index_en.htm

Recent Reports and Publications of Note.

- Euro Crisis. There are numerous press releases, reports, etc. dedicated to resolution of the Euro crisis. The Economic and Financial Affairs group under the European Commission is the best place for news, recommendations, statistics and the like: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/focuson/crisis/index_en.htm
- Europe 2020. Europe 2020 is the EU’s growth strategy for the coming decade. In a changing world, we want the EU to become a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy. These three
mutually reinforcing priorities should help the EU and the Member States deliver high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion: [http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm)


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**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO**  [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO, leads international efforts to defeat hunger. FAO serves both developed and developing countries as a neutral forum where all nations can meet to negotiate agreements and debate policy. FAO is also a source of knowledge and information. FAO’s web pages are an excellent free resource for anyone to use who is looking for any kind of international agricultural statistics or other information.

Ways to start using FAO resources today:


**FAOSTAT** offers free and easy access to data for 245 countries and 35 regional areas from 1961 through the most recent year available. It also contains many new features. These include:

- The Browse data option for new and easier ways to visualize data.
- The Advanced data search to search by item, element, country and region.
- The Compare data option to compare data for different countries and items.
- The Analysis tool for univariate statistics and linear regressions.
- The Download data option for faster extraction of data and a more user-friendly interface.

**FAOSTAT** made the Popular Science magazine’s 2011 list of the Ten Most Amazing Databases in the World, with the article “The UN created FAOSTAT with the aim of helping scientists feed the world” by Rena Marie Pacella  [http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2011-10/amazing-databases-faostat](http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2011-10/amazing-databases-faostat) which begins:
Monitoring the global food supply involves tracking data on agriculture, land use, fishing, forestry, food aid, nutrition and population growth. To make sense of it all, researchers at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations built FAOSTAT, the world’s largest database of food and agricultural information, with more than a million statistics covering five decades and 245 countries and territories…

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Now in their 21st year, the Human Development Report series published by the United Nations Development Programme with significant input from many other agencies and sections of the world body provide solid and well grounded data and narrative accounts for conditions in the world at the broadest level. Combining social indicators, beginning with Infant Mortality and Life Expectancy at Age One, and then adding in national macro economic indicators such as GDP and Trade, the Human Development Reports set out to offer useful measures based on the premise stated in the opening of the first global report in 1990: “People are the real wealth of a nation.”

According to the web site which is home base for the Reports, “With its wealth of empirical data and innovative approach to measuring development, the Human Development Report had a profound impact on development thinking around the world. Featuring the Human Development Index, every report presents agenda-setting data and analysis and calls international attentions to issues and policy options that put people at the center of strategies to meet the challenges of development “ (http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/ viewed June 2012)

In addition, by a 2003 Resolution of the UN General Assembly, Its editorial autonomy is guaranteed by a special resolution of the General Assembly (A/RES/57/264) Assembly which also recognizes the Human Development Report as ‘an independent intellectual exercise’ and ‘an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world.’ (http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/, viewed June 2012)

The current Global Human Development Report issued in 2011 and covering two years, is titled, Sustainability and Equity: A Better Future for All. Development and sustainability are examined together, and a case is made that each priority can strengthen the other.

National and Regional Human Development Reports. More than 600 national reports have been written, on a frequent basis, since 1990, coming from 140 countries. In addition there are reports that cover entire regions, and some that cover only part of a country. A new feature of the web page is the ability to search for regional and national reports through thematic maps, under the categories:

- Human Development and Measurement
- Democratic Governance
- Economic Reforms and Public Finance
- Education, Knowledge and Culture
- Environment and Energy
- Gender
- Human Security and Conflicts
- MDGs and International Cooperation
- Poverty and Inequality
Reports are usually available for free download on the UNDP site, and can often also be purchased for a nominal cost from Oxford University Press or other publisher. In addition, the database of indicators from the entire HDR series is also available without charge on the HDR web site.

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Inter-American Development Bank - IADB
http://www.iadb.org

The Inter-American Development Bank has launched a geo-mapping tool. MapAmericas is an online interactive mapping platform that allows users to view IDB-financed development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. http://www.iadb.org/en/mapamericas/mapping-results-for-latin-america-and-the-caribbean,5786.html

The IDB Flagship publication this year is Room for Development: Housing Markets in Latin America and the Caribbean which looks at the determinants and consequences of poor housing in Latin American and Caribbean cities. The Executive Summary can be found here: http://www.iadb.org/en/research-and-data/access-document,3181.html?pub_id=36750134

Other recent IDB publications include:

- Antipodes of Violence, an IDB sponsored study that examines civic culture as a way to reduce violence http://www.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=36882222
- Shaping the Future of the Asia and the Pacific—Latin America and the Caribbean Relationship analyzes the economic ties between Asia and Latin America and suggests strategies to support greater South–South cooperation http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?docnum=36836575
- The World of Forking Paths: Latin America and the Caribbean Facing Global Economic Risks which examines the diverging paths that the world economy may take and the consequences for Latin America and the Caribbean. http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?docnum=36727120

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International Labour Organization – ILO
http://www.ilo.org/global

The International Labour Organization is moving into its second century of providing a framework to encourage both a stable workforce and decent working conditions in countries and cultures all over the world. Reaching back as far as 1900 with preliminary conferences, the formal organization of the International Labour Organization (ILO) was carried out in 1919 upon the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The ILO was then under the umbrella of the League of Nations. In 1946 ILO came under the United Nations, where it remains today. the ILO has a
profound effect and takes serious measures of the world of work. Unique among international agencies, the ILO has a tripartite structure, which includes representatives of government, workers, and employers

Each is represented in the bodies that create policy and making the ILO provides both publications and data resources for understanding the world of work on a global basis. Many resources are available on the ILO site without charge, including journals, several statistical databases, developing standards for work and workers, and some reports and publications. There are other reports and publications which must be purchased, and the Renouf Agency is a ready source to do so.

**Renouf Provides All ILO Titles.** The International Documents Community 8is well served in that Renouf provides a full range of ILO publications, including backfiles, and is the source for ILO in the U.S. and more broadly.

**Helpdesk.** The ILO web site now hosts an interactive helpdesk for Business on International Labor Standards. It is described as a “new one-stop shop for company managers and workers on how to better align business operations with international labour standards and build good industrial relations.”


**Decent Work.** The full text of Journals – ILO and others closely related to labor – which are provided on the ILO web site can provides a succinct and up-to-date tutorial on labor issues on a global basis. Of particular note at the present time is the November 2011, No. 78 , issue of the Global Labour Column, (A publication of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa), also on the web at http://column.global-labour-university.org/. In this newsletter, Frank Hoffer addresses “Decent Work 2.0.” Decent Work was introduced as a key concept for ILO in1999 by Juan Somavia, Director General of the ILO, who will leave his post in 2012. What this has meant as a modernizing concept for the ILO over the years since and also on an ongoing basis is explored, and provides a clear view of some broader important concepts and developments for the ILO.

**Current Titles of Special Note**

*Effective Protection for Domestic Workers: A Guide to Designing Labour Laws.* Geneva: International Labour Office. 2012. 100 pp. ISBN 978-92-2-125275-7.US $50. Also free down load on ILO site. Issued May 23, 2012. Long excluded from its consideration, domestic workers were recognized by the ILO at its Centennial International Labour Conference in 2011 with Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 201 on decent work for domestic workers. Here the ILO offers a framework for documenting the field as a legitimate job category, beginning with: “alternative approaches to regulating domestic work, the nature and characteristics of domestic work, the forms of employment relationships that may exist, and their implications for regulation.. ILO web.

*Global Employment Trends for Youth 2012.* Geneva: International Labour Office. 2012. 56 pp. ISBN 978-92-2-126325-8,US $27. Also free down load on ILO site. Issued May 22, 2012 Providing a global perspective on the crisis in Youth employment has been in a crisis globally since 2009, where some75 million youth are unemployed. This study provides statistics with a breakdown by gender, at the national and regional level. Discouraged workers among youth are lifted up as a special concern, especially unemployed youth who are neither in school or looking for work ILO policy recommendations are given to address this situation,
Working Towards Sustainable Development: Opportunities for Decent Work and Social Inclusion in a Green Economy. Geneva: International Labour Office. 2012. 288 pp. ISBN 978-92-2-126378-4 US $65. Also free download on ILO site. Issued June 12, 2012 Counter to the gloom intrinsic in much economic analysis written today, the ILO here offers a positive development model which provides An appropriate policy framework is offered for “sectoral, employment and income implications of the transition to a green economy, which highlights the necessary conditions, policy prescriptions and good practices required to ensure that the green economy is characterized by gains in job quality, reductions in poverty and improvements in social inclusion.” ILO web.


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International Monetary Fund – IMF  www.imf.org

The International Monetary Fund will be exhibiting at the ALA Meeting in June in the Exhibits hall at Booth No. 1858. Please stop by the booth to learn more about the IMF eLibrary. This year we are conducting a survey on the eLibrary (Those who agree to take the survey will receive a small gift). There is a 20% discount on all titles on display.

IMF e-Library
Over 12,000 titles are now in the eLibrary. New material from the IMF archives and publications front list continue to be added to the eLibrary on a regular basis. Items are available in a range of formats: PDF, ePub, MobiPocket, and XML. Improvements on the eLibrary are ongoing:

- Enhancements on the full-text search function have continued;
- Browse by publication type, topic, language, date, relevance
- Custom book function has been added—allowing users to collect and build chapters and other items from their searches into a PDF. The document includes a TOC with citation information
- Users can develop personal accounts to save their search histories and custom books
- New Startup Guides have been added to the eLibrary. They can be downloaded from the Help page and are available in 7 different languages.
- Most items in the eLibrary are available in PDF, ePUB, Mobipocket, and XML formats. Users also have an option to buy a copy of the publication via the IMF eBookstore after viewing the text or description on screen, or they can download it to their desktop, or print out a copy.

For Libraries
- Encouraging libraries to send their Library/University logo to customize their login page; the logo will be added onto your institutional eLibrary homepage. Contact information and instructions can be found on the FAQs page.
- Monthly MARC records are now available
- Recommended Reading list was developed to help promote new titles and to give researchers a taste of the range of materials the IMF has available. Posters with QR code and a link to the list can be requested from the “For the Librarians” page. (Copies of the poster are available at the booth.)
New Initiative for free access in developing countries.
- Last October, the IMF started a new initiative to promote free eLibrary access to academic, non-profit and government institutions in 80 developing countries.
- To date 100 institutions have enrolled in the program.
- The new program/policy is promoted on the eLibrary site.

Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions -(AREAER)
- A usability study was conducted in the spring and many recommendations were made for enhancing the online version.
- Over the coming months, users should see enhanced search functions, better cached results, and cleaner navigation functions.
- Future improvements include developing structured queries to enhance the search function.
- Eventually movement between AREAER and eLibrary will become seamless.
- Information on the AREAER is available online. For me information please contact: www.imfbookstore.org/ProdDetails.asp?ID=AREAER1&PG=1&Type=BL.

IMF Statistical Packages.
Data previously available on www.imfstatistics.org are now available through an enhanced interface at www.elibrary-data.imf.org.
- Balance of Payments
- Direction of Trade
- International Financial Statistics
- Global Finance Statistics
- Improvements have been made to the Query Builder functions and the View Data Screens.
- The Help tab features an online video that walks users through some of these changes.
- Users can also now download User Guides in several different languages.
- “Known Issues”: please check if you are experiencing any problems to see if the team is working on it. If this looks like a new problem please let us know by clicking on “contact us.”

Recent and Forthcoming Publications and the IMF e-Bookstore
- Building a Common Future in Southern Africa: Challenges and Opportunities
  Author/Editor: Joannes Mongardini
  Publication Date: estimated October 2012
- The Economics of Public Health Care Reform in Advanced and Emerging Economies
  Author/Editor: Benedict J. Clements, David Coady, Sanjeev Gupta
  ISBN: 978-1-61635-244-8
- Fiscal Monitor, April 2012
  Author/Editor: IMF Staff
  ISBN: 978-1-61635-248-6
- Fiscal Policy to Mitigate Climate Change: A Guide for Policymakers
  Authors/Editors: Ian W.H. Parry, Ruud A. De Mooij, and Michael Keen
  ISBN: 978-1-61635-393-3
- Global Financial Stability Report, April 2012
  Author/Editor: IMF Staff
- How Emerging Europe Came Through the 2008-09 Crisis
  Author/Editor: Bas Bakker and Christoph Klinge
The IMF-FSB Early Warning Exercise: Design and Methodological Toolkit
Author/Editor: IMF Staff Team
ISBN: 978-1-61635-054-3

Public Sector Debt Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users
Author/Editor: IMF Staff
ISBN: 978-1-61635-156-4

Tearing Down Walls: The International Monetary Fund 1990-1999
Author: James Boughton
ISBN: 978-1-61635-084-0

World Economic Outlook, April 2012
Author/Editor: IMF Staff

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International Telecommunications Union - ITU
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“ITU is the leading United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private sector in developing networks and services. For nearly 145 years, ITU has coordinated the shared global use of the radio spectrum, promoted international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, worked to improve telecommunication infrastructure in the developing world, established the worldwide standards that foster seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems and addressed the global challenges of our times, such as mitigating climate change and strengthening cybersecurity.”

ITU divides up its advocacy work into several different “areas of action” (Accessibility, Broadband, Climate Change, Cybersecurity, Digital Divide, Emergency Telecoms, Internet, and Woman and Girls in ICT).

New Notable Publications and Online Reports:
Case studies on Broadband and MDGs. The Broadband Commission for Digital Development, in partnership with ITU-BDT, has developed country case studies examining links between broadband and the UN Millennium Development Goals in four emerging economies.

Other Recent publications include:

- M-Government: Mobile Technologies for Responsive Government and Connected Societies
- Yearbook of Statistics (Telecommunication and ICT Indicators)
- Measuring the Information Society - The ICT Development Index
- World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database Online (available also on CD-ROM)*

These publications are not available for online download, but must be purchased from the ITU.

The ITU does have a library and archives service; the catalog is available online. However there is only a limited reference service to external researchers: http://www.itu.int/library.

*Note that general statistics (ITU ICT-EYE service) can be located here: http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/Default.aspx

Portals.

- ITU’s Broadband Universe Portal. The portal an overview of the global broadband universe. The portal gives access to a wealth of online resources and information on the evolution of broadband around the world, including the latest available status and statistics on broadband policy, pricing, competition and regulation.
- The ITU maintains a History Portal that highlights the history of the ITU; includes a good number of digitized documents and audiovisual material: http://www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/default.aspx
- Media resources, include videos, tweets, and other audiovisual content can be found here: http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/index.aspx?lang=en.

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LexisNexis

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Research Countries in LexisNexis Academic. The Research Countries widget allows you to find political and economic information about a specific country. Information on hundreds of countries is available. You may select a country from the Country drop-down box and then select a specific source from the Source drop-down box. You may choose:

- Business Monitor International (for International Company information)
- Country Briefings (economic briefings on politics, stock markets, etc. for 32 countries)
- PRS Risk Guides & Service (international business risk analysis)
- Walden Country Reports (basic country information, updated yearly)
**Recent News Stories** (news about the country selected)

**Major World Publications.** The Major World Publications group file, MWP, in LN Academic contains full-text news sources from around the world which are held in high esteem for their content reliability. This includes the world's major newspapers, magazines and trade publications which are relied upon for the accuracy and integrity of their reporting. Major World Publications are searchable from a dropdown menu in the “News” section of LN Academic.

An interesting project is to take a current news topic and search and compare how U.S. news sources are reporting that topic, with the way that news sources from around the world are reporting the same topic.

**Foreign Language News in LexisNexis Academic.** Did you know that LexisNexis Academic contains hundreds of Foreign Language News sources? The best way to search Foreign Language News Sources in LexisNexis Academic is by using the Foreign Language News Search form. Click on the News Tab and then the Foreign Language link. From here, you can choose which language you'd like to search in. Currently, LexisNexis has sources in:

- Dutch
- French
- German
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Spanish

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1C6N8Go_2Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1C6N8Go_2Q) links to a youtube video explaining how to use the Foreign Language News Search form.

**International Legal in LexisNexis Academic.** Another source of international information in LN Academic is their “International Legal” section. In this section one can search:

- Canadian Cases
- Canadian legislation
- Canadian law journals
- EU, Commonwealth, and other Nations cases, legislation, and law journals.


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**MyiLibrary Electronic Publications Service**


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Organization of American States – OAS

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In November 2011, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), a principal autonomous body of the OAS which acts as a consultative body to the OAS in human rights matters, created a unit devoted to protecting the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex (LGBTI) persons. The Unit on the Rights of LGTBI Persons has a website and provides annual country reports on the situation of the LGBTI community http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/lgibi/reports/annual.asp

Other recent OAS publications include:
- Tenth Anniversary of the Inter-American Democratic Charter: A Hemispheric Commitment to Democracy http://www.oas.org/docs/publications/Tenth%20Anniversary%20of%20the%20Inter-American%20Democratic%20Charter.pdf

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The OECD consists of 34 member countries. Its original membership consisted of 20 countries (18 European nations plus the United States and Canada). The last expansion was in 2010 when Chile, Slovenia, Israel, and Estonia formalized membership. Russia is still in open discussion for membership. OECD offers “enhanced engagement” to Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa. While this is not the same as membership, it is useful to researchers in that many of the same statistics collected for member countries are collected for these nations.

Since the last report, the OECD.Stat statistics section of OECD iLibrary has been updated. Button bars have been replaced by drop-down menus and improved dialogue boxes. A new charting module that offers bar and line charts and scatter plots has been added. Previous issues involving proxy servers involving changing the default time and frequency dimensions have been fixed. Content continues to be added on a regular basis with dozens of titles added monthly. Significant additions included a series of peer reviews by the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. It also launched a new annual OECD Pensions Outlook and produced its second issue of Entrepreneurship at a Glance. The following is a small sampling of the many titles released since the last report:

• Economic Policy Reforms 2012: Going for Growth
• Equity and Quality in Education: Supporting Disadvantaged Students and Schools
• Equity and Quality in Education: Supporting Disadvantaged Students and Schools
• Financing SMEs and Entrepreneurs 2012: An OECD Scoreboard
• The Future of Families to 2030
• Languages in a Global World: Learning for Better Cultural Understanding
• Latin American Economic Outlook 2012
• OECD Environmental Outlook to 2050
• OECD Sovereign Borrowing Outlook 2012
• Sick on the Job? Myths and Realities about Mental Health and Work

The database continues to be a very rich source of literature and statistics on OECD member countries as well as countries with “enhanced engagement” status. The OECD still produces print publications but all are
available in electronic format. OECD also includes limited reports and statistics on other parts of the world. The OECD site continues to offer some free content, but to access more detail and historical files, it is necessary to subscribe to OECDiLibrary. For an added fee, one can also get data from the International Energy Agency. OECDiLibrary continues to provide remarkable value in both statistical and narrative content.

The OECD is exhibiting at ALA Annual in Booth 1862.

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August Imholz, Readex Vice-President, invites all librarians interested in international documents to stop by Readex at exhibitor’s booth No. 1310 at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Mr. Imholz can also be contacted by phone at (301) 572-5626 or by email at imholtz99@atlantech.net.

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JPRS is an English-language archive of translations of foreign scientific, technical, and social science material. JPRS was established in March 1957 as part of the United States Department of Commerce's Office of Technical Services, about six months before the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1. Acting as a unit within the Central Intelligence Agency, JPRS staff prepared translations for the use of U.S. Government officials, various agencies, and the research and industrial communities. During the Cold War, the reports were primarily translations rather than analysis or commentary, with an emphasis on scientific and technical topics. Over time, however, that scope expanded to cover environmental concerns, world health issues, nuclear proliferation, and more.

This unique collection—fully searchable for the first time—features English translations of foreign-language monographs, reports, serials, journal and newspaper articles, and radio and television broadcasts from regions throughout the world. Few libraries or institutions outside of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Library of Congress previously held this complete microform edition, especially for the first two decades following the founding of JPRS.

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Gordon Grahame, President of Renouf, reports that the many of the publication units within the international organizations are in the process of adapting to the new economies of the book industry, which is making it more difficult for everyone to locate print publications. Renouf has been distributing international reports for over thirty-five years and during that time it has established contacts within many of the organizations it represents.
The company’s customer-service department can locate documents that are no longer available through regular UN channels and they are available to assist you if you are having difficulties obtaining a specific report. Gordon is sorry that he will not be attending the conference but he is looking forward to meeting you at the ALA Midwinter meeting next year. In the meantime he can be reached at: ggrahame@renoufbooks.com. Additional information on the newly released titles listed below as well as over 45,000 other international publications can be found on Renouf’s web site located at: www.renoufbooks.com

Titles of Interest

- **Definition and Development of Human Rights and Popular Sovereignty in Europe** (978-92-871-7164-4) This Council of Europe volume explores the very topical issue of the lack of democratic legitimisation of national and international courts and the question of whether rendering the original process of defining human rights more democratic at the national and international level would improve the degree of protection they afford.

- **Europe in Figures: Eurostat Yearbook 2011** (978-92-791-8414-7) This annual EU report presents a comprehensive selection of data on Europe. With more than 420 statistical tables, graphs and maps, the yearbook is a definitive collection of statistical information on the European Union and Member States.

- **From Space to Place: An Image Atlas of World Heritage Sites on the ‘In Danger’ List** (978-92-3-104227-0) UNESCO and the United States Geological Survey present a visual and narrative tour of 31 World Heritage sites around the world whose natural and cultural treasures are endangered from a variety of natural and human-caused threats.

- **Global Environment Outlook 5** (GEO 5) (978-92-807-3177-4) Published every three years by UNEP, GEO, with its thousands of supporting scientists and hundreds of collaborating centers, has over 15 years, built scientific knowledge and provided irrefutable information needed by governments, local authorities, companies and individuals. This report underlines that it is not whether action is needed, but whether world leaders can take up the options outlined.

- **Living Through Crises: How the Food, Fuel, and Financial Shocks Affect the Poor** (978-0-8213-8940-9) This World Bank publication brings together qualitative crisis monitoring conducted during 2008-2011 in communities in sixteen countries, including eight country case studies that illustrate how people in specific localities were impacted by global shocks, what coping strategies they applied, and which sources of support proved helpful.

- **Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk: The United Nations World Water Development Report 4** (978-92-3-104235-5) This UNESCO report provides an overall picture of the world’s freshwater resources and analyses pressures from decisions that drive demand for water and affect its availability. It offers tools and response options to help leaders in government, the private sector and civil society address current and future challenges.

- **Roots of Violent Radicalisation** (978-0-215-04164-7) In this TSO report, the Home Affairs Committee concludes that the internet is one of the most significant vehicles for promoting violent radicalism – more so than prisons, universities or places of worship, although direct, personal contact with radicals is in many cases also a significant factor.

- **Wildlife in a Changing Climate** (978-92-5-107089-5) FAO’s new report foresees that the rate of loss of wild animal species will be accelerated by climate change unless urgent measures are taken. Using case studies, the report puts forward a series of responsive measures to mitigate the impact of climate change.

- **World of Work 2012: Better Jobs for a Better Economy** (978-92-9251-009-1) This annual ILO Report provides a comprehensive analysis of recent labour market and social trends, assesses risks of social unrest and presents employment projections for the next five years.


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United Nations Environment Programme - UNEP

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The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the voice for the environment within the United Nations system. Its mission: to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

The interactive UNEP website is devoted to six priority areas for the 21\textsuperscript{st} century: Climate Change, Disasters and Conflicts, Ecosystem Management, Environmental Government, Harmful Substances, and Resource Efficiency. Each area expands to an entire page with additional links devoted to that topic; the site is continually adding information and updates in these areas. The top page is devoted to UNEP News, Speeches, In Focus, Ask an Expert, Publications, Videos, and how to get involved. At the time of this writing, the focus is on RIO+20, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which takes place June 20-22 in Rio De Janiero. Four topics are highlighted in the UNEP News, which each open a new page. Ask Today’s Expert, gives the opportunity for the posing of questions to an expert in the field. Questions and answers can be viewed as can upcoming and previous sessions. Short film videos are also available as are links to UNEP campaigns (World Environment Day, Jun 2012, etc.) There is an A-Z index at the bottom of the home page.

Publications.

The Publications section of the site includes Recently Published, Interactive e-Books, and Forthcoming, also Best Sellers and Periodicals sections. Flagship publications include Global Environment Outlook. Recently Published, Best Seller titles are available full-text in .pdf. There is a Google search engine for UNEP books. The search engine searches UNEP titles in addition to other related sites. Other access points include:

- EarthPrint.com, “The World’s Leading Environmental and Agricultural Bookstore” is UNEP’s official online bookstore for its publications: titles can be searched and purchased online. It has general keyword search capability, but can be searched by topic including Air Pollution, Biodiversity, Chemicals, Climate, Desertification, Environmental Law, etc., which list UNEP publications in each of these subject areas. Titles feature a brief synopsis. Select titles are available full-text online. Publications offer both reports and statistics.
  - Annual Reports (2000 forward in full-text, .pdf or .html format)
  - Atlases
  - Periodicals (Our Planet, vol. 16 forward available full-text online)
  - Newsletters, most full-text online, including:
    - Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development
    - Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development News
    - Great Apes Survival Project Newsletter
    - Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction from Industry in Asia and the Pacific News
    - Sustainable Consumption Network Newsletter
    - UNEP Chemicals Newsletter
  - e-Books (new)

The agency website is well-organized and is continually updated. As the international producer of information in the critical area of the environment, international documents and environmental /science librarians should keep abreast of all UNEP publications through the various access points on this site.

Recent publications include:
• **Global Outlook on Sustainable Consumption and Production Policies: Taking Action Together**, 2012
  Provides a non-exhaustive review of policies and initiatives that are promoting the shift towards SCP patterns. This report identifies examples of effective policies and initiatives being implemented worldwide.

• **Measuring Water Use in a Green Economy**, 2012
  This report analyses the different ways for quantifying and accounting for water flows and productivity within the economy (including environmental needs).

**Interactive e-Books includes:** *Moving Towards a Climate Neutral United Nations*

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**United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization – UNESCO**

[http://www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)

The following titles are among the most notable UNESCO publications from the past half year. To order print copies, go to [http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/resources/publications/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/resources/publications/) and click the Online Bookshop link.

**Education**

  A compilation of 28 maps and numerous figures and tables that portray “the general expansion of educational opportunities, [but that] also show how the rates of progress have varied widely not only among various regions of the world but between countries within the same region.” [Introduction] [http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002155/215522e.pdf](http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002155/215522e.pdf)

  This is a jointly-sponsored publication that focuses on the manifestations of intolerance, principles and approaches for combatting it in educational settings, strategies, and challenges. [http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002152/215299e.pdf](http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002152/215299e.pdf)

  “This study examines the impact of armed conflict on the population of 25 countries, finding substantial negative effects of exposure to conflict on educational attainment and Literacy.” [Abstract] [http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002145/214576e.pdf](http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002145/214576e.pdf)

**Science**

This report, from the United Nations World Water Assessment Programme, “presents an analysis of the evolution of 10 major external forces (‘drivers’) that have direct and indirect consequences for water managers.” [Forward]


Culture


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United Nations Statistics Division
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The UN Statistics Division administratively sits under the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Economic and Social Development. There are four topical branches that collect, compile and disseminate key statistical publications, as well as work on methodological standards for classifying statistics in their areas. They are: Economic Statistics Branch, Demographic and Social Statistics, Environment and Energy Statistics Branch, and the Trade Statistics Branch. The final branch is the Statistical Services Branch that is responsible for compiling and documenting “crosscutting UN databases for print and electronic dissemination.”

News and Events

Global Statistics Calendar. Lists conferences and meetings of the UNSD.
  http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat_calendar.htm

Social Media. UN Stats Division is making good use of various social media.

  Forty-five videos are currently available from UNSD. Many introduce the people behind the numbers at UNSD, the various statistical programs administered by UNSD, as well as press conferences and meeting highlights featuring Paul Cheung, the UNSD Director.

  The UN Country Stats App let you quickly access country data on various key economic, social and environmental indicators for 216 countries and areas. Country profiles as well as comparisons of up to three countries at a time can be made, by indicator, and displayed as bar graphs. Data sources include official UN statistical publications like the Demographic Yearbook and National Accounts, the External Agencies, and other well recognized international bodies such as the Inter-parliamentary Union.
Noteworthy Information Sources


  One of the UNSD core functions is to encourage and assist countries with taking national censuses. Like each of the previous six Programmes (1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000) the 2010 World Programme is primarily aimed at ensuring that each Member State conducts a population and housing census at least once in the period from 2005 to 2014 and disseminates the results.

  “The programme recognizes population and housing censuses as one of the main sources of data for effective development planning and objective decision-making. In addition, the data are useful for monitoring population trends and programmes, as well as for evaluating policies.” Results from these Censuses are published in core UNSD publications like the Demographic Yearbook.

  The Census Knowledge Base is the key to unlocking and understanding the processes and publication of the data. It is a repository of documents relevant for the field of population and housing census taking. This includes international census methodological guidelines as well as documents on best practices in census taking. Included are reports on what has been done by countries during their censuses. All materials can be downloaded in .pdf as well as emailed. The browse feature is the easiest way to access the documents, unless one is very familiar with the Census Programme and its terminology.


  The Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and targets come from the [Millennium Declaration](http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Default.aspx), signed by 189 countries, including 147 heads of State and Government, in September 2000 and from further agreement by member states at the 2005 World Summit (Resolution adopted by the General Assembly - A/RES/60/1). What’s important about the MDG program for librarians and information providers is the data access. The overall website also contains reports and news items. The eight goals center around socio-economic and environmental indicators that are being collected to determine the progress of countries as they try to create a world with less “poverty, hunger, and disease and with more access to heathcare and education.”

  The UNSD collects and compiles the indicator data from various UN programs and other Intergovernmental Organizations whose data collection pre-dates the MDGs. The sources for MDG data are provided by the FAO; Inter-parliamentary Union; ILO; ITU; UNAIDS; UNESCO; UN-Habitat; UNICEF; UN Population Division; World Bank; and World Health Organization. The Metadata section of the site provides the complete details for each indicator, including the definition, equation for calculating the indicator as well the country and regional estimates, comparability, limitations, processing of data, explanation of missing data, and most important, an agency contact person if assistance is needed.

  Even though the MDGs began in 2000, data are available back to 1990 for most indicators. Each goal has a series of targets, for which there is are indicators. The indicators are essentially the variables available. For a full description of the variables, see the official list [http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Host.aspx?Content=Indicators/OfficialList.htm](http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Host.aspx?Content=Indicators/OfficialList.htm)
The MDG data is available by region and country, with a further breakdown between urban and rural, when possible. For example, national population below poverty level goes back to 1990. As with most international statistics, not all countries report for all years. The Data Availability by Series chart is very useful. For each indicator it lists the total number of countries reporting, the first and last year of data available, along with the latest update date. Go to http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/DataAvailability.aspx Be sure to click the link that says Data Availability by Series. The chart that comes up shows only the region and country breakdown for each indicator.

Features of the MDG Data access are the ability to download the entire MDG dataset, download specific tables as Excel, .xml or .csv. Included is a Gapminder data visualization tool for the MDG indicators. http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Trendalyzer/index.html

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**World Bank – IBRD**
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The World Bank, as a preeminent publisher of a wide range of titles dealing with financial and fiscal matters at global, regional, and national levels, is a significant partner with libraries and research centers in providing a sound basis in data and analysis for understanding the world’s financial situation. The World Bank for both publishing and data is well represented in their Booth 1121 at the 2012 Midwinter ALA Meeting in Dallas.

One of five global fiscal bodies created at the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944, the World Bank has in the intervening years created what many consider to be the gold standard in gathering of financial and fiscal information on the world’s countries and their constituent financial institutions. The Bank also provides thorough and well grounded analysis of the data so gathered, and disseminates that analysis along with a readily accessible body of financial and other data – a broad basket of its own data and much gathered from various other sources – countries and organizations. It tracks the financial situation of countries at annual intervals, and keeps those data for analysis over time – its own and by anyone wishing to access the data through the open Internet.

**Data and Research.** Data and Research is a powerful new portal on the World Bank web site which enable ready searching of World Bank resources in three categories: Data, Research, and Prospects. Note multiple statistical packages available through this site for detailed analysis:

- **ADePT.** Software platform for automated economic analysis
- **iSimulate.** Platform for performing macroeconomic simulations
- **PovCalNet.** Poverty Analysis Tool assess global poverty incidence figures
- **PovMap.** Provides computational solutions to poverty mapping activities

**Open Data.** The Bank continues to add datasets and indicators to the open data portal (data.worldbank.org). **Join us on Facebook and Twitter.** Learn more about our new releases, get up-to-date notices, and share World Bank content with your patrons and colleagues.

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World Health Organization – WHO
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New Publications and Developments

- **Publications Portal.** Full lists of international and regional-specific publications are located on the WHO’s extensive publications portal. Most of these are electronic and free for download.

- **Fewer maternal and child deaths: too many still dying.** The new Countdown to 2015 report, *Building a future for women and children: the 2012 report*, highlights country progress – and obstacles to progress – towards achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5, and includes updated health data on the 75 countries that account for 95% of all maternal and child deaths.

- **New programmatic update on antiretroviral treatment as prevention.** WHO has issued a programmatic update on antiretroviral treatment as prevention, which complements the 2010 WHO guidelines on antiretroviral therapy for HIV infection in adults and adolescents. It summarizes new scientific and programmatic data and describes WHO’s role.

- **Bugs, drugs and smoke: stories from public health.** This book explains in simple, non-technical language how individuals, communities, institutions and countries can improve people's health when they work together. It shows the role that WHO has played in providing countries with the technical support and coordination to make progress in health possible.

- **Factsheets.** WHO has published several new factsheets (“10 essential facts”) in the last few months. Of notable interest are one on Universal Healthcare and another on Obesity

Global Health Data Repository.
The GHO data repository provides access to over 50 datasets on priority health topics including mortality and burden of diseases, the Millennium Development Goals (child nutrition, child health, maternal and reproductive health, immunization, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected diseases, water and sanitation), non communicable diseases and risk factors, epidemic-prone diseases, health systems, environmental health, violence and injuries, equity among others. In addition, the GHO provides on-line access to WHO's annual summary of health-related data for its 194 Member states: the World Health Statistics 2011. Essential metadata for each indicator is also available.

Ongoing Publications of Interest.

- **The World Health Assembly** just recently met for its 64th annual session. Assembly documents and activities back to 2002 are available: [http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/governance/wha/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/governance/wha/en/index.html)

- **World Health Report - 2012.** The focus of the next (2012) World Health Report will be entitled “No Health Without Research.” A quick summary of the report is as follows: “The World Health Report 2012 will discuss the impact of health research. Over the last few years, there has been a sustained effort at the international level to encourage research initiatives and knowledge to action practices in public health. The World Health Report 2012 will further highlight the significance of conducting and translating health research to help promote healthy behaviors.” ([http://www.who.int/whr/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/whr/en/index.html)).

As a reminder, data in the World Health Reports is not downloadable into spreadsheet or statistical programs. However, WHOStat provides access to much of the primary data (and provides numerous notes and caveats): [http://www.who.int/healthinfo/statistics/en/](http://www.who.int/healthinfo/statistics/en/)

As part of the 2012 report, WHO has announced a collaboration with the Public Library of Science PLoS): “A collaboration between WHO and PLoS Medicine has been established to enhance the content and the dissemination of the key messages of the World Health Report 2012. We aim to work together to develop a Special Collection of papers to be launched at the same time of the launch of the WHR2012. Working with PLoS will enable us to capture the diversity and richness of experience, especially in developing countries, which can contribute to the strengthening of national health research systems.” ([http://www.who.int/whr/2012/en/index3.html](http://www.who.int/whr/2012/en/index3.html)).

- **World Malaria Report 2011** “summarizes information received from 106 malaria-endemic countries and a range of other sources. It analyses prevention and control measures according to a comprehensive set of indicators, and highlights continued progress towards global malaria targets. This year's report builds primarily on data received from countries for the year 2010. The report shows clear progress in the fight against malaria and a decline in estimated malaria cases and deaths. For the first time, the report contains individual profiles for 99 countries with ongoing malaria transmission.” ([http://www.who.int/malaria/world_malaria_report_2011/en/](http://www.who.int/malaria/world_malaria_report_2011/en/)).

Multimedia.

There is an increasing amount of multimedia material available from WHO (central location: [http://www.who.int/mediacentre/multimedia/en/](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/multimedia/en/))

- Podcasts via RSS
- YouTube Channel: [http://www.youtube.com/who](http://www.youtube.com/who)

General Resources


30,000+ links to full text documents and 70,000 bibliographic records are accessible; most current and many out of print WHO publications can be accessed in pdf. Stable URLs are given, suitable for inclusion in 856 fields.
WHO Documentation  http://www.who.int/gb/e/index.html
Complete documentation (1998-) of WHO Executive Board sessions and Health Assemblies.

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World Trade Organization – WTO
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The World Trade Organization was established January 1, 1995, created during the Uruguay Round, essentially replacing the GATT 1947. The WTO’s main function is to ensure “that trade flows smoothly, predictably, and as freely as possible”. GATT had mainly dealt with trade in goods, the WTO and its agreements now cover trade in services, and in traded inventions, creations and designs (intellectual property). In order to achieve its mission, the WTO engages in the following activities: trade negotiations; implementation and monitoring of the WTO agreements and member countries trade policies and practices; settlement of trade disputes; building trade capacity with developing countries; and outreach. The current round of trade negotiations is the Doha Round, launched November 2001 at the Fourth Ministerial Conference held in Doha, Qatar.

Multimedia and Online Engagement  WTO is on Flicker, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

Noteworthy Information Sources
• Flagship Publications. The WTO website contains a wide variety of information, videos, webcasts, etc. including three flagship publications, World Trade Report (2003-current), International Trade Statistics (2001-current), and WTO Annual Report (1998 – current). All freely available in .pdf:
  http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/publications_e.htm
  Note: all three publications are indexed in ProQuest Statistical Insight; depending on your subscription, tables and full text is also available.

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