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Canadian Official Publications

Library and Archives of Canada

Library and Archives of Canada (LAC) launched Voilà on February 1, 2018. “Voilà is Canada’s new national union catalogue, hosted on the OCLC website. LAC has been working with the non-profit cooperative OCLC, a leader in library services, to implement a leading-edge library management system that will make the published heritage of our country more visible than ever before, and will share Canada’s culture and knowledge with the world.”

The launch of Voilà, a milestone for LAC in its library renewal project, marks the completion of the migration of the national union catalogue holdings from AMICUS to OCLC.

For more information:

Statistics Canada (StatsCan)

StatsCan has digitized their entire collection of documents and is working with the Publishing and Depository Services (PDS) to integrate the holdings into the DSP e-collection.

Federal Government - Open Government

Open Information Portal

There is currently a pilot project being run by the Open Government division in conjunction with four departments (Canadian Heritage, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat), in which they will leverage the GCDOCs environment for proof of concept in adding working documents to the Open Information Portal. They are looking at September for a launch date.

Federal Science Library (FSL)

The FSL is part of Canada’s commitment to open government. The FSL provides a single online discovery and access platform for federal science library services and collections. The FSL is a collaboration between 7 federal libraries: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Environment and Climate
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has digitized over 2000 historic publications, most dating from the mid-twentieth century and mostly monographs. This project was a partnership with the Public Services and Procurement Canada’s digitization program. This material will be included in the DSP e-collection.

Crown Copyright Petition

Amanda Wakaruk, Copyright Librarian at the University of Alberta spearheaded e-petition E-1116 in 2017, calling for the addition of section 12.1 (following section 12, Crown copyright): “Works noted in section 12 are no longer protected by copyright upon being made available to the public”. There is significant appetite for change, as evidenced by the fact that the e-petition, which Wakaruk details on her Fix Crown Copyright website, received almost triple the number of signatures necessary for certification.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

About FAO: The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. FAO’s goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With over 194 member states, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. FAO believe that everyone can play a part in ending hunger.

The best way to make use of FAO resources is to explore their Web page!
Three easy ways to start using the FOA Web pages:

1. **Countries tab**: then choose “Country Profiles”. The FAO Country Profiles collects information from the entire FAO website and provides a fast and reliable way to access country-specific information with no need to search through individual databases and systems.

2. **Publications tab**: FAO has thousands of publications and reports freely available online. Once at the Publications page, one can browse recent publications – search for publications – browse through their catalog.

   Some recent FAO titles:
   - *Agriculture and migration in the context of climate change*
   - *Reducing distress migration through decent rural employment*
   - *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets 2015–16 - Trade and food security: achieving a better balance between national priorities and the collective good*
   - *Food Outlook Biannual Report on Global Food Markets November 2017*

3. **Statistics tab**. Statistical activities at FAO cover the areas of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, land and water resources and use, climate, environment, population, gender, nutrition, poverty, rural development, education and health as well as many others.

   At the heart of FAO statistics is FAOSTAT, which offers free and easy access to data for 245 countries and 35 regional areas from 1961 through the most recent year available.

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Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

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The OECD consists of 35 member countries. Accession discussions with Colombia have been ongoing since May 2013 and with Costa Rica and Lithuania since April 2015. Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, and South Africa are key partners. Many of the same statistics collected for member countries are collected for these nations. The OECD has co-operative relations with more than 70 non-member economies.

OECD books and papers published since 1998 as well as statistics with data back to the early 1960s are hosted in the OECD iLibrary. Read access is provided to all OECD publications and data since July 2015. A subscription offers additional access to premium content and features such as PDFs; tables and graphs presenting the underlying data from publications; and ready-made tables extracted from databases by OECD statisticians; links from data to related analytical publications; research and technical support, training, and subscription management features such as MARC records and COUNTER-compliant usage statistics. It allows download for offline use, search within a document,
copy/paste, calculate, print, data archive, and bulk downloads. It also allows perpetual access to all previously subscribed publications including databases. The data archive is only available to subscribers and delivers data and metadata in csv format. Training and technical support is only available to subscribers.

OECD iLibrary also contains content published by the Nuclear Energy Agency, PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment), and the International Transport Forum (ITF). International Energy Agency’s (IEA) data is largely available only through subscription through the OECD iLibrary platform. In addition, one can subscribe to Nordic publications (about 60% English in the Norden iLibrary), the Commonwealth iLibrary, and select materials from the United Nations (UN iLibrary) on the same platform.

The OECD iLibrary has several key improvements finalizing in quarter 1 of 2018:

- The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) iLibrary is live and in the process of backfilling content.
- The World Trade Organization iLibrary is on schedule for a first quarter release.
- Version 2 of the OECD iLibrary was postponed from a 4th quarter 2017 release due to extensive work on content synchronization between the old and new platforms to guarantee content parity and no gaps in usage access reporting. This applied to more than 350,000 content items across five websites. The two versions will run in parallel for 2-4 weeks before full migration happens later this quarter.
- Version 2 upgrades will extend to all other iLibraries following the successful implementation on the OECD iLibrary site.

iLibrary version 2 has the following new features:

- New Search function with faster search speeds and facet feature, in response to extensive user feedback.
- Newly designed presentation of content in HTML format – tables, web books.
- Access via cloud service for increased stability and faster access speeds.
- Support for additional citation platforms – Mendeley and Zotero.
- Option to save full search history via the personal profile.
- Option to create content alerts based on saved searches via personal profile.
- Harmonized design across all IGO iLibraries.

The OECD continues to produce monographs and working papers on development, economic cooperation, education, energy and environment, foreign aid, information communication & technology, labor, migration, science & technology, taxation, and transportation. Publications cover not only OECD nations but others as well. Some recent highlights include:

- Assessing the Impact of Digital Government in Colombia
- Better Use of Skills in the Workplace: Why It Matters for Productivity and Local Jobs
- Computers and the Future of Skill Demand
- Educational Opportunity for All: Overcoming Inequality throughout the Life Course
- Enhancing the Role of Insurance in Cyber Risk Management
- Evidence-based Policy Making for Youth Well-being
- The Geography of Firm Dynamics: Measuring Business Demography for Regional Development
- Global Trade Without Corruption: Fighting the Hidden Tariff
- Groundwater Allocation: Managing Growing Pressures on Quantity and Quality
- Harmful Tax Practices - Peer Review Reports on the Exchange of Information on Tax Rulings
- The Missing Entrepreneurs 2017: Policies for Inclusive Entrepreneurship
- OECD Reviews of Health Systems: Peru 2017 (first time Peru is covered)
OECD Reviews of Labour Market and Social Policies: Costa Rica
Preventing Ageing Unequally

OECD will be exhibiting in Booth 1923 at ALA Midwinter Denver. You can reach the OECD contact, Iain Williamson, by email at iain.WILLIAMSON@oecd.org.

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Readex Publications – A Division of Newsbank

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- Caribbean History and Culture, 1535-1920: Imprints from the Library Company of Philadelphia
- Caribbean Newspapers, Series 1, 1718-1876: From the American Antiquarian Society
- Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Daily Reports, 1941-1996
- Immigrations, Migrations and Refugees: Global Perspectives, 1941-1996
- Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS) Reports, 1957-1995
- Latin American Newspapers, Series 1 and 2, 1805-1922
- Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994
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Women's ILO: Transnational Networks, Global Labor Standards and Gender Equity, 1919 to Present (9789221300731) This edited publication asks: what was the role of women’s networks in shaping ILO policies and what were the gendered meanings of international labor law in a world of uneven and unequal development?

World Social Protection Report 2017-19: Universal Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (9789221300151) This ILO flagship report provides a global overview on recent trends in social protection systems, including social protection floors. Based on new data, it offers a broad range of global, regional and country data on social protection coverage, benefits and public expenditures on social protection.

Promising Practices in Supporting Success for Indigenous Students (9789264279414) Canada, Australia and New Zealand educators participated in this study with a common goal of seeking to better meet the educational needs and aspirations of Indigenous students and their families. The report seeks to identify promising strategies, policies, programs and practices that support improved learning outcomes for indigenous students.

The WTO Agreements: The Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and its Annexes, Updated edition of the Legal Texts (9781108438438) The “WTO Agreements” is the definitive reference for all interested in international economic or trade law. This publication replaces The Legal Texts: The results of the Uruguay Round of Multinational Trade Negotiations, which was first published in 1994.

Students as Suspects? The Challenges of Counter-Radicalization Policies in Education in the Council of European Member States (9789287184832) Could Policies aimed at preventing radicalization in Europe end up undermining the very social cohesion they aim to preserve? This report considers the effects of such policies in the education sector through a review of the existing literature on the subject.

Global Ocean Science Report: The Current Status of Ocean Science Around the World (9789231002267) This report assesses, for the first time, the status and trends in ocean science capacity around the world and offers a global record of how, where and by whom ocean science is conducted.

World Migration Report 2018 (9789290687429) This is the ninth report in the series, which is designed as a substantive contribution to increasing the understanding of current and strategic migration issues in
the World. It presents key data and information on migration as well as thematic chapters on highly topical migration issues.

**Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2017** (9789292579111) This annual publication presents the latest statistics on a comprehensive set of economic, financial, social, environmental and Sustainable Development Goal indicators for the 48 regional members of the Asian Development Bank.

**Handbook on Key Performance Indicators for Tourism Marketing Evaluation** (9789284418510) This handbook aims to be a user-friendly guide that provides a methodological framework and practical guidance on how to use performance indicators. It provides a number of best practice examples and offers both a theoretical and practical approach to guide national and destination management organizations towards better digital marketing evaluation.

**Health Employment and Economic Growth: An Evidence Base** (9789241512404) Powerful demographic and economic forces are shaping health workforce needs and demands worldwide. The report gives direction on how to effectively address growing population needs and economic demand for health workers through the presentation of new evidence and solution focused analysis.

**Eruptions of Popular Anger: The Economics of the Arab Spring and Its Aftermath** (9781464811524) The Arab Spring caught most of the world by surprise and ushered in a period of prolonged political instability in the Middle East and North Africa. This report sheds light on the interplay between economic, behavioral, institutional and political factors that have influenced the transitions across the region and the risk of civil conflict.

**MARPOL Consolidated Edition 2017** (9789280116571) The International Convention for The Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL Convention), is concerned with preserving the marine environment through the prevention of pollution by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances. The 2017 consolidated edition aims to provide an easy and comprehensive reference to the up-to-date provisions and Unified Interpretations of the Articles, Protocols and Annexes of the Convention.

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**United Nations Economic Commission for Africa**

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

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is one of the UN's five regional commissions and was established by the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1958. It currently has 54 member states, all African nations. “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 is a “key component of the African institutional landscape,” providing technical advisory services to governments, IGOs, and other institutions; it is also the “regional arm of the UN.”
ECA has seven thematic areas of focus: Macroeconomic Policy, Social Development, Regional Integration and Trade, Natural Resource Management, Innovation & Technology, Gender, and Governance. Five Sub-Regional Offices (SROs) also take the lead in their respective sub-regions.

Publications and Information

Many publications are available for free download under the “Publications” menu (http://www.uneca.org/publications). Publications are divided into essential readings, flagship reports, policy reports, policy briefs, and other reports. They are also browsable in a single long list. Additionally, each of the thematic areas of focus and SROs also has a “publications” link for its own publications.

Recent publications of interest include:

- New Fringe Pastoralism: Conflict and Insecurity and Development in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel
- Transforming African economies through smart trade and industrial policy
- 2017 Africa Sustainable Development Report
- From the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063: Lessons for Africa: ECA POLICY BRIEF - NO. ECA/17/001
- Corruption in local governance and traditional institution in Africa
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The ECA has also developed an annual series of Country Profiles Online: https://www.uneca.org/publications/serie/country-profiles

Print publications listed in the Publications Catalogue 2017 (http://www.uneca.org/publications/publications-catalogue-2017) can be ordered by contacting:

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Knowledge Services Section (http://www.uneca.org/kss)

In addition to providing core services for ECA Library users, the ECA Knowledge Services Section hosts an institutional repository and the Access to Scientific/Socio-economic Knowledge in Africa (ASKIA) portal.
The ECA Institutional Repository (http://repository.uneca.org/) contains published resources including flagship publications, journal articles, conference proceedings, technical reports, mission reports, annual reports, working papers, speeches and other grey literature dating back as far as 1958. The ECA IR is built on Dspace and complies with Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) standards, using AGRIS Application Profile, which maps MARC21 metadata to Simple Dublin Core, and MODS metadata sets exposed through the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) protocol.

The Access to Scientific and Socio-economic Knowledge in Africa (ASKIA) (http://askia.uneca.org) federated search portal is described as a “framework for bringing together scientific and socio-economic information for the African community.” It is a powerful discovery tool that cross-searches open access repositories for articles, books, and other sources and is extremely useful not just in Africa but for searchers across the globe and most disciplines. (For example, it turned out to be especially strong at finding digitized historic primary sources tucked in repositories around the world.)

Statistics

The ECA Databank, StatBase (http://ecastats.uneca.org/data/), is a platform for “the compilation and dissemination of statistical data on various socio-economic indicators on African countries.” It includes indicators from the following sectors: Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries; Banking, Insurance, Financial Statistics; Balance of Payments; Education; Energy; Environment; Gender and Special Population Groups; Globalization; Government Finance Fiscal and Public Sector Statistics; Health; Industry; Information Society; International Trade; Labor; Living Conditions, Poverty and Cross-cutting Social Issues; Millennium Development Goals; National Accounts; Population and Migration; Prices; Tourism; and Transport.

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) was established in 1947 by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As one of five regional commissions of the United Nations, its primary purpose is the promotion of pan-European economic integration, and its 56 member countries are distributed throughout the European Union, non-EU Western and Eastern Europe, South-East Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and North America. Any UN member may participate in UNECE's work, and over 70 international professional organizations and other non-governmental organizations are involved in UNECE activities.

The UNECE “promotes sustainable development and economic prosperity” through: policy dialogue, negotiation of international legal instruments, development of regulations and norms, exchange and application of best practices as well as economic and technical expertise, and technical cooperation for countries with economies in transition. Its areas of expertise include: economic cooperation and integration, environmental policy, forests, housing and land management, population, statistics, sustainable energy, trade, and transport.

Publications and Information

Many publications are available for free download under the “Publications” menu (http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/welcome.html), and each of the thematic areas features topical publications as well.

Recent publications of interest include:

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- Trans-European Railway High-Speed - Master Plan Study: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47917

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Statistics

The Statistical Division’s site (http://www.unece.org/stats/stats_h.html) groups statistics publications and resources by topic (i.e., Economic Statistics; Population, Gender, and Society; Sustainable Development and Environment) under the “Areas of Work” menu.

Statistics are available in the stand-alone Statistical Database (http://w3.unece.org/pxweb/), which now includes rankings, country profiles, and maps as well as the ability to generate detailed tables. Areas include Country Overviews; Population and Gender; Economy; Millennium Development Goals; Transport; and Forestry.

There is also a UNECE Quick Stat app available for Android devices on Google Play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.unece.stats&hl=en

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United Nations Environment Program

http://www.unep.org

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. Its mission is 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 main UNEP website has been completely redesigned. The site is now organized by Regions and Topics, a change from the six priority areas for the 21st century. The six regions highlight Challenges, Work, What You Can Do, and Latest News and Resources sections for each area, also information about the regional office. News features in each region give related news in that area for example includes “Inspirational environmental leaders from Chile, China and United States win UN’s top environmental honour” for North American.

Using Explore Topics outlines 20 topics to work from including Chemicals and Waste, Climate Change, Energy, and Oceans and Seas. Each topic includes an overview of the issue, the challenges, the work, publications, and news and resources.

Other menu choices include News & Stories, Get Involved, Environment & You. There are also opportunities at the bottom of the pages to learn about our work and sign up for updates.

Using Resources at the top of the page, publications can be searched using the Advanced Search by keyword, and then by Resource Type, Topic, Tags, Region, and Country. Publications of interest or recent publications are highlighted on the search page. In addition to publications in PDF, this search locates materials on the site that include those listed in the dropdown under type. This search should include the UNEP Knowledge Repository, the official platform for UNEP research content and knowledge products, most available in full-text in PDF, also this is not stated on the site. The search works well but there should be more information about what it includes and some of the publication highlights, including key publications such as Our Planet, the UNEP Yearbook, etc.

There is also the option to search the Portal sites, Environment Live, International Resource Panel, and Global Environment Outlook.

Environment Live, provides the UN Member States open access to information and knowledge (including data and statistics) on the environment at the global, regional and national levels. International Resource Panel, http://www.resourcepanel.org/, launched by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) in 2007 to build and share the knowledge needed to improve the use of resources worldwide. The Panel consists of eminent scientists, highly skilled in resource management issues. Their reports distil the latest scientific, technical and socio-economic findings around global resource use. See the Reports section.

Global Environment Outlook, includes assessment data and Tools.
Other resources include:

**Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE)**
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*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.*

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**United Nations Publications**


United Nations Publications has published several new books for the general public in the past months:
- **The Sustainable Development Goals**, illustrated by YAK, in English and French in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda
- New editions of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** in all 6 official UN languages in celebration of the 70th anniversary of this important document on 10 December 2018
- **The Essential UN**, a primer for all global citizens (new edition of UN at a Glance) will be published next month

The **United Nations Yearbook 2013** will be published in March 2018.

**Major new publications recently released include:**
- World Economic Situation and Prospects 2018
- World Migration Report 2018
- The State of the World's Children 2017
- State of World Population 2017
- Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2017
- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, October 2017

**United Nations iLibrary**

The United Nations iLibrary continues to develop in terms of scope and size. It now contains about 5500 fully chapterized publications, from 25 UN Secretariat Departments, 25 Agencies, Funds, Entities, Institutes and Programmes and more to follow. It has doubled in size since this time last year and usage has tripled, with users from 95 countries and growing. About 50 frontlist and 100 backlist titles are uploaded every month.
Content updates:

- Working papers: The complete DESA & UNICEF Research Institute (Innocenti) Working Papers are now available. New collections will be integrated in the coming months, including UN Women Policy Briefs.
- Databases: The Sustainable Development Goal and Human Development indicators are available and the Trends in International Migrant Stock Database will be online in the coming weeks.
- New agencies and UN entities: The much-awaited content from the International Court of Justice will soon be incorporated into the UN iLibrary, along with UNESCO, FAO and Freedom From Fear Journals from UNICRI.
- More and more series are complete on the platform. The latest ones are the Yearbook of the International Law Commission (in all six official UN languages), Assessment of Development Results, State of World Population, Trade and Development Report, World Economic and Social Prospects (WESP), United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, Reports of International Arbitral Awards, Law of the Sea Bulletin (English, French and Spanish) and Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean.

We have created a set of appealing visual materials to promote usage and provide examples of how the UN iLibrary can be used. We would be happy to share these with you for use with students and faculty.

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**Integrated eReader with Enhanced Functionality**
The World Bank eLibrary now has a built-in eReader that launches automatically whenever PDF and ePUB files are opened. The eReader offers the same reading experience both online and offline, and is optimized for use on mobile devices. A convenient “Cite” link along the top navigation allows users to export the bibliographic information for the publication into a format compatible with citation management tools such as EndNote, ProCite, RefWorks, and Zotero.

With books, the left navigation enables users to quickly navigate between chapters and to view bibliographic information about the publication. For book chapters where full-text is available, users will also be able to view figures and tables, as well as references and cited-by links. For those that wish to read the publication on an ebook reader or other device, fixed EPUB versions are available for download (as well as PDF) from the Settings button at the top right corner.

**Translations in Search Results**
A new filter has been added so users can easily narrow their search results by language. The growing collection World Bank publications in Spanish and French now contain more than 150 titles.

**Updated Recommended Readings**
New titles have been added to the current Recommended Reading topics. In addition, links for Recommended Reading now appear on the Topics Browse page so they can be more easily discovered by students and faculty.

2. Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) Updates

**OKR 5th Anniversary**
The World Bank Open Knowledge Repository celebrated its 5th anniversary during International Open Access Week. The OKR has reached more than 17 million downloads since it was first launched. Thank you to all who use and support the OKR!

**New French and Spanish User Interfaces**
Beta versions of the Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) in French and Spanish are now available. Users may select their language of choice from a drop-down menu at the top of the screen. This new feature adds the ability to use the OKR in French or Spanish and have search results displayed in the selected language (when available).

**Working Papers and Economic & Sector Work from 2008-2012 Added**
Approximately 1,500 World Bank Working Papers and Economic & Sector Work dating from January 1, 2008 through 2012 are now available in the OKR. As always, these are free and open to the public.

3. World Bank Spring Meetings Live Streaming

The World Bank and IMF will be live streaming several panel discussions with the world’s leading development experts, economists, and thought leaders during the 2018 Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund. The meetings will be held April 20-22, 2018. Mark your calendars now and go to live.worldbank.org to join the conversation.
4. Notable Recent and Forthcoming Releases

FLAGSHIP AND ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS:

GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS, JANUARY 2018: Broad-Based Upturn, but for How Long?

World Development Report 2018 Learning to Realize Education’s Promise
The 2018 Report, Learning to Realize Education’s Promise, is the first ever devoted entirely to education. Now is an excellent time for it: education has long been critical for human welfare, but is even more so in a time of rapid economic change.

The Report explores four main themes:

- First, education’s promise: Education is a powerful instrument for eradicating poverty and promoting shared prosperity, but fulfilling its potential requires better policies--both within and outside the education system.
- Second, the learning crisis: Despite gains in education access, recent learning assessments show that many young people around the world, especially from poor families, are leaving school unequipped with even the most foundational skills they need for life. At the same time, internationally comparable learning assessments show that skills in many middle-income countries lag far behind what those countries aspire to.
- Third, promising interventions to improve learning: Research from areas such as brain science, pedagogical innovations, or school management have identified interventions that promote learning by ensuring that learners are prepared, that teachers are skilled as well as motivated, and that other inputs support the teacher-learner relationship.
- Fourth, learning at scale: Achieving learning throughout an education system will require more than just scaling up effective interventions.


Doing Business 2018
Fifteenth in a series of annual reports comparing business regulation in 190 economies, Doing Business 2018 measures aspects of regulation affecting 10 areas of everyday business activity:

- Starting a business
- Dealing with construction permits
- Getting electricity
- Registering property
- Getting credit
- Protecting minority investors
- Paying taxes
- Trading across borders
- Enforcing contracts
- Resolving insolvency

These areas are included in the distance to frontier score and ease of doing business ranking. Doing Business also measures features of labor market regulation, which is not included in these two measures. The report updates all indicators as of June 1, 2017, ranks economies on their overall “ease of doing business”, and analyzes reforms to business regulation—identifying which
Economies are strengthening their business environment the most. *Doing Business* illustrates how reforms in business regulations are being used to analyze economic outcomes for domestic entrepreneurs and for the wider economy. *Available now.* 352 pages. Stock no. C211146 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1146-3). US$39.95

**WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW 2018: Empowering Women**

Women, Business and the Law 2018, the fifth edition in a series, examines laws affecting women’s economic inclusion in 189 economies worldwide. It tracks progress that has been made over the past two years while identifying opportunities for reform to ensure economic empowerment for all. The report updates all indicators as of June 1, 2017, and explores new areas of research, including child care, pensions, and financial inclusion. By measuring where the law treats men and women differently, Women, Business and the Law 2018 shines a light on how women’s incentives and capacity to work are affected by the legal environment and provides a basis for improving regulation. *April 2018.* 268 pages. Stock no. C211252 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1252-1). US$45.00

**GLOBAL FINDEX DATABASE 2017: Measuring Financial Inclusion and the FinTech Revolution**

Global Findex data is utilized to track progress toward the World Bank’s goal of Universal Financial Access by 2020 and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. The data also is a source for the G20 Financial Inclusion Indicators and a benchmark for policy makers seeking to expand access to and use of financial services. Lastly, this report discusses opportunities to expand access to financial services among the unbanked and ways to promote greater use of digital financial services among the underbanked. *April 2018.* 120 pages. Stock no. C211259 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1259-0). US$39.95

**REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS:**

**THE WEB OF TRANSPORT CORRIDORS IN SOUTH ASIA**

The WEB of Transport Corridors in South Asia develops a holistic appraisal methodology to ensure that economic benefits of investments in transport corridors are amplified and more widely spread and possible negative impacts such as congestion, environmental degradation, and other unintended consequences are minimized. It focuses on South Asia—not only as one of the world’s most populous and poorest regions—but as a hinge between East Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. *February 2018.* 300 pages. Stock no. C211215, (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1215-6). US$49.95

**SOUTH ASIA’S HOTSPOTS: Impacts of Temperature and Precipitation Changes on Living Standards**

South Asia is highly vulnerable to climate change. Given that many of the poor live in areas prone to climatic shifts and in occupations that are highly climate-sensitive, such as agriculture and fisheries, future climate change could have significant implications for living standards. At the same time, the effect of climate change will vary significantly depending on the level of exposure and the inherent adaptive capacities of individuals, households, and communities. It is therefore important to understand how climate varies spatially and over time at a relatively granular level and to better understand the corresponding spatial effects of climate change on living standards. This report will aid in the development of targeted policies to improve resilience of the people, especially the poor and vulnerable, to future climatic shifts. *March 2018.* 95 pages. Stock no. C211155, (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1155-5). US$35
RAISING THE BAR: Cities and Productivity in Latin America and the Caribbean
Raising the Bar: Cities and Productivity in Latin America and the Caribbean is about the productivity of cities in LAC and the factors that help to explain its determination. Based on original empirical research, the report documents the high levels of population density and other features of LAC cities that mark them out from those in the rest of the world. The report also studies the role of three key factors—urban form, skills, and access to markets—in determining the productivity of LAC cities. It shows that while excessive congestion forces and inadequate metropolitan coordination seem to be stifling the benefits of agglomeration, LAC cities benefit from strong human capital externalities. It also finds that, within individual LAC countries, cities are poorly integrated with one another, which contributes to large differences in performance across cities and undermines their aggregate contribution to productivity at the national level. April 2018. 224 pages. Stock no. C211258, (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1258-3). US$45

GROWING SMARTER: Learning and Growth in East Asia and Pacific
This report focuses on the experiences of countries in the region that were able to expand schooling, learning and showcases countries that have managed to successfully pursue education reforms at scale. By examining these experiences, it provides both diagnoses and detailed recommendations for improvement not only for education systems within EAP, but for countries across the globe. In EAP, the impressive record of success in education in some developing countries is proof-of-concept that schooling in resource-constrained contexts can lead to learning for all. This report identifies the policies and practices necessary to ensure learning and suggests how countries can raise learning outcomes through a framework of five essential domains and their associated elements. May 2018. 256 pages. Stock no. C211261, (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1261-3). US$45

NURTURING NETWORKS: Why Europe and Central Asia's Regional and Global Connections Matter
Nurturing Networks takes an innovative approach to measuring multidimensional connectivity by relying on both economic relationships and network analysis. In addition to capturing how information, people, goods, and finance flow within Europe and Central Asia (ECA) and between ECA and the rest of the world, this allows for the identification of countries that are more connected (in a multidimensional sense) and whether it matters for a country to whom it is connected. May 2018. 220 pages. Stock no. C211157 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1157-9). US$39.95

UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF EDUCATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
Unleashing the Potential of Education in the Middle East and North Africa highlights two missing factors that have held back the region's educational potential. First is the lack of a “push” at the outset of educational systems to build solid foundations for children's learning. Continued underinvestment in early schooling has resulted in weak and delayed acquisition of literacy, numeracy, and socioemotional skills from which it is difficult to catch up. The second factor is the lack of a “pull” on education systems from the labor market and society to demand the skills that would enable children to succeed later in life. This missing pull factor creates a cycle in which labor markets, society, and educational systems focus on credentials rather than on skills. June 2018. 200 pages. Stock no. C211234 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1234-7). US$45
TOPICAL PUBLICATIONS:

**THE STATE OF SOCIAL SAFETY NETS 2018**
The statistics and analysis in The State of Social Safety Nets 2018 capture this evolution and reveal it in many dimensions at the country, regional, and international levels. This latest edition of a periodic series brings together a large body of data that was not previously available, drawing on the World Bank's Atlas of Social Protection Indicators of Resilience and Equity (ASPIRE) database and other sources. Why have so many countries made a firm commitment to incorporate social safety nets as part of their social and economic policy architecture? Because social safety nets work. This report also examines the rigorous evidence that demonstrates their impact, and points the way to making them even more efficient and effective at meeting their development goals. *March 2018. 182 pages. Stock no. C211254 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1254-5). US$39.95*

**PATHWAYS FOR PEACE: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict**
Pathways to Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict, a joint World Bank and United Nations study, reaffirms that prevention is universal, takes time to accomplish, and is part and parcel of economic and social development. Prevention fosters inclusive societies where people have opportunity and can live without the fear of long-term violence. This report is a first step in working jointly to address the immense challenge of preventing violent conflict. It also explores concrete ways that countries and the international community can combine tools and approaches to reduce violent conflict. This in turn will contribute to reducing the immense suffering and devastating long-term impacts that violent conflict inflicts on societies. *March 2018. 248 pages. Stock no. C211162 (ISBN: 978-1-4648-1162-3). US$39.95*

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