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:: Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.

Hate is being mainstreamed - global update by the High Commissioner

In a wide-ranging update to the Human Rights Council [at its current meeting] the High Commissioner detailed concerns in more than 50 countries and situations, and outlined ways the Office can assist.

[Initial text of speech]

When the Inter-American Commission announces it has to cut its personnel by forty percent – and when States have already withdrawn from it and the Inter-American Court;

When States Parties have threatened to withdraw from the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court – and, even more recently, others threaten to leave the United Nations, or the European Court of Human Rights and the European Union;

When those calling for departure have seemingly already fled in their minds from the urge to protect the world from the untold sorrow and miseries which twice swept it, and brought about the creation of many of these very institutions;

When filthy abuse by politicians of the vulnerable is tolerated; when the laws – human rights law, refugee law, international humanitarian law – are increasingly violated, and when hospitals are bombed – but no one is punished;

When human rights, the two words, are so rarely found in the world of finance and business, in its literature, in its lexicon – why? Because it is shameful to mention them?

When working for the collective benefit of all people, everywhere is apparently losing its ardour, and features only in empty proclamations swelling with unjustified self-importance and selfishness –

Then do we really still have an international community? When the threads forming it are being tugged away and the tapestry, our world, is unravelling? Or are there only fragmented communities of competing interests – strategic and commercial – operating behind a screen of feigned allegiance to laws and institutions?...

Mr President,

As I speak before this 32nd session of the Human Rights Council, at which all of the 193 Member States of the United Nations are represented, the international community's familiar customs and procedures are much in evidence.

And yet the workable space in which we function as one community – resolving disputes, coming to consensus – is under attack. The common sets of laws, the institutions - and deeper still, the values – which bind us together are buckling. And suffering most from this onslaught are our fellow human beings – your people – who bear the brunt of the resulting deprivation, misery, injustice, and bloodshed.

I, and many others, seek your support.

Hate is becoming mainstreamed. Walls – which tormented previous generations, and have never yielded any sustainable solution to any problem – are returning. Barriers of suspicion are rising, snaking through and between our societies – and they are killers. Clampdowns on public freedoms, and crackdowns on civil society activists and human rights defenders, are hacking

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away at the forces which uphold the healthy functioning of societies. Judicial institutions which act as checks on executive power are being dismantled. Towering inequalities are hollowing out the sense that there are common goods.

These trends bleed nations of their innate resilience. They do not make them safe: they make them weaker. Piece by piece, these mutually reinforcing trends are shearing off the protections that maintain respect, enable development, and provide the only fragile basis for world peace. They are attacks on sanity. And they can be reversed...

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Secretary-General Urges States to Stand by Victims of Torture, Support United Nations Fund, in Message for International Observance

17 June 2016

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Press Release

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, observed on 26 June:

Around the world, in every region, men, women and children are still being tortured by non-State actors and under direct State policy. Despite its absolute prohibition under international law, this dehumanizing practice remains pervasive, and most disturbingly, is even gaining acceptance.

The law is crystal clear: torture can never be used at any time or under any circumstances, including during conflict or when national security is under threat. On this International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, we express our solidarity with and support for the hundreds of thousands of victims of torture and their family members throughout the world.

The Convention against Torture, ratified to date by 159 United Nations State Parties, stipulates that States have to ensure that a victim of torture under their jurisdiction obtains redress, including the means for as full rehabilitation as is possible. When States neglect their obligation to prevent torture, and fail to provide torture victims with effective and prompt redress, compensation and appropriate forms of rehabilitation, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture is a lifeline of last resort. Established by the United Nations General Assembly 35 years ago, the Fund supports hundreds of organizations that provide legal, social, psychological and medical assistance to some 50,000 victims every year.

The Fund requires a minimum of \$12 million in annual voluntary contributions. I strongly urge States to stand by victims by supporting this United Nations Fund and to remain fully engaged in the fight against torture and impunity. Assisting victims of torture and stopping this crime will benefit whole societies and help provide a future of safety and dignity for all.

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Joint Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

European Commission – Statement

Brussels, 19 June 2016

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On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Federica Mogherini, High Representative/ Vice-President, Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Christos Stylianides, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, and Vera Jourova, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, made the following statement:

"On this first International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, the European Union reaffirms its strongest support for zero tolerance to any form of sexual violence. Sexual violence is a flagrant and unacceptable violation of human rights - we stand in solidarity with all survivors, as well as with their families who had to suffer from any form of sexual violence in conflict and its ramifications.

Sexual violence in conflict has been and continues to be used as a tactic of war and terror. It targets predominantly women and girls, but also men and boys, who after having suffered their plight, also face double victimisation: not only do they suffer physical injuries and psychological traumas, but they can face stigmatisation and rejection by their families and communities, as well as reprisals from the perpetrators. As a consequence, many victims do not report this crime: it is estimated that for every case of rape reported in conflict zones there are ten to twenty cases that remain undocumented.

Following up on the London Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict of June 2014, the EU adopted a Guide to Practical Actions for Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, which promotes a comprehensive, multi-sectoral and multidimensional approach. The EU is also committed to the global initiative "Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies" and its implementation.

We want to see practical steps to tackle impunity for the use of rape as a weapon of war and to begin to change global attitudes to these crimes. Accountability and access to justice are a must; victims and witnesses of sexual violence have to be ensured access to impartial and gender-sensitive tribunals and to reparations, including as a form of transitional gender justice. The EU has adopted a framework for transitional justice that ensures gender is a variable taken into account in these processes. Perpetrators must be prosecuted in accordance with national and international law, within national justice systems that respect the rule of law; we support security and justice sector reforms to this end.

Efforts to fight sexual violence in conflict also need to comprise measures to ensure adequate information, fact-finding and proper documentation. Fighting the banalisation of sexual violence and raising awareness of women's and girls' rights, as well as of the existence of sexual violence against men and boys, are extremely important. We acknowledge the central role of civil society organisations in identifying and protecting victims, and we will continue supporting them in this endeavour.

The EU continues to support the International Criminal Court, as well as non-permanent International Criminal Tribunals, and recognises the significant progress they have achieved in combating sexual violence in conflict. We also support multilateral mechanisms in tackling sexual violence in conflict, in particular the valuable work of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Zainab Bangura.

The EU strongly supports women's full and effective participation in conflict prevention and resolution and in peacebuilding processes in order to achieve long-term sustainable results – we

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know this leads to more inclusive outcomes and contributes to lasting peace and a more gender equal society."

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American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

June 15, 2016 - OAS

50 Million People in the Americas Self-Define as Indigenous.

The declaration is the first instrument in the history of the OAS to promote and protect the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

The Declaration recognizes:

- :: The collective organization and multicultural and multilingual character of indigenous peoples.
- :: The self-identification of people who consider themselves indigenous.
- :: Special protection for peoples in voluntary isolation or initial contact, such as certain peoples of the Amazon, which is an aspect that distinguishes it from other similar initiatives.
- :: That progress in promoting and effectively protecting the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Americas is a priority for the OAS.

Key points of the Declaration

- :: Self-identification as indigenous peoples will be a fundamental criterion for determining to whom the Declaration applies.
- :: Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination.
- :: Gender equality: indigenous women have collective rights that are indispensable for their existence, wellbeing, and comprehensive development as peoples.
- :: Indigenous persons and communities have the right to belong to one or more indigenous peoples, in accordance with the identity, traditions, and customs of belonging of each people.
- :: States shall recognize fully their juridical personality, respecting their forms of organization and promoting the full exercise of the rights recognized in the Declaration.
- :: They have the right to maintain, express, and freely develop their cultural identity.
- :: They have the right to not be subjected to any form of genocide.
- :: They have the right not to be subject to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, or other related forms of intolerance.
- :: They have the right to their own cultural identity and integrity and to their cultural heritage.
- :: They have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal affairs.
- :: Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation or initial contact have the right to remain in that condition and to live freely and in accordance with their cultures.
- :: They have the rights and guarantees recognized in national and international labor law.
- :: They have the right to the lands, territories, and resources that they have traditionally owned, occupied, used, or acquired.

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Joint Declaration on a Framework for European Commission-World Bank Group Collaboration in Situations Affected by Fragility, Conflict and Violence

June 14, 2016

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The European Commission and the World Bank Group, hereby envisage to define a framework for collaboration in situations affected by fragility, conflict and violence (FCV). We believe that in FCV situations, more than anywhere else, stronger and better partnerships among international actors are key to the success of the Sustainable Development Goals. We are committed to strengthen our strategic dialogue, coordinate our approaches, and develop joint operational solutions for sustaining peace, preventing violence and conflict and achieving development in FCV that will also ensure synergies and complementarities with our respective collaborations with other international organisations.

A framework for collaboration

By creating a dedicated framework for collaboration in FCV situations, we intend to provide the conducive environment for our institutions, at both headquarters and country levels, to avoid doing harm and maximise our joint development impact by leveraging each other's interventions. Therefore, in situations affected by FCV, we intend to:

- :: Increase shared understandings, by developing common methodologies and instruments to collect, analyse, and share information, in synergy with the EU comprehensive approach to external conflict and crises;

- :: Strengthen in-country policy dialogue and planning processes, by more systematically consulting one another, promoting joint initiatives, and using common risks and results monitoring;

- :: Promote and apply the principles encompassed in the New Deal for engagement in Fragile States in our cooperation and strengthen country ownership;

- :: Increase the conflict-sensitivity of our cooperation programmes;

- :: Initiate transformational interventions, including the provision of global public goods, by supporting international collective action, making best and most effective use of financial resources and combining them where possible;

- :: Address the gender dimension of FCV and prioritise the needs of women and children in our cooperation programmes;

- :: Improve the overall mobilisation, allocation, and conflict sensitive delivery of resources, by working together in the development of innovative financial solutions;

- :: Deepen our partnership by encouraging active collaboration, exploring different possibilities such as joint staff trainings, staff exchanges, and other appropriate initiatives; and

- :: Focus on results, by monitoring the use of this framework through an annual senior-level meeting that provides priorities and themes for the following year.

So doing, we are committed to bring a decisive contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, leaving no-one behind in the pursuit of a sustainable future.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) will be associated in the implementation of this Joint Declaration.

Adopted on 14 June 2016

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Migration / Refugees / Asylum

[Selected reports and announcement, complemented by numerous agency and NGO announcements in Watch sections below]

Managing the Refugee Crisis: Commission reports on progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement

European Commission – Statement

Brussels, 15 June 2016

The Commission has today adopted its second report on the EU-Turkey Statement showing that while there has been further good progress in its implementation, progress achieved so far remains fragile.

Today, the Commission adopted its second report on the EU-Turkey Statement showing that while there has been further good progress in its implementation, progress achieved so far remains fragile. The continued successful implementation depends mainly on the political determination of all parties involved. The sharp and continued decrease of people crossing irregularly or losing their lives in the Aegean on their way from Turkey into Greece is proof of the Statement's effectiveness so far and also shows that the business model of smugglers can be broken. Member States have also increased their efforts on resettlement – offering legal and safe pathways as an alternative. Return operations have continued to be carried out. All Member States have sent their contribution certificates for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey which will allow for the accelerated disbursement of the Facility to be delivered and the first €1 billion to start benefiting refugees by the end of the summer. Since the publication on 4 May of the Third Progress report on the implementation of Turkey's Visa Liberalisation Roadmap, progress has also continued towards fulfilling the remaining benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap.

European Commission First Vice-President Frans Timmermans said: "The EU-Turkey Statement is delivering results: migrants see that it is not worth risking their lives on smugglers' boats and we are on track to contract €1 billion of projects under the Refugee Facility by the end of this summer. But now is not the moment to sit back. We need to fully implement all elements of the Statement. This includes stepping up resettlement and increasing Greece's capacity to address the humanitarian situation and deal with asylum applications in line with EU law. The Turkish authorities also need to complete the implementation of the visa liberalisation roadmap."

Whilst the success achieved so far remains fragile, today's Report confirms the EU-Turkey Statement continues to deliver concrete results, with joint efforts by the Greek and Turkish authorities, the Commission, Member States and EU agencies making headway in operationalising the Statement:

Considerably reduced irregular crossings:

In the weeks before the implementation of the Statement, around 1,740 migrants were crossing the Aegean Sea to the Greek islands every day. By contrast, the average daily number of irregular crossings since 1 May is down to 47.

Return of irregular migrants from Greece to Turkey:

Since the Statement took effect on 20 March, 462 irregular migrants who have not applied for asylum, including 31 Syrians, have been returned to Turkey from Greece, in accordance with EU and international law and in full respect of the principle of non-refoulement.

"One for One" Resettlement from Turkey to the EU:

Substantial progress has been made on establishing an operational framework for carrying out resettlement operations from Turkey to the EU, aimed at both helping to alleviate the situation in Turkey and to meet the EU's commitment to provide legal pathways to the EU for victims of the Syrian crisis, sending a clear message to Syrian refugees in Turkey that there is a legal

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pathway instead of dangerous irregular crossings. A total of 511 Syrians have been resettled so far from Turkey to the EU under the 1:1 scheme (additional 408 since the First progress report) – substantially exceeding the number of returns from Greece to Turkey. A Resettlement Team, set up by the Commission at the EU Delegation in Ankara, coordinates and assist Member States' operations and liaisons with Turkish authorities, the UNHCR and the IOM.

Visa liberalisation:

On 4 May, the Commission published its Third progress report on the implementation of Turkey's Visa Liberalisation Roadmap and proposed lifting the visa requirements for the citizens of Turkey, under the understanding that the Turkish authorities will fulfil, as a matter of urgency and as they committed to do on 18 March 2016, the outstanding seven benchmarks. Since 4 May, further progress has been made, notably with the entry into force of the EU-Turkey readmission agreement that still requires a final decision on actual application. The Commission continues to support Turkey in the work that still needs to be done to fulfil the remaining benchmarks and invites Turkey to take these measures as soon as possible to enable the EU to lift the visa requirements for Turkish citizens.

Facility for Refugees in Turkey:

Further EU financial support through the Facility for Refugees in Turkey has been delivered to support refugees and host communities in Turkey and programming and project preparation has been accelerated. So far, €150 million under the EU budget has been contracted; out of which around €105 million has been disbursed to notably cover expenses for food, health care, accommodation and access to education. In addition to the €1 billion provided by the EU budget, all EU Member States have now sent in their contribution certificates for the €2 billion pledged for 2016-2017. The Commission will do all in its power to accelerate disbursement of the Facility, in close cooperation with Turkish authorities, committing for both humanitarian and non-humanitarian needs contracting €1 billion before the end of the summer.

Upgrading the Customs Union:

The Commission is advancing in the preparation of an Impact Assessment and a public consultation has recently been concluded. It is expected that draft negotiating directives will then be prepared for adoption by the Commission in the 4th quarter of 2016 and tabled to the Council.

Accession process:

The Commission tabled the Draft Common Position on Chapter 33 (financial and budgetary provisions) in the Council on 29 April, enabling the Council to decide on the opening of this Chapter by end of June. In addition, preparatory work continues at an accelerated pace to make progress on five Chapters, without prejudice to Member States' positions in accordance with the existing rules. Preparatory work has been finalised in the area of energy; the Commission will finalise the documents on the judiciary and fundamental rights by the end of June; the Commission finalised the Common Position on education and culture on 2 May 2016; and the EEAS updated screening report on foreign, security and defence policy, was issued on 20 May.

Humanitarian conditions inside Syria:

The EU and Turkey have both continued to deploy substantial resources for the humanitarian response in Syria and have worked together to promote full and unimpeded access throughout Syria. The EU will continue to provide humanitarian assistance to people across Syria, and has allocated an initial €140 million for life-saving activities for 2016, almost half of which has already been contracted.

In the next implementation phase, the Commission concludes that urgent attention should be given by Greece to increase its capacity in processing asylum applications and appeals on an individual basis and in the most timely manner to ensure returns and readmissions, notably through the use of the safe third country concept. Greece should also enhance the reception capacity on the islands and improve the day to day management and coordination of the hotspots, with the coordinated support of the EU and its Member States. Member States should build on the results achieved so far step up their efforts in order to increase substantially the number of resettlements. Equally, Turkey needs to take the necessary measures to fulfil the remaining visa liberalisation benchmarks as soon as possible in order to enable the EU to lift the visa requirements for Turkish citizens.

The Commission will present its third report on the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement in September 2016...

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EU States' Dangerous Approach to Migration puts Asylum in Jeopardy Worldwide

June 16, 2016

MSF Will No Longer Accept Funds from EU Member States and Institutions

BRUSSELS, JUNE 17, 2016—The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) today announced that it will no longer accept funds from the European Union and its member states, in opposition to their damaging migration deterrence policies and intensifying attempts to push people and their suffering away from European shores. This decision will take effect immediately and will apply to MSF's projects worldwide.

Three months into an agreement struck between the EU and Turkey, which European governments are claiming as a success, people in need of protection are paying the true cost of the deal. On the Greek islands, more than 8,000 people, including hundreds of unaccompanied minors, have been stranded as a direct consequence of the EU-Turkey deal. They have been living in dire conditions in overcrowded camps, sometimes for months. While they fear a forced return to Turkey, they are deprived of essential legal aid, their one defense against collective expulsion. The majority of these families, whom Europe has legislated out of sight, have fled conflict in Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

"For months MSF has spoken out about a shameful European response focused on deterrence rather than on providing people with the assistance and protection they need," said Jerome Oberreit, MSF international secretary general. "The EU-Turkey deal goes one step further, placing the very concept of 'refugee' and the protection it offers in danger."

Last week the European Commission unveiled a new proposal to replicate the EU-Turkey logic across more than 16 countries in Africa and the Middle East. These deals would impose trade and development aid cuts on countries that do not stem migration to Europe or facilitate forcible returns, and reward those that do. Among these potential partners are Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, and Afghanistan, four of the top 10 refugee generating countries, according to the United Nations.

"Is Europe's only offer to refugees that they stay in countries they are desperate to flee? Once again, Europe's main focus is not on how well people will be protected, but on how efficiently they are kept away," said Oberreit.

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The EU-Turkey deal sets a dangerous precedent for other countries hosting refugees, sending a message that caring for people forced from their homes is optional and that they can purchase their way out of providing asylum. Last month, the Kenyan government cited European migration policy to justify its decision to close the world's largest refugee camp, Dadaab, and send its residents back to Somalia. Likewise, the deal does nothing to encourage countries surrounding Syria, already hosting millions of refugees, to open their borders to those in need. "Europe's attempt to outsource migration control is having a domino effect, with closed borders stretching all the way back to Syria," said Oberreit. "People increasingly have nowhere to turn. Will the situation in Azaz, Syria, where 100,000 people are blocked between closed borders and front lines, become the rule, rather than the deadly exception?"

The EU-Turkey deal's financial package includes one billion euros in humanitarian aid. While there are undoubtedly needs in Turkey, which currently hosts close to three million Syrian refugees, this aid has been negotiated as a reward for border control promises, rather than being based solely on needs. This instrumentalization of humanitarian aid is unacceptable, MSF said.

"Deterrence policies sold to the public as humanitarian solutions have only exacerbated the suffering of people in need," said Oberreit. "There is nothing remotely humanitarian about these policies, which cannot become the norm and must be challenged. MSF will not receive funding from institutions and governments whose policies do so much harm. We are calling on European governments to shift priorities. Rather than maximize the number of people they can push back, they must maximize the number they welcome and protect."

MSF has been providing assistance to people crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Europe since 2002. In the last 18 months alone, MSF medics have treated an estimated 200,000 men, women, and children in Europe and on the Mediterranean Sea. The organization currently cares for refugees and migrants in Greece, Serbia, France, and Italy and on the Mediterranean, as well as in countries across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

MSF's activities are mainly (92 percent) privately funded. Nevertheless, the organization is also involved in some financial partnerships with institutional donors for specific programs. In 2015, funding from EU institutions represented 19 million euros, while funding from EU member states represented 37 million euros. MSF also used 6.8 million euros received from the Norwegian Government. In 2016, in addition to ECHO, MSF is involved in partnerships with nine European Union member states: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

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"Neither safe nor sound": Sexual exploitation, trafficking and abuse engulfing the lives of children in the camps of Calais and Dunkirk

LONDON/PARIS, 16 June 2016 – Children experience sexual exploitation, violence and forced labour on a daily basis in the camps of Northern France, according to the findings of *Neither Safe Nor Sound*, a new UNICEF France and UNICEF UK study.

The study looked at 60 children between the ages of 11-17 – from Afghanistan, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Syria, and Vietnam – living in seven camps along the coast of the English Channel between January and April 2016.

The children's testimonies paint a picture of abuse and tragedy, with cases of debt slavery and forced criminal activity, such as assisting smugglers at ferry terminals.

Sexual violence is a constant threat, including the sexual exploitation and rape of boys, and rape and forced prostitution of girls. Interviews with young women identified practices of exchanging sexual services for the promise of passage to the UK or to speed up their journey.

Many of these children have fled conflict and are now trapped in the camps, some desperately close to reaching family already living in the UK where a bed is waiting for them.

In most of the camps an "entry fee" is levied by the traffickers before the minors are allowed to stay there. The unaccompanied children who are unable to pay find themselves forced to agree to perform laborious tasks for the adults, such as selling food at the informal night-time market which operates in the so-called Calais Jungle.

Complaints of cold and fatigue are commonplace due to the dismal living conditions, with children constantly exposed to the elements.

There is no access to regular schooling despite the fact that this is a mandatory provision.

Some children have expressed their desire to be hospitalised in a psychiatric ward following instances of mental breakdowns and aggressive and violent episodes.

Traffickers are now charging between £4,000 and £5,500 (US\$5,600-\$7,000) per person to cross the English Channel – a higher price than ever before. And because of the increased security presence this situation has pushed children into the hands of those traffickers, or forced them to take even more significant risks in order to pass through without paying – in some cases by hiding themselves in refrigerated lorries....

The report estimates that, as at March 2016, there were 500 unaccompanied children living across the seven sites, including Calais and Dunkirk, and that around 2,000 unaccompanied children have passed through them since June 2015...

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Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster

Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative

Initiative website at: <http://micicinitiative.iom.int/>

June 2016 :: 132 pages

[Selected overview text]

These Principles, Guidelines, and Practices apply to situations in which migrants are present in a country experiencing a conflict or natural disaster. They relate to crisis preparedness, emergency response, and post-crisis action.

For the purposes of these Principles, Guidelines, and Practices, the term 'migrant' means a non-citizen who is present in a country during a conflict or natural disaster regardless of: (a) the means of or reasons for entry; (b) immigration status; or (c) length of or reasons for stay. The term 'migrant' does not refer to refugees, asylum-seekers, and stateless persons, for whom specific protection regimes exist under international law, although these groups are addressed in certain places in the Principles, Guidelines, and Practices and referred to as such.

The Principles, Guidelines, and Practices provide practical, non-binding, voluntary guidance for States, private sector actors, international organizations, and civil society to protect migrants. In addition to these stakeholders, other actors may benefit from this guidance. These Principles, Guidelines, and Practices can be used to plan, prepare, and assess actions and to improve responses for the benefit of migrants, their families, and societies.

Each element of the Principles, Guidelines, and Practices serves a different purpose.

The Principles are fundamental, cross-cutting precepts, drawn, in some instances, from international law. The Principles are intended to inform, underpin, and guide actions to protect migrants.

The Guidelines are targeted suggestions, organized by theme, that identify in broad terms the actions needed to better protect migrants. Stakeholders can use the Guidelines to inform and shape crisis preparedness, emergency response, and post-crisis action.

The Practices are a non-exhaustive selection of examples that illustrate ways to implement the Guidelines and address the needs of migrants. They are based on existing practices as well as recommendations and can be adapted to suit particular contexts and priorities. Stakeholders can share actual practices through the MICIC Initiative website: [http:// micicinitiative.iom.int/](http://micicinitiative.iom.int/).

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I. CRISIS PREPAREDNESS 1

GUIDELINE 1: Track information on conflicts and natural disasters, and the potential impact on migrants

GUIDELINE 2: Collect and share information on migrants, subject to privacy, confidentiality, and the security and safety of migrants

GUIDELINE 3: Empower migrants to help themselves, their families, and communities during and in the aftermath of crises

GUIDELINE 4: Incorporate migrants in prevention, preparedness, and emergency response systems

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GUIDELINE 13: Relocate and evacuate migrants when needed

Press Release

[IOM Welcomes Guidelines to Protect Migrants](#)

Posted: 06/10/16

Switzerland - IOM today (10/6) welcomed the publication of the "Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster" by the Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative.

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Almost all countries host a migrant population and no country is immune to conflict or natural disaster. IOM's experience has shown that migrants were among those worst affected in every humanitarian crisis of the last decade.

"We have a collective responsibility to improve protection for vulnerable migrants in countries experiencing crisis," said IOM Director General, William Lacy Swing. "States, international organizations, employers, recruiters and civil society all have a role to play in ensuring that migrants and their particular needs and vulnerabilities are taken into account in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from crisis."

Before today, little guidance existed to clearly identify what States, international organizations and others should do to better protect migrants in crises.

Despite being resilient and resourceful in the face of crises, during emergency responses, migrants "often fall between the cracks," explained Michele Klein-Solomon, Director of the MICIC Initiative Secretariat, which is based at IOM. "This should be a concern for all countries." The governments of the Philippines and the United States launched the MICIC Initiative in 2014 to develop voluntary, non-binding guidance on how to better protect and assist migrants in countries experiencing conflicts or natural disasters.

The MICIC Initiative is co-chaired by the Philippines and the United States, and supported by a Working Group comprised of Australia, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, the European Commission, IOM, UNHCR, ICMPD, Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of International Migration, and the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for International Migration.

The European Commission funded the convening of six regional MICIC Initiative consultations, preceded by regional consultations organized by civil society groups. The governments of Australia and the United States funded consultations with international organizations, civil society and the private sector, and with members of the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees, and other States....

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What Design Can Do Refugee Challenge receives over 600 entries from 69 countries

June 14, 2016

AMSTERDAM. More than 600 designers and creative thinkers have entered their concepts for the *What Design Can Do Refugee Challenge*... 'The great participation confirms that designers and creatives want to use their skills to create better everyday lives for refugee children and families,' says Jonathan Spampinato of IKEA Foundation.

Corinne Gray, Acting Co-Lead of UNHCR's Innovation Unit, said: 'The largest refugee crisis since World War II requires new approaches. More than ever we need designers, entrepreneurs, and anyone with a commitment to change to work together with us to create the most dignified existence possible for those who are forcibly displaced.'

What Design Can Do initiator, Richard van der Laken, is equally bolstered by the result: 'This response demonstrates a huge commitment of designers to urgent societal issues. Indifference and cynicism is not applicable to these people. They show us what design can do,' he said. Refugee Challenge leader Dagan Cohen added: 'The fact that we have received submissions

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from 69 countries proves that the Challenge really resonated with creative thinkers all over the world.' He expects that selecting 20 to 30 concepts for a shortlist (published on 20 June) will be a 'tough job'.

The five best concepts will be announced on 1 July by Minister of Foreign Affairs Bert Koenders, during What Design Can Do Live in Amsterdam.

A LinkedIn network for refugees, access to knowledge and work, a photo agency for pictures taken by refugees and a coat that turns into a tent. These are just a few of the avalanche of ideas submitted to the What Design Can Do Refugee Challenge. Between now and 20 June, everybody can vote for one of the 600 entries. And the entry that receives most public votes will automatically make it onto the shortlist for the final round, to be announced on 21 June.

The UNCHR has set up a special innovation platform where experts can view and discuss the entries over the coming weeks. What Design Can Do has invited over thirty experts from various disciplines to provide feedback to participants, so that their definitive concepts are as strong as possible when the selection phase starts...

UNHCR Innovation Platform: <https://refugeechallenge.unhcrideas.org/Page/Home>

About 'What Design Can Do'

What Design Can Do (WDCD) is an Amsterdam-based design platform that advocates the social impact of design. WDCD raises awareness among professionals and the public for the potential of creativity and calls on designers to take responsibility and consider how their work can benefit society. It does so by showcasing best practices, raising discussions and fostering collaboration. Since its launch in 2011, WDCD has hosted six successful international design conferences in Amsterdam and São Paulo. Learn more at www.whatdesigncando.com...

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"Right to health in adolescence: the costs of failing are too high" – UN expert warns

GENEVA (15 June 2016) – The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to health, Dainius Pūras, today called on States "to remove all legal barriers to access health facilities, goods and services that interfere with the rights of adolescents to be heard and to be taken seriously and that, ultimately, limit their right to make autonomous decisions."

"Governments must strike a balance between adolescents' emerging autonomy and their right to protection in particular when it comes to mental health, the rights to sexual and reproductive health, and substance use and drug control, given the specific challenges these issues pose," the expert said after the presentation of his latest report* to the UN Human Rights Council.

"The foundations laid down during adolescence have profound implications for the social, economic and political development of society as a whole. Hence, the costs of failing adolescents are simply too high," Mr. Pūras emphasised.

In his report, the human rights expert highlights that healthcare services should ensure respect for adolescents' rights to privacy and confidentiality, address their different cultural needs and expectations, and comply with ethical standards.

"This is particularly important when it comes to providing mental health services for adolescents," he said. "Psychosocial interventions should be provided at the community level in a manner that is ethical and consistent with adolescents' rights, and on the basis of available

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evidence, with a view to avoid institutionalization and the excessive use of psychotropic medications.”

Moreover, “States should adopt or integrate a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health policy for all adolescents into national strategies and programmes to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services,” the expert said. In that regard, he makes a number of recommendations in his report, among them:

:: Abortion should not be criminalized, as this only leads to higher number of maternal deaths, and poor mental and physical health outcomes.

:: All adolescents should have access to confidential, adolescent-responsive and non-discriminatory sexual and reproductive health information, services and goods.

:: Age-appropriate, comprehensive and inclusive sexuality education, based on scientific evidence and human rights, should be part of the school curriculum.

The Special Rapporteur also called on States to seek alternatives to punitive or repressive drug control policies, including decriminalization and legal regulation and control, and foster the international debate on these issues with the right to health at the core. “All drug detention centres for adolescents should be closed, and the provision of prevention, harm reduction and dependence treatment services, without discrimination, should be ensured,” he said.

The expert noted that adolescents should be protected from violence and neglect, including in family settings, by the upholding of their right to confidential services and counselling without parental consent. He also called on States to support families to increase the abilities of parents to raise children and adolescents in a competent and confident manner, and reinforce skills to manage situations in a non-violent way.

“Policies designed to protect families and family values should avoid measures that undermine the human rights of individual family members, including women, adolescents and younger children,” he said.

“Such approaches can be detrimental as they may, in the name of traditional values, condone violence, reinforce unequal power relations within family settings and, therefore, deprive adolescents from the opportunity to exercise their basic rights,” Mr. Puras explained.

The Special Rapporteur urged States to meet their core obligation to recognize adolescents as rights holders by respecting their evolving capacities and their right to participate in the design, delivery and evaluation of policies and services that affect their health and well-being.

(*) *Read the Special Rapporteur’s full report:*

http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/32/32

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UNESCO Director-General and ICC President reaffirm joint commitment to end impunity for deliberate destruction of heritage

14.06.2016 - ODG

On an official visit to the International Criminal Court, the Director General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, held a bilateral working meetings with President Ms Silvia Fernandez de Gurmendi, and deputy prosecutor James Stewart, to explore ways to deepen cooperation on the protection of cultural heritage and the fight against impunity of war crimes.

"UNESCO and ICC have come a long way together, to strengthen the rule of law, to change the mindset about the destruction of cultural heritage, and we are determined to go further, to end impunity for deliberate destruction of cultural heritage," said Irina Bokova.

"The case of Mali is important in demonstrating that attacks on cultural heritage in conflict can be effectively investigated and prosecuted through judicial mechanisms." said President Silvia Fernandez de Gurmand

Immediately after the deliberate attacks on the people and Heritage of Mali, UNESCO raised the issue of the destruction of the Mausoleums to the attention of the Court. On 1 July, 2012, Ms Fatou Bensouda, ICC Prosecutor, declared that this destruction constituted a war crime under the Rome Statute and then launched a preliminary examination into the violence that had been engulfing the country since January 2012. The first suspect, Mr Ahmed al-Faqi al-Mahdi, was transferred by the authorities of Mali and Niger to The Hague on 26 September, 2015.

The case of Mali is a historic precedent in the fight against impunity – recognizing the restoration of justice and the rule of law as an essential step of any recovery process. This sets a historic precedent for similar cases in the future, and that is why it is vital that all aspects of the trial are addressed with extreme care and a sense of justice.

It is in this spirit that UNESCO and the ICC are sharing expertise and information about the importance of the sites, about why they were inscribed on the World Heritage list, and the reason why their deliberate destruction can be considered a war crime.

"The destruction of culture is one element of a global strategy of hatred, and the fight against impunity and respect for the rule of law must be part and parcel in a broader vision for peace." Said the Director-General. This calls for a stronger coordination among all partners working in different fields and between the security, humanitarian, and cultural domains. The cooperation between UNESCO and the ICC plays an important role in this regard.

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Reaching the world's two billion unbanked: ITU Focus Group makes steady progress

Group shares initial findings from Digital Financial Services Ecosystem and Consumer Experience and Protection working groups

Geneva, 16 June 2016

Today the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Focus Group on Digital Financial Services has published the first of a series of thematic reports on Digital Financial Services, or DFS. The DFS Focus Group is looking at helping local policy and decision makers to accelerate their work on financial inclusion by providing practical tools, guidelines and recommendations on issues that are currently preventing the DFS market to develop organically. This represents the first step in developing an international roadmap of best practice guidelines for regulators, operators and providers in the telecom and financial services sectors and serving the unbanked in a sustainable manner.

Specifically focused around two of the four working groups, DFS Ecosystem and Consumer Experience and Protection, the four background documents were endorsed at the Focus Group's recent meeting in Washington DC...

Reports from the DFS Focus Group:

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The Digital Financial Services Ecosystem:

Maps the overall ecosystem of DFS, identifying all key stakeholders, and looks at the critical elements necessary to make the ecosystem develop so that it encourages and enables financial inclusion policies.

Enabling Merchant Payments Acceptance in the Digital Financial Ecosystems:

Describes the merchant services value chain, develops a segmentation scheme for different types of payments acceptors, and identifies the payments-related attributes of each segment. It also develops suggestions on ways to accelerate the adoption of electronic payments acceptance.

Review of National Identity Programmes – A report from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance:

Looks at 48 national identify programmes in 43 developing countries. With identification systems becoming more common across Latin America, South and Southeast Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa, the report concludes that not only is penetration much higher than expected, but so are the number of biometric national ID programmes. It evaluates how these programmes are being used to drive provision of DFS services.

Quality of Service (QoS) and Quality of Experience (QoE) aspects of Digital Financial Services:

This Report identifies and proposes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to be considered for digital financial services...

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'Luxembourg Guidelines' on terminology a step forward in the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

Posted on 14/06/2016

Geneva, Switzerland – A Global Interagency Working Group released the 'Terminology Guidelines for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse' in Geneva Switzerland today, taking an important step in strengthening collaboration to address sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

Child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse are complex phenomena involving multiple actors, and requiring a multi-sectoral response. The absence of common language to describe conduct amounting to sexual exploitation and sexual abuse affects and undermines global efforts to protect children. "Even where the same terms are used, there is often disagreement concerning their actual meaning, resulting in confusion and challenges for law-makers, child protection agencies, media and civil society groups" explained Dorothy Rozga, Executive Director of ECPAT International. In the context of transnational child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, these difficulties are magnified.

The Terminology Guidelines, dubbed the 'Luxembourg Guidelines' after their adoption in the small country earlier this year, offer guidance on how to navigate the complex lexicon of terms commonly used relating to sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children. They aim to build consensus on key concepts in order to strengthen data collection and cooperation across agencies, sectors and countries. Today, the Guidelines are being made available to all major child protection agencies and organisations around the world, as well as to law-makers and the media.

The 'Luxembourg Guidelines' were developed under the guidance of a global Interagency Working Group, composed of 18 members, including the Special Representative to the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (see full list at the end).

"In these important guidelines, policy makers, professional associations and child rights defenders find a crucial resource to provide precision in terminology, enhance accuracy in the development of monitoring tools, and gain conceptual clarity to mobilise efforts for the safeguard of children's freedom from sexual violence across regions," said Marta Santos Pais, the Special Representative to the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children, and core member of the Interagency Working Group.

"In the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, terminology is not just a matter of semantics: it determines the effectivity of responses," said UN Special Rapporteur on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio. "The Luxembourg Guidelines will contribute not only to protecting children, but also in ending the impunity for these heinous crimes," said the UN Special Rapporteur.

"Our hope is that the Guidelines will be widely disseminated and that all actors will familiarize themselves with the meaning and possible use of the terms and concepts presented in the Guidelines. We believe that by doing so they will contribute to a more effective protection of children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse" said Professor Jaap Doek, Chairperson of the Interagency Working Group.

Initiated by ECPAT Luxembourg and ECPAT International in September 2014, the Interagency Working Group deliberated over the course of 18 months, bringing together experts and international actors in child protection to forge consensus on the terminology used in child protection on sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

The Interagency Working Group is composed of representatives from the following organisations:

African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

Child Rights Connect

Council of Europe Secretariat

ECPAT

Europol

INHOPE – The International Association of Internet Hotlines

Instituto Interamericano del niño, la niña y adolescentes (OEA)

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children

International Labour Office

International Telecommunication Organisation

INTERPOL

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Plan International

Save the Children International

United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography

United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The IWG also counted with two academic institutions, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of Bedfordshire, The International Centre: Researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking, as well as the Oak Foundation as observers to project.

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World Economic Forum and Inter-American Development Bank Join Forces to Close the Workforce Gender Gap in Latin America

Friday 17 June 2016

:: The World Economic Forum and Inter-American Development Bank announce partnership to advance gender parity in the workplace in Latin America, starting in Chile

:: Partnership will employ a model developed over three years through Gender Parity Taskforces in Mexico, Turkey, Japan and the Republic of Korea, catalysed by the Forum

Medellín, Colombia, 17 June 2016 – A three-year experiment in harnessing public-private collaboration to address the workforce gender gap has paved the way for a new partnership between the World Economic Forum and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) aimed at advancing greater workplace gender equality in Latin America.

The partnership between the Forum and IDB will first focus on Chile, where only about 60% of the country's economic gender gap has been closed. Consequently, the potential for making economic and social gains from further improvements in workplace gender equality is considerable. In order to realize this goal, both partners will pool their respective gender and country expertise to share best practices with committed leaders from business and government, introduce new policies and initiatives, and track the impact of each action.

"With relatively high rates of female education, many Latin American countries stand to make significant economic gains from integrating more women into the workforce. The new partnership between the World Economic Forum and the Inter-American Development Bank will support public-private partnerships in the region, starting with a Gender Parity Taskforce in Chile," said Richard Samans, Head of the Centre for the Global Agenda, World Economic Forum...

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Judith Rodin, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, Pioneering Leader in Resilience Building and Impact Investing, Announces Departure

June 16, 2016

:: In 12-Year Tenure, Rodin Overhauled The Rockefeller Foundation, Ushering in a New Era of Strategic Philanthropy That Leveraged Cross-Sector Partnerships

:: Rodin Served as First Female President of The Rockefeller Foundation and of an Ivy League Institution at University of Pennsylvania

New York, NY—After nearly 12 years at the helm, Judith Rodin, the first female president of The Rockefeller Foundation, announced her decision to depart the institution once a new president is identified and takes office. Rodin's leadership ushered The Rockefeller Foundation into a new era of strategic philanthropy that emphasized partnerships with business, government, and the philanthropic community to address and solve for the complex challenges of the 21st century.

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In her planned announcement to the board, Rodin and longtime colleague and Board Chair, [Dick Parsons](#), committed to a seamless transition. Until a new president takes office, Rodin will continue to actively lead the Foundation as she has for the past 12 years.

As president, Rodin recognized that the Foundation's funding alone was unable to spur the kind of systemic change necessary to solve the key challenges facing the world. Responding to that dynamic, Rodin led the Foundation in a sweeping transformation that modernized all operational and programmatic aspects of The Rockefeller Foundation. Rodin looked for new spaces where there was momentum for innovation, identified places where Rockefeller could use its [influence to leverage additional financing](#) and [engage private and public sector partners](#) to ensure impact continues after Rockefeller grantmaking ends. Building on the Foundation's history of creating and developing the field of public health and the Green Revolution, under [this new form of strategic philanthropy](#), Rodin championed two whole new fields that are now pervasive: [resilience](#) and [impact investing](#).

"The Rockefeller Foundation has benefitted enormously from Judy Rodin's tenure as our President and CEO. Over the last 12 years, she has lead the Foundation to embrace a new and cutting-edge approach to grantmaking and [innovation](#), and she has positioned us as a global leader in the urgent dialogue regarding how to make ours a better, more just, and more sustainable world. As both a longtime friend and a colleague her presence will be missed, though her vision will continue to guide us," said Dick Parsons, board chair of The Rockefeller Foundation.

"It has been thrilling to guide [The Rockefeller Foundation's evolution](#) to face the complex challenges of the 21st century and develop innovative solutions. We worked to transform this organization into one that is fit to deliver rapid and scalable impact for the multitude of changes around the world, " said Rodin. "Through this evolution, I have witnessed transformative impact on the lives of our beneficiaries; I have seen [resilience progress from concept to global practice with 100 cities on six continents](#) that are now better prepared to face global challenges and climate change; and the creation and growth of [impact investing](#) into a \$60 billion industry embraced by major investors. I have also had the joy of watching the first group of 20,000 inner-city students, bursting with excitement and a newfound love of American history meet and work with the cast of [HAMILTON](#), thanks to our partnership with the producers and cast of the transcendent musical. If these were the only successes I witnessed as president I would be humbled. As is always the case in philanthropy, our work is never done. I look forward to seeing the Foundation continue to grow, transform and affect change worldwide and am committed to working as hard as ever until the day a new president takes over this amazing organization."

[David Rockefeller, Jr.](#), former Board Chair and great-grandson of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. said, "I am so grateful to Judith for her leadership of The Rockefeller Foundation over 12 years. With Judith at the helm, The Rockefeller Foundation has charted a clear course through a rapidly changing world. She has truly been a transformative president who responded nimbly to global disruption and dynamism with a clear [focus on fostering resilience](#) among people, organizations and communities and building more inclusive economies. She achieved those goals by first strengthening the Foundation's infrastructure, then [reinventing the rules of philanthropic partnership](#), embracing [strategic grantmaking](#) and [innovation](#), and [deploying the power of The Rockefeller Foundation name and legacy](#). It was an enormous honor for me to be Chair of the Board as the Foundation marked its centennial in 2013. I was able to work with Judith as we celebrated the Foundation's history of innovation and launched the Foundation's second century. With Judith's inspired leadership our future is bright."

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Resilience

The Foundation's resilience focus was largely influenced by Rodin's work to revitalize West Philadelphia while leading the University of Pennsylvania. In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and watching cities worldwide struggle with the combined impacts of urbanization, globalization, and climate change, Rodin made it her mission to help cities build long-term resilience. In doing so, she ensured resilience was understood as a compendium of solutions that foster social cohesion, economic stability, and physical and environmental integrity.

Under her presidency, the Foundation invested more than half a billion dollars and leveraged billions more in resilience programs including: establishing 100 Resilient Cities, the creation and growth of the chief resilience officers around the globe, the Global Resilience Partnership, collaboration with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the National Disaster Resilience Competition and the Rebuild by Design competition, along with a decade of support for the City of New Orleans to help it become a model of resilience after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The Foundation's resilience investments have leveraged billions of dollars from the public and private sectors, including commitments from an initial group of 10 cities in the 100 Resilient Cities network to direct \$5.2 billion of their own budgets to address resilience challenges; billions from multinational organizations like the International Finance Corporation who committed \$19 billion to resilience programs; and partnerships with the private sector and non-governmental organizations giving communities access to hundreds of millions of dollars in innovative resilience services.

Impact Investing

Rodin's efforts to incentivize private sector engagement in global problem-solving helped catalyze the growth of impact investing around the world. As part of an effort to significantly increase the amount of private sector funding available for social impact through investments that yield a financial and social return, the Foundation invested \$50 million to support building the field of impact investing. The term "impact investing" was coined at an international conference the Foundation hosted at its Bellagio Conference Center in 2006. Four years later, despite the 2008-2009 worldwide financial meltdown, \$6 billion of new investment capital had gone into impact investments. Three-quarters of that growth has been tied directly to Rockefeller's efforts, leveraging the Foundation's investment one hundred to one. The sector is now estimated at \$60 billion. The Foundation has continued to build on its impact investing initiative through leading the development of the field of innovative finance. Rockefeller's Zero Gap initiative sources and seed funds new and creative ways of mobilizing private capital to close the gap between development funding and global need.

HAMILTON

One of the most high-profile examples of the nimble and strategic approach Rodin brought to philanthropy was the partnership she developed with HAMILTON, The Musical. Under Rodin's leadership, The Foundation leveraged a \$1.5 million investment to provide 20,000 inner-city kids with access to see the musical and incorporate Alexander Hamilton and the Founding Fathers into their 11th-grade history curriculum, through an arts education program. The success of the New York program has inspired similar efforts in Chicago and other cities where HAMILTON will be performed.

Rodin is the longest serving president of The Rockefeller Foundation in the last 40 years and is its first female president. Prior to her tenure at the Foundation, she served as the first female

president of an Ivy League university at the University of Pennsylvania after having served as provost of Yale University.

Rodin will remain as president of the Foundation until a successor is identified and a smooth and seamless transition can take place. The search for a new president will begin late this summer.

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

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<http://www.un.org/en/unpress/>

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Secretary-General Urges States to Stand by Victims of Torture, Support United Nations Fund, in Message for International Observance

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, observed on 26 June:

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

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GA/11794

General Assembly Approves Nearly \$8 Billion for 15 Peacekeeping Missions in 2016/2017

Approving the appropriation of \$7.86 billion for 15 peacekeeping operations for the 2016/2017 fiscal period, the General Assembly today adopted 25 resolutions and one decision contained in reports from its Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary).

15 June 2016

SC/12403

Security Council Presidential Statement Reaffirms Link between Women's Involvement in Conflict Prevention Efforts, Calls for Increased Participation

Despite commitments of the international community, inconsistent levels of political will, resourcing, accountability and gender expertise had often hindered the full and meaningful inclusion of women in efforts to prevent conflict, the Security Council said in a statement issued this morning.

14 June 2016

SC/12401

Security Council Authorizes Inspection of Suspected Embargo-Breaking Vessels off Libya's Coast, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2292 (2016)

In an effort to implement the arms embargo imposed on Libya, the Security Council today authorized Member States, acting nationally or through regional organizations, to inspect vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya believed to be in violation of the embargo.

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SC/12398

[Security Council Extends Mandate of United Nations Support Mission in Libya, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2291 \(2016\)](#)

The Security Council today decided to extend until 15 December the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and in full accordance with the principles of national ownership.

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SC/12399

[Security Council Press Statement on Terrorist Attack in Orlando, Florida](#)

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[Secretary-General Urges Stronger Action to Combat Violence, Abuse against Older People, in Message for International Observance](#)

12 June 2016

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[Secretary-General Condemns 'Horrific' Attack in Orlando, Florida](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Geneva, 13 June 2016

[Hate is being mainstreamed - global update by the High Commissioner](#)

In a wide-ranging update to the Human Rights Council, the High Commissioner detailed concerns in more than 50 countries and situations, and outlined ways the Office can assist. *[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Zeid urges U.S. to adopt robust gun control measures to pre-empt further killings](#)

[Burundi: UN experts call for concrete steps to end crisis](#)

[Fundamentalist intolerance is degrading assembly and association rights worldwide – UN expert](#)

[Gender equality: Women's health should not pay the price for discriminatory ideologies](#)

[Digital technology in education can impair the right to education and widen inequalities – New UN report warns](#)

[State-owned enterprises must lead by example on business and human rights – New UN report](#)

[UN expert launches initiative on private sector's responsibility to ensure freedom online](#)

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Brazil must move forward on business and human rights – UN expert group

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>

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Language guidelines key tool in tackling child sex abuse, UN child rights experts say

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

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<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 18 June 2016]

<https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/virtual-library/press-release-archive/>

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>

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“Right to health in adolescence: the costs of failing are too high” – UN expert warns

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/media/press-releases/>

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unocha.org/media-resources/press-releases>

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Central African Republic: Humanitarian Coordinator strongly condemns mounting violence against civilians in Ngaoundaye, north-west Central African Republic

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad

(Bangui, 17 June 2016): The Humanitarian Coordinator a.i., Dr. Michel Yao, and the entire humanitarian community in the Central African Republic (CAR), condemns a recent upsurge in violence against the civilian population in Ngaoundaye, Ouham-Pende Prefecture. Dr. Yao calls on all parties to respect international humanitarian law, to protect civilians and ensure that they can...

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Myanmar: Statement attributable to Ms Janet Jackson, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (a.i.) on floods in Myanmar [EN/MY]

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Myanmar Country: Myanmar

(YANGON: 14 June 2016): Heavy monsoon rains since the beginning of June have caused flooding in five states and regions of Myanmar. According to the initial reports from the Government Relief and Resettlement Department, at least 26,000 people are affected in Ayeyarwady, Bago and Sagaing regions as well as Chin and Rakhine states. A total of 14 deaths have been...

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Sudan: South Sudanese Influx into East Darfur Fact Sheet Issue 3 | 13 June 2016

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Country: South Sudan, Sudan KEY FACTS Beginning in late January 2016, there was a surge of South Sudanese fleeing into Sudan, with about 500 households arriving per day until early April. New arrivals have since continued at a slower rate, and as of 11 June about 47,100 refugees had arrived in East Darfur, of whom 29,515 are in Khor Omer camp, Ed Daein locality. This includes 28,595 people...

UNICEF [to 18 June 2016]

http://www.unicef.org/media/media_89711.html

Selected Press Releases

Lions Health and UNICEF announce DigitasLBi as the winner of global award for young creatives and marketers

NEW YORK/CANNES, France, 18 June 2016 – Lions Health, the Festival and Awards that celebrate life-changing creativity in healthcare communications, and UNICEF, have announced the winner of the 2016 Young Lions Health Award.

African youth to African leaders: "You must do more to end conflicts in Africa"

GAMBELLA, Ethiopia/DAKAR, Senegal/NAIROBI, Kenya 16 June 2016 – African leaders are not doing enough to stop conflicts in Africa, said two-thirds of the nearly 86,000 youth surveyed in a recent mobile-based poll conducted in nine African countries.

"Neither safe nor sound": Sexual exploitation, trafficking and abuse engulfing the lives of children in the camps of Calais and Dunkirk

LONDON/PARIS, 16 June 2016 – Children experience sexual exploitation, violence and forced labour on a daily basis in the camps of Northern France, according to the findings of Neither Safe Nor Sound, a new UNICEF France and UNICEF UK study.

"If you try to run, they shoot you; if you stop working they beat you. It was just like the slave trade."

GENEVA, 14 June 2016 – More than 9 out of 10 refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe this year through Italy are unaccompanied, prompting UNICEF to warn of the growing threats of abuse, exploitation and death facing them.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 18 June 2016]

[http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-](http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/search?page=&comid=4a0950336&cid=49aea93a7d&scid=49aea93a40)

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[Global celebrities join campaign calling on governments to take action for refugees](#)

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[UNHCR report puts projected resettlement needs in 2017 at 1.19 million](#)

With a multitude of conflicts and crises causing record displacement around the world, resettlement has become an increasingly vital part of UNHCR's efforts to find solutions and advocate for fairer responsibility-sharing for refugees, a UNHCR report released today at an annual meeting in Geneva says.

While the UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2017 report says that more than 1 million refugees were submitted by UNHCR to over 30 resettlement countries in the past decade, the number of people in need of resettlement far surpasses the opportunities for placement in a third country.

The report says that despite increased resettlement quotas from some countries, expansion in global resettlement capacity, and increases in submissions, the projected number of people in need of resettlement in 2017 will pass 1.19 million.

In response, UNHCR expects to submit 170,000 refugees for resettlement next year, based on the expected global quotas from resettlement states. This compares to a current target of some 143,000 in 2016 and more than 100,000 in each of 2015 and 2014 respectively. Despite the increase in quotas from states and submissions made, the gap in terms of needs remains great.

The 1.19 million forecast is up 72 per cent on the projected needs of 691,000 in 2014, before large-scale resettlement of Syrians began. In 2017, Syrians are projected to account for 40 per cent of needs, followed by Sudan (11 per cent), Afghanistan (10 per cent) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (9 per cent).

Projected Global Resettlement Needs also reports that 2015 was a record year for submissions with 134,044, up 29 percent from the 103,890 recorded in 2014...

[IOM / International Organization for Migration \[to 18 June 2016\]](#)

<http://www.iom.int/press-room/press-releases>

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[Niger Deaths Add to Growing Toll of Migrant Fatalities within Africa](#)

Niger - The discovery this week of the remains of 34 migrants near the Algeria-Niger border brings to 471 the number of deaths and disappearances recorded in Africa this year.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 213,581; Deaths: 2,859](#)

06/17/16

Italy - IOM reports an estimated 213,581 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 15 June, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

[IOM Calls for Cheaper, Transparent and More Accessible Remittances](#)

06/17/16

United Kingdom - The International Day of Family Remittances recognises the financial contributions made by 250 million migrant workers to sustainable international development.

[Northern Triangle: IOM Builds Capacity to Protect Child Migrants of Central America](#)

06/17/16

El Salvador - Nearly three hundred representatives of civil society and the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras were trained by IOM on issues such as national policy and the international protection framework for migrant children and adolescents.

IOM Statement on the International Day of Family Remittances

06/16/16

Switzerland - The hard-earned money that migrants send every day to their loved ones back home represents a vital economic lifeline for millions of struggling families around the world.

Fatal Journeys, Vol. 2 - New Global Report from IOM

06/14/16

Germany - IOM reports that over 60,000 migrants are estimated to have died or gone missing on sea and land routes worldwide since 1996.

International Organization for Migration Welcomes China Application for IOM Membership

06/13/16

GENEVA - International Organization for Migration Director General William Lacy Swing on Monday met with People's Republic of China Vice Foreign Minister Wang Chao.

IOM Welcomes Guidelines to Protect Migrants

06/10/16

Switzerland - IOM today (10/6) welcomed the publication of the "Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster".

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

UN Women [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unwomen.org/news/stories>

Date: 17 June 2016

Partnerships key to success of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Win-win partnerships are key to achieving women's and girls' economic empowerment and will lead the way towards sustainable development, according to Plan International, UNIDO, UN Women and the World Bank.

UN Women statement on World Refugee Day (20 June)

Date: 17 June 2016

In a statement for World Refugee Day on 20 June, UN Women calls for urgent action to ensure refugee women and girls have access to secure transit routes, safe spaces and protection when they arrive in a host country, and resources and services that will help them to build a post-conflict life free from violence and poverty.

UN Women statement for the first International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (19 June)

Date: 16 June 2016

In a statement for the first International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict on 19 June, UN Women recounts the historic firsts this year in combatting sexual violence in conflict.

Statement by UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka on the fifth anniversary of the Domestic Workers Convention

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Date: 15 June 2016

On the fifth anniversary of the convention concerning decent work for domestic workers, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka highlights the importance of implementing the convention in reaching more equal, gender-responsive labour markets and societies.

[Joint statement on the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women](#)

Date: 15 June 2016

Four years after the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding in 2012, the European Union and UN Women recommitted to their partnership on 15 June with a joint statement signed at the European Commission by UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 18 June 2016]

Highlights

[Launch of the 2016 Global Nutrition Report](#)

June 2016 --The Global Nutrition Report examines the world's nutrition and the efforts to improve it. It assesses progress in meeting Global Nutrition Targets established by the World Health Assembly, and provides current information from global, regional and country perspectives. WHO is a Global Nutrition Report Partner.

[Disease Outbreak News \(DONs\)](#)

:: [Chikungunya – United States of America](#) 14 June 2016

:: [Yellow fever – Angola](#) 14 June 2016

:: [Lassa Fever – Benin](#) 13 June 2016

: WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

[WHO African Region AFRO](#)

:: [Yellow fever global vaccine stockpile in emergencies - 17 June 2016](#)

:: [WHO African Region Programme Subcommittee meeting begins in Brazzaville, Congo - 14 June 2016](#)

[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

No new digest content identified.

[WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO](#)

:: [WHO South-East Asia Region continues to be polio-free](#) 18 June 2016

[WHO European Region EURO](#)

:: [Celebrating 20 years of the Ljubljana Charter](#) 16-06-2016

:: [Slovenia's substantial and sustained health gains revealed in new reports](#) 16-06-2016

:: [Conclusions of the third meeting of the Emergency Committee regarding microcephaly, other neurological disorders and Zika virus](#) 15-06-2016

:: [Blood connects us all – blood donation text message service in Sweden](#) 14-06-2016

[WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO](#)

:: [WHO expresses concern over disease outbreaks in its response to Fallujah crisis](#)

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Baghdad, 16 June 2016: WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Ala Alwan arrived in Baghdad yesterday to review firsthand WHO's response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Fallujah city, where more than 42,000 Iraqis have been displaced since the beginning of the military operations in the city in May 2016. Tens of thousands of besieged and displaced men, women, children and older people face major health risks as they lack adequate access to health services.

:: Emergency Committee on Zika virus and observed increase in neurological disorders and neonatal malformations 14 June 2016

::: WHO reaches more people in need with lifesaving treatments in Duma 13 June 2016

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Tenofovir reduces mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B: new study

GENEVA, 16 JUNE 2016 - New study findings published today confirm that antiviral therapy with tenofovir in late pregnancy can result in a 3-fold reduction in mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of hepatitis B virus (HBV), when used in combination with immunoglobulin and HBV vaccine at birth...

UNAIDS [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/>

15 June 2016

UNAIDS gala honours former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and raises more than US\$ 1 million for UNAIDS

Supporters of UNAIDS attended its annual fundraising gala on 13 June. Held at Design Miami Basel on the eve of the Art Basel art festival, the gala raised more than US\$ 1 million to support the work of UNAIDS to increase access to HIV prevention and treatment services worldwide,...

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14 June 2016

UNAIDS condemns the attack on Orlando nightclub that killed and injured dozens of people from the LGBTBI community

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unfpa.org/press/press-release>

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html>

Jun 17, 2016 UN, New York

Magdy Martínez-Solimán: Statement at the Fourth Annual Seminar for National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs): NHRI's Role in Conflict and Fragile Contexts

Helen Clark: Statement for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Jun 15, 2016

Millions of Latin American risk sliding back into poverty; new generation of public policies crucial to prevent setbacks: UNDP

Jun 14, 2016

Panama City – The main threat to progress in Latin America and the Caribbean is the relapse of millions of families back into poverty. The economic slowdown is part of the story, but not

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the only cause of such a setback, says the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Human Development Report (HDR) for Latin America and the Caribbean, launched with more than 60 congresspersons at the regional parliament (Parlatino). To continue to advance and prevent reversals in the social, economic and environmental fronts, the report highlights key policy recommendations, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In the report titled Multidimensional Progress: Well-being beyond income, UNDP expresses particular concern over the 25 to 30 million people in the region—more than a third of those who left poverty since 2003 — who risk falling back into poverty. Many are youth and women, with precarious employment in the service sector. They are part of a larger group of over 220 million people (38% of the population, or almost two in every five in the region) who are vulnerable: officially they are not poor (living on less than US\$4/day) but have been unable to rise to the middle class (living on more than \$10/day)...

UNDP takes part in the European Development Days on Agenda 2030 implementation

Jun 14, 2016

UNDP will participate in the European Development Days, Europe's leading forum on development and cooperation, which will take place on 15-16 June in Brussels.

UNDP, partners to chart roadmap for tackling violent extremism in Central Asia

Jun 13, 2016

Combatting the rise of violent extremism in Central Asia and beyond will require long-term measures that include creating life opportunities for young people and a chance to serve and shape the future of their communities, said experts at a conference on the phenomenon that opened here today.

UNDP Film gives voice to Thirty Million

Jun 13, 2016

A UNDP supported documentary on the threat sea-level rise poses to 30 million Bangladeshis premiered in New York City on Monday.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 18 June 2016]

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 18 June 2016]

<http://unsdsn.org/news/>

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 18 June 2016]

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/?doctypeID=1>

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Evaluate Land to Halt Annual Loss of 24 Billion Tonnes of Fertile Soil, Expert Panel Says

On World Day to Combat Desertification

Beijing, China, 17 June 2016 - The world needs to improve the way land is evaluated in order to unlock its true potential and reverse the alarming pace of land degradation, like the loss of 24 billion tonnes of fertile soil and 15 billion trees every year, a new report from the International Resource Panel says.

Erosion, nutrient depletion, acidification, salinization, compaction and chemical pollution have left 33 per cent of the world's soils either moderately or highly degraded. If current conditions continue, then 320-849 million hectares of land will be converted to cropland by 2050 at the expense of the world's savannahs, grasslands and forests. As a result, greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture may increase from 24 per cent to 30 per cent.

As the global population expands, climate change intensifies and more people move to urban areas, it will become increasingly difficult to sustainably produce enough food, fuel and fibre to meet demand without further depleting the world's finite land resources.

Released today in Beijing at a high-profile event to mark the World Day to Combat Desertification, the IRP's latest report says that evaluating the long-term potential of land will help the world sustainably meet this demand.

Unlocking the Sustainable Potential of Land Resources: Evaluation Systems, Strategies and Tools looks at a series of tools that can help policy makers and land managers unlock the full potential of land, allowing them to use resources more efficiently...

:: [Download Full Report](#) :: [World Day to Combat Desertification](#)

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unisdr.org/archive>

17 Jun 2016

Action for urban resilience

A two day high level forum concludes today in Florence with recommendations on series of actions required to build urban resilience to disasters.

17 Jun 2016

UN welcomes European Commission Action Plan on Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

The EU played a key role in negotiating the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the European Commission has now launched an action plan to implement it.

15 Jun 2016

Uganda deploys drones to build refugee resilience

Uganda is developing base maps for refugee settlements that host thousands of people in the east African country, with the goal being to support risk-informed development and land use planning and thereby build community resilience.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html>

15 June 2016, New York

Ban calls for ending elder abuse as a pathway towards Global Goals

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Marking World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, United Nations [Secretary-General](#) Ban Ki-moon today emphasized that ending neglect, abuse and violence against older people is crucial as the international community continues to work together towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and fulfil their underlying pledge to leave no one behind.

13 June 2016, New York

[General Assembly elects Permanent Representative of Fiji as President of 71st session](#)

The United Nations General Assembly today elected Peter Thomson, Permanent Representative of Fiji, as President of its upcoming 71st session. Mr. Thomson, who will replace current General Assembly President Mogens Lykketoft, will begin his tenure in September at the commencement of the 71st General Assembly session.

UNESCO [to 18 June 2016]

<http://en.unesco.org/news>

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[The growing influence of billionaires on research priorities in the USA](#)

14 June 2016

[UNESCO Director-General and ICC President reaffirm joint commitment to end impunity for deliberate destruction of heritage](#)

"The destruction of heritage is inseparable from the persecution of people. This is why we consider the protection of cultural heritage today as far more than a cultural issue. This has become a humanitarian imperative, and a security issue," stated UNESCO's Director-General Irina Bokova today in The Hague during the Europe Lecture 2016, organised by the European Lecture Foundation in collaboration with Europa Nostra and the Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO.

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[UNESCO Director-General addresses the Europe Lecture 2016 on heritage protection as a security issue](#)

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UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/allpress.html?ref=fp>

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 18 June 2016]

<http://unhabitat.org/media-centre/news/>

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FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2016/en/>
17-06-2016

Partnership makes strides in promoting sustainable land management in Africa

Improved land management strategies and technologies being used across sub-Saharan Africa are helping protect the environment, boost agricultural productivity, strengthen livelihoods and enhance food security, according to a new study, published by NEPAD and its TerrAfrica partners, including FAO.

Forest and farm producer organizations are drivers of sustainable global development

Forest and farm producer organizations are key players in meeting the world's growing demand for food and forest products, improving the lives of rural communities, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). That is the key take-away of a new FAO publication launched today at the European Development Days in Brussels, Belgium, taking place on 15-16 June.

16-06-2016

FAO urges more efforts to address rural hunger and poverty, reduce migration pressure

"The migratory pressures causing major concern at a global level today result from war, conflict and political instability, but FAO also calls for adequate attention to be given to pressures associated with the very root causes of migration," Graziano da Silva told participants at the European Development Days 2016 in Brussels.

15-06-2016

FAO study identifies small fish with a big role to play feeding Africa's drylands

Fish weighing as little as one gram could be crucial allies in the race to end hunger in some of the world's most chronically poor and underfed regions, according to a new FAO report on fisheries in the drylands of sub-Saharan Africa

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ILO International Labour Organization [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>
Press release

ILO formulates policy options for upward convergence in the EU

16 June 2016

A new ILO publication examines the differences in socio-economic performance between EU member states and formulates policy options for upward convergence.

5th anniversary of ILO Convention No 189

Who cares for the carers?

16 June 2016

On International Domestic Workers' Day, some good news on protecting vulnerable workers in the home - An OP-ED on the Domestic Workers Convention by Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General.

Child sexual abuse

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'Luxembourg Guidelines' on terminology: A step forward in the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

14 June 2016

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/pressrelease.aspx>

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United Nations Secretary-General Praises Solar Flight Achievement

MONTREAL, 15 JUNE 2016 – United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon praised the environmental contributions of the Solar Impulse project and its founders earlier this week, during his tour of the pioneering solar-powered aircraft in its temporary hangar at JFK airport in New York...

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 18 June 2016]

[http://public.wmo.int/en/search?sort_by=changed&f\[0\]=type%3Anews](http://public.wmo.int/en/search?sort_by=changed&f[0]=type%3Anews)

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WMO appoints new executive management

Elena Manaenkova has been appointed Deputy Secretary-General and Wenjian Zhang Assistant Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization. The appointments were approved by the Executive Council. Ms Manaenkova has been WMO Assistant Secretary-General since June 2010 and has spearheaded WMO's drive for gender equality and empowerment of women. The Geneva Environment Network earlier this year selected her as one of 20 "inspirational" women working for the environment.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>

Thursday, 16 June 2016

UNIDO Director General says mobilizing private sector crucial for implementation of 2030 Agenda

BRUSSELS, 16 June 2016 – Ways for the public and private sectors to accelerate sustainable development were today the focus of a discussion at the annual European Development Days (EDD) taking place in Brussels.

UNIDO Director General Li says sustainable energy for all initiative crucial for global development

BRUSSELS, 15 June 2016 – Without ensuring sustainable energy for all, it will be difficult to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Strategic partnership between UNIDO and Global Food Safety Initiative announced

CAPE TOWN, 15 June 2016 – A new partnership aiming to advance food safety in several regions, including in Africa, China, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, was today sealed on the sidelines of a gathering

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UNIDO and World Customs Organization to support effective implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

BRUSSELS, 14 June 2016 - The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the World Customs Organization (WCO) today signed a joint declaration aimed at supporting the implementation of the World Trade...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 18 June 2016]

http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm

17 June 2016

The future of service standards and international trade

by Clare Naden

From telecommunications to tourism, standards are essential in the services sector because they help to improve the quality of the service provided and ensure things work. As international trade in services flourishes, so does the need and potential for standards. We talk to David Shark, Deputy Director-General at the World Trade Organization (WTO), about his views on the future of service standards in the development of international trade.

14 June 2016

ISO 50001 on energy management is under revision

Improving energy performance and reducing energy costs is one of the most important tasks that organizations throughout the world, have to achieve. ISO 50001 on energy management can help organizations with this exercise and since its publication five years ago it has gained much importance.

13 June 2016

Standards: the solution for global services

The power and potential of standards in the services sector is the theme of a new global ISO campaign this week (13-17 June), held to raise awareness of the importance of standards for driving economic growth and improving the quality of services.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 18 June 2016]

<http://media.unwto.org/news>

16 June 2016

UNWTO and the World Committee on Tourism Ethics launch the UNWTO Ethics Award

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (WCTE) have launched the UNWTO Ethics Award. The Award will recognize companies committed to making their business more responsible and sustainable through the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.

The UNWTO Ethics Award, geared to recognize the engagement of tourism enterprises in promoting and implementing the principles of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, is open to all tourism companies and trade associations that are official signatories of the Private Sector Commitment to the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.

As the organ responsible for the promotion and monitoring of the implementation of the Code, the World Committee on Tourism Ethics conceived this initiative to promote the positive initiatives steaming from the growing number of companies and trade associations that have

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adhered to the Private Sector Commitment to the Code. As of June 2016, a total of 463 signatories from 64 countries have committed to promote and implement the Code.

According to the Committee "in these times of needed awareness and common action we should praised those entrepreneurs worldwide who contribute to responsible and sustainable tourism through their Corporate Social Responsibility".

The candidatures will have to demonstrate to be long-lasting and have a positive impact in at least two of the following areas: (a) Corporate governance and business ethics; (b) Employment quality; (c) Social Equity and Human Rights; (d) Community Well-Being; and (e) Environmental sustainability.

The winner of the first UNWTO Ethics Award will be announced on 18 January 2017 during the 13th UNWTO Awards ceremony and gala dinner organized in collaboration with the International Tourism Trade Fair (IFEMA/FITUR) in Madrid, Spain. The prize will be conferred by a representative of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, which will act as the Jury of the Award.

Candidacies are open until 30 September 2016.

15 June 2016

UNWTO and the Government of The Netherlands partner to foster religious tourism

To promote the role of religious tourism as an agent for cultural preservation, peace and understanding is the focus of the agreement undersigned by UNWTO and the Government of The Netherlands. The partnership includes the celebration of a conference on 'Religious Heritage and Tourism: How to increase religious heritage tourism in a changing society'" that will be held on October 2016, in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

13 June 2016

UNWTO strongly condemns the attack in Orlando

ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 18 June 2016]

http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/index.aspx?lang=en#.VF8FYcl4WF8

Geneva, 16 June 2016

Reaching the world's two billion unbanked: ITU Focus Group makes steady progress

Group shares initial findings from Digital Financial Services Ecosystem and Consumer Experience and Protection working groups

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Washington D.C., 14 June 2016

Digital solutions to drive progress toward United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030

Focus on improving lives, fostering growth and environmental protection

The information and communication technologies (ICT) sector can play a vital role in helping achieve the objectives of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, according to new analysis prepared for the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) by Accenture (NYSE:ACN). This would involve deploying innovative digital solutions to improve the quality of people's lives, achieve equitable growth and protect the environment.

The GeSI report, [#SystemTransformation: How digital solutions will drive progress towards the sustainable development goals](#), published in collaboration with [Accenture Strategy](#),

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demonstrates the impact that digital technologies can have on shaping a more sustainable future, and highlights the opportunity for companies in the ICT sector to drive growth and competitiveness by investing in these initiatives. The report also identifies roadblocks to realizing the full potential of these digital solutions, including policy, regulatory and supply-side constraints, as well as barriers on the demand-side...

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.cbd.int/press-releases/>

2016-06-17

This year's [**World Day to Combat Desertification**](#) shows the importance of being inclusive as we cooperate to restore and rehabilitate degraded land. It also points to the convergence of international action and landmark agreements recently adopted which recognize the links between the different global challenges of our times.

2016-06-13

[**Recent moves by China, Finland and Zambia edge Nagoya Protocol closer to goal of 100 ratifications**](#)

Montreal, 13 June 2016 – China, Finland and Zambia are the latest countries to ratify the ground-breaking Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, bringing the total number of ratifications to the treaty to 78.

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USAID [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases>

June 15, 2016

[**USAID Administrator Smith Announces New Energy and Judiciary Assistance to Ukraine**](#)

WASHINGTON, D. C. – Today, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Gayle Smith announced during her meeting with Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman several new programs designed in partnership with the Government of Ukraine to further energy sector and judicial reforms in Ukraine.

DFID [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 18 June 2016]

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>

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[**EU steps up support to victims of Paraguay's floods**](#)

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The EU has released €1 million in humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable victims of Paraguay's worst floods since 1982. The new funds add to the emergency response disbursed earlier in the year, providing safe drinking water and strengthening...

European Commission launches Sendai Action Plan for disaster risk reduction

16/06/2016

The European Commission is launching today an Action Plan to promote disaster risk reduction and its integration in EU policies. A year ago, under the leadership of EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides, the...

European Commission shines a spotlight on resilience at the European Development Days

16/06/2016

Increasing resilience of disaster-affected populations is a central objective of the European Commission's humanitarian assistance. With the activities it funds, the Commission helps communities around the world to become better prepared in the...

European Commission launches #SupportRefugees campaign with football stars

15/06/2016

Ahead of World Refugee Day on 20 June, the European Commission launches the #SupportRefugees campaign with the support of international football stars Marouane Fellaini and Anja Mittag as goodwill ambassadors.

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African Union [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.au.int/en/>

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The African Union Moves towards Operationalisation of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN THE AU AND CHINA TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS HELD

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 16 June 2016: H.E. Mr Erastus Mwencha, the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and Mr. Zhang Xiangchen, Deputy International Trade Representative of the Ministry of Commerce of China have signed an MOU between the AUC and the Ministry of Commerce of China on the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). Through the MOU, signed on 15 June 2016, China will support the realization of the African Union's "Agenda 2063", to inter alia, improve the public health disease control system, integrate medical resources, gradually establish disease prevention, surveillance, detection mechanisms including rapid response to epidemics and pandemics, and build capacity among African Union Member States.

In the meantime, on the same day, a tripartite meeting to discuss the operationalization of the Africa CDC was held between the African Union Commission (AUC), the United States Mission to the African Union (USAU) and the delegation of the mission of the People's Republic of China. The discussions also aimed to strengthen the tripartite cooperation between the AUC, China & U.S. on the Africa CDC...

June 17, 2016 | *Press Releases*

"Conflict and Crisis in Africa: Protecting all Children's Rights"

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Gambella, 16 June, 2016. The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) in collaboration with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and its partners commemorates the 16th Day of the African Child (DAC) on the theme "Conflict and crisis in Africa: Protecting all children's Rights". Alongside UN agencies and international organizations, the Day is marked with various activities organized with children, and aims to shed light on the plight of children that are subjected to the consequences of conflicts including armed conflicts, and crises, as they are one of the most vulnerable groups of society...

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.asean.org/news>

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June 14th, 2016|ASEAN Secretariat News, Statement & Communiques

[ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Mass Shooting Incident in Orlando](#)

European Commission [to 18 June 2016]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>

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[Joint Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict](#)

Date: 19/06/2016

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

[Managing the Refugee Crisis: Commission reports on progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement](#)

Date: 15/06/2016

European Commission - Press release

Brussels, 15 June 2016 The Commission has today adopted its second report on the EU-Turkey Statement showing that while there has been further good progress in its implementation, progress achieved so far remains fragile.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

[Relocation and Resettlement: Increased efforts on resettlement and relocation must be sustained](#)

Date: 15/06/2016

European Commission - Press release

Brussels, 15 June 2016 Today, the Commission adopted its latest progress report on the EU's emergency relocation and resettlement schemes, assessing actions taken over the past month.

© European Union 2016 Today, the Commission adopted its latest progress report on the EU's emergency relocation and...

[Implementing the EU-Turkey Statement – Questions and Answers](#)

Date: 15/06/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet

Brussels, 15 June 2016 Implementing the EU-Turkey Statement – Questions and Answers On 18 March 2016, EU Heads of State or Government and Turkey agreed to end the irregular migration from Turkey to the EU and replace it instead with legal channels of resettlement of...

EU adopts new measures to promote stability and combat the root causes of irregular migration

Date: 13/06/2016

European Commission - Press release

Brussels, 13 June 2016 The European Commission today adopted six new measures costing more than €146 million in the Sahel region and the Lake Chad Basin. The measures were adopted under the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, set up to address the root causes of...

Description of the six new measures adopted to tackle the root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in the Sahel region and Lake Chad Basin

Date: 13/06/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet

Brussels, 13 June 2016 The European Commission today announced the introduction of 6 new measures in the Sahel region and the Lake Chad Basin, worth over EUR 146 million in total. Adopted under the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa following the Valletta Summit, these measures will help...

OECD [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/publicationsdocuments/bydate/>

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More ambitious policies needed to address changes facing agriculture

Governments need to implement more ambitious policies to address the global challenges facing agriculture, notably a shift away from direct support to farmers towards greater assistance for innovation systems that will improve productivity and sustainability, according to a new OECD report.

Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2016 finds that support to producers in OECD countries has roughly halved in intensity over the past 30 years, and now amounts to 17% of gross farm receipts. Average support levels in the emerging economies have increased from very low or even negative levels, to approach the average level of OECD countries...

16-June-2016

Regional inequalities worsening in many countries

16/06/2016 - Income inequality is worsening within many countries, and regional disparities in housing, safety and air quality inside countries are also growing wider in many cases, according to a new OECD report.

OECD Regions at a Glance 2016 finds most countries are closing the gap between regions in education and Internet access, but disparities in GDP per head, disposable income, safety and air pollution are widening in many. The disposable income per capita gap between the richest and poorest parts of OECD countries grew 1.5% a year on average over 2000-13, with the biggest increases in the Slovak Republic, Australia, Czech Republic and Canada.

The report, which examines local-level indicators in over 40 countries, shows many regions are struggling to increase the productivity of firms and people and restore employment. Italy, Spain and Turkey all show a 20 percentage point gap between highest and lowest regional unemployment rates, the same difference as between the national unemployment rates of Greece and Norway...

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 18 June 2016]

http://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp

E-075 - June 15, 2016

Haiti: OAS Secretary General urges Parliamentarians to fully assume their responsibilities

Washington, D.C. The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, takes note with great concern that the Haitian National Assembly has failed to pronounce itself within the delays set forth by the February 5th Agreement on the extension or not of the mandate of the interim President or, as the case may be, on other measures to insure institutional continuity. He consequently urges Parliamentarians, in their capacity of elected representatives of the People, to fully assume their responsibilities by meeting in National Assembly to decide on how to best guarantee institutional stability and the continuation of the elections process.

As evidenced by the just concluded OAS General Assembly, the continuation of elections in Haiti in a stable and calm atmosphere is a priority for our hemispheric organization. "It is long past time for Haitian political stakeholders to prioritize the interests of the Nation in order for the aspirations of the People to finally be heard and for the country to be in a position to tackle the great socio-economic challenges it faces." the Secretary General emphasized.

E-075 June 15, 2016

A 17-Year Wait Pays off for Indigenous Peoples

:: Adopts American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

:: 50 Million People in the Americas Self-Define as Indigenous.

:: The declaration is the first instrument in the history of the OAS to promote and protect the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

E-073 June 14, 2016

OAS and private sector to boost digital connectivity in the Americas

The Organization of American States (OAS), several leading companies in the field of information and communications technologies (ICTs), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and a group of universities from across the region today signed the "2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas" to expand connectivity in the region and to democratize the preparation of young people for participating in the modern economy.

The 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas initiative is to be implemented by the OAS's Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL). The agreement is a corollary to the forum "ICTs and the eradication of poverty in the Americas: The role of public-private partnerships," organized by the OAS and the government of the Dominican Republic in its capacity as Chair of the Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL on the occasion of the OAS General Assembly.

The Secretary General of the OAS, Luis Almagro, emphasized that "it is vital that we give our young people the opportunity to compete, that our citizens are able to access high-technology services. At the present time, democratizing access to them is an essential mechanism for expanding more rights for more people." The project is aligned with the goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and it seeks to provide internet access to 1.5 billion people across the world by the year 2020; to ensure that all public schools in the Americas are connected to the internet over the coming 15 years; and to strengthen democratic participation in the Americas through ICTs...

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.oic-oci.org/oicv3/news/?lan=en>

[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]

15/06/2016

OIC Implements Ramadan Activities in some Member States in Partnership with Humanitarian Organizations

In the framework of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's efforts in the holy month each year, its humanitarian offices carried out at the beginning of Ramadan humanitarian activities in a number of Member States, in partnership with several humanitarian organizations, especially in Palestine, Somalia and Central Africa and (for the Syrian refugees) in Turkey. These activities and projects are aimed at helping the neediest families in an attempt to provide the basic necessities and to alleviate their suffering during the month of Ramadan, in light of the bitter situation experienced by several countries in the Muslim world.

Group of 77 [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.g77.org/>

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of 77, at the **informal consultation on the Ministerial Declaration for the 2016 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 16 June 2016)**

UNCTAD [to 18 June 2016]

<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/AllPressRelease.aspx>

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 18 June 2016]

http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.ipu.org/english/news.htm>

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World MPs highlight unique parliamentary role in AIDS fight

IPU's Permanent Observer to the United Nations, Paddy Torsney, has stressed to the UN's High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS the essential role of MPs and national parliaments in combating the disease. Presenting the conclusions of IPU's parliamentary meeting, she said MPs had emphasized their critical role linking national strategies, communities and individuals. Ms Torsney said the MPs had highlighted the persistence of stigma and legal discrimination some 35 years after the epidemic started, continuing to form an immense barrier to voluntary testing and treatment. MPs had stressed their role in fighting stigma and discrimination at the national policy level as well as in their constituencies, she said...

International Court of Justice [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.icj-cij.org/presscom/index.php?p1=6&p2=1>
No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 18 June 2016]
<https://www.icc-cpi.int/>
No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>
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[Statement from World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim on the Murder of UK MP Jo Cox](#)

WASHINGTON, June 17, 2016— World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim issued the following statement today on the murder of UK MP Jo Cox: "I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the violent death of...
Date: June 17, 2016 Type: Press Release

[Joint Declaration on a Framework for European Commission-World Bank Group Collaboration in Situations Affected by Fragility, Conflict and Violence](#)

The European Commission and the World Bank Group, hereby envisage to define a framework for collaboration in situations affected by fragility, conflict and violence (FCV). We believe that in FCV situations,...
Date: June 14, 2016 Type: Press Release
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

[European Commission and World Bank Group to Accelerate Joint Action to Tackle Fragility, Conflict and Violence](#)

Brussels, June 14, 2016 — The European Commission (EC) and the World Bank Group (WBG) today announced their commitment to strengthen joint action on sustaining peace and increase development impact in...
Date: June 14, 2016 Type: Press Release

[Global Private Infrastructure Investment Remains Steady at \\$111.6 billion; Turkey Takes the Lead with Two Megadeals](#)

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2016—Global private infrastructure investment in 2015 mostly remained steady at \$111.6 billion when compared to the previous year, according to new data from the World Bank Group's...
Date: June 14, 2016 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.imf.org/external/news/default.aspx>
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June 16, 2016

Press Release: IMF and Partners Launch New Phases of the Managing Natural Resource Wealth and Revenue Mobilization Trust Funds

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and its development partners launched new phases of the Managing Natural Resource Wealth (MNRW-TF) and the Revenue Mobilization (RM-TF) trust funds during the annual steering committee meetings held in Washington from June 14–15, 2016. Subject to contributions from development partners, the MNRW-TF and RM-TF are expected to provide about US\$30 million and US\$60 million, respectively, over six years for technical assistance and training to help low- and lower middle-income countries strengthen tax capacity and mobilize natural resource wealth...

Growth expected to rebound after a difficult year, but risk of slowdown in remittances is more pronounced

KATHMANDU, June 15, 2016 - Following two massive shocks which have resulted in two years of disappointing growth, economic activity is expected to rebound modestly, growing by 4.7 percent in FY2017, a...

Date: June 15, 2016 Type: Press Release

African Development Bank Group [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/>

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AfDB President brings Africa to the Americas as co-chair of the 22nd Conference of Montreal

17/06/2016 - For three days this week, African Development Bank Group President Akinwumi Adesina brought Africa to the Americas, and the AfDB to Canada, as the co-chair of the 22nd International Economic Forum of the Americas - Conference of Montreal. The Forum closed on Thursday.

Asian Development Bank [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.adb.org/news/releases>

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank appoints General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer

BEIJING – The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (the Bank) today announced the following senior staff appointments:

:: Mr. Gerard Sanders to the position of General Counsel; and

:: Mr. Thierry de Longuemar to the position of Chief Financial Officer...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.aiib.org/html/NEWS/>

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IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 18 June 2016]

https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press_release/list/tags/y2016

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[Agriculture Development Partners visiting Dodoma region to meet with authorities and farmers](#)

15 June 2016

[Remittances bring economic stability to families and countries, says IFAD president on International Day](#)

Rome – On the International Day of Family Remittances, 16 June, Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), calls for greater recognition of the vital financial contribution migrants make to the economic stability of their families and countries.

“The remittances sent back to relatives provide a lifeline, particularly to tens of millions of families living in fragile or post-conflict societies,” Nwanze said. “Remittances can help rebuild the fabric of societies, spark economic development, and bring the stability necessary for a hopeful future.”

In 2015, some 250 million migrants living outside their countries of origin sent nearly US\$450 billion back home in remittances. Over the same period, 60 million people were forcibly displaced due to violent conflict and political upheaval, including 20 million refugees who fled across international borders...

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[UN agency examines approach to decentralized operations in Africa](#)

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We will monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action.

This Watch section is intended to be indicative, not exhaustive. We will not include fund raising announcements, programs events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Amref Health Africa_ [to 18 June 2016]

<http://amref.org/news/news/>

16 June 2016

[Let's eliminate conflict to improve the lives of children](#)

The Day of the African Child has been celebrated on June 16 every year since 1991, when it was first initiated by the Organisation of African Unity, now the African Union. This year, 2016, the day will be marked under the theme “Conflict and Crisis in Africa: Protecting all Children’s Rights”.

[Amref launches mobile health information platform in Bungoma County](#)

Published: 13 June 2016 Carolyn Khamala

Amref Health Africa in Kenya has launched M-JALI, a mobile-enabled platform for community health information management, in Kabuchai sub-county in Bungoma County through its Maternal and New-born health Improvement (MANI) programme on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.aravind.org/default/currentnewscontent>
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>
17th Jun 2016

Europe's largest car rally drive home a reminder to tackling climate change and the 1.5 degree target

Cars form giant '1.5' to support the goal of the 2015 United Nations Paris Agreement to pursue efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Emissions avoided by each rally car highlights need for market incentives to price carbon and promote more low-emissions electric mobility.

Niger Faces 'Humanitarian Catastrophe' Unless Action Taken Now

14th Jun 2016 Niger

Several recent attacks by Nigerian militants across the border into the area of Bosso in southeastern Niger have forced refugees to flee further into the region of Diffa. The long forced walks towards safety without food and water – especially taxing on women and children – have caused several deaths ...

Clubhouse International [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 18 June 2016]
<https://www.drc.dk/news>
No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.ecpat.net/news>
Posted on 14/06/2016

'Luxembourg Guidelines' on terminology a step forward in the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

Geneva, Switzerland – A Global Interagency Working Group released the 'Terminology Guidelines for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse' in Geneva Switzerland today, taking an important step in strengthening collaboration to address sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Fountain House [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.fountainhouse.org/about/news-press>
No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 18 June 2016]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases
Posted on June 16, 2016 7:09 AM

Dozens of American banks still investing in cluster munitions

Silver Spring, MD—Handicap International is alarmed by the findings in the latest report by Dutch non-governmental organization, PAX, which calls out 158 financial institutions, 74 of which are in the U.S., for providing \$28 billion in loans and financial services to seven cluster munition producers. Among the seven weapons makers are U.S.-based Orbital ATK, and Textron.

This 7th report, "Worldwide Investments in Cluster Munitions: A Shared Responsibility," studied how institutions worldwide were financing the production of these banned weapons between 2012 and 2016. The report's Hall of Shame lists the institutions that still invest in companies making cluster munitions. American financial institutions topping the investments list include T Rowe Price, Vanguard, and JP Morgan Chase. The Hall of Shame is also dominated by financial institutions in China (29) and South Korea (26).

Financing the production of these weapons is a serious violation of the spirit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (Oslo Treaty), which bans the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions. Twenty of the financial institutions come from States Parties to the Cluster Munition Convention: Germany, Canada, Spain, France, Japan, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. Only ten States parties have adopted legislation that prohibits investments in cluster munitions, including Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland. The U.S. has yet to join the Convention.

"It is too easy for producers of cluster munitions to access loans and financial services," explains Marion Libertucci, head of advocacy at Handicap International. "Allowing financial institutions to finance the production of cluster munitions is a violation of the spirit of the Oslo Treaty."...

Heifer International [to 18 June 2016]
<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>
June 14, 2016

Hilton Prize Coalition Releases Film Highlighting Role of Development Organizations in Response to Nepal Earthquake

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Heifer International is one of six development organizations featured in the Hilton Prize Coalition documentary, "On Shifting Ground." The film highlights disaster relief efforts following the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal in April 2015. The earthquake and aftershocks killed more than 8,000 people and injured nearly 21,000.

June 14, 2016

Heifer International Board of Directors Names Tom Hadfield to Membership

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. In the professional marketplace, Hadfield is CEO of Message.io, a technology start-up headquartered in Austin, Texas. As a citizen of the world, he is keenly aware of complexities that accompany the global issues of hunger and poverty. To create a

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lasting impact himself, Hadfield has been instrumental in launching several social ventures to help better the lives of individuals in Africa and worldwide.

HelpAge International [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>

Posted: 14 June 2016

[HelpAge calls for convention to protect rights of older people near end of life](#)

Older people are campaigning for the right to be free from violence and abuse under international law on this World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Wednesday 15 June...

...Government responses to elder abuse have been inadequate around the world. In 2014, a WHO, UNODC and UNDP Global Status Report on Violence Prevention reported that of the 133 countries surveyed only 17% reported any survey data on elder abuse and, of these, the majority were in high-income countries[2].

"The obligation of governments to protect older people from abuse is not clearly stated in existing international human rights law. As a result, national laws to protect older people from violence and abuse are inconsistent and patchy, with some older people having little or no legal protection, no access to support services or to justice," said Sleep.

Despite the violence and abuse faced by many older people around the world, a lack of data exacerbates the problem.

"Elder abuse can be dangerously invisible as it is often a taboo subject and older people are often reluctant to report the abuse they are subjected to," said Sleep.

"We are calling for better data on violence and abuse to tackle this," she said.

Age Demands Action campaigners will be calling for their governments to attend the seventh session of the UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in December prepared to talk about what they would like to see in a new convention on older people's rights...

...HelpAge International believes the time has come for an international convention on the rights of older people in order to ensure we live the end of lives and die with dignity.

ICRC [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>

Selected News Releases and Articles

18-06-2016 | *News release*

[South Sudan: ICRC airplanes evacuate 17 people wounded in clashes from Raja](#)

Juba (ICRC) - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) today evacuated by air 17 people from the town of Raja following violent clashes there that left dozens of casualties. The fighting caused several hundred people to flee their homes i

[Explosive weapons in populated areas - Factsheet](#)

Armed conflicts are increasingly fought in population centres, but often with weapon systems that were originally designed for use in open battlefields.

14-06-2016 | Article

[Speech by ICRC president at Human Rights Council](#)

Speech given by Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

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<http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/press-releases/>
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IRC International Rescue Committee [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.rescue.org/press-release-index>

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[IRC Response: Victory for Refugee Resettlement in Texas](#)

The United States District Court Northern District of Texas in Dallas today upheld the lawfulness of the refugee resettlement program in Texas. In response, Jennifer Sime, Senior Vice President of US Programs with the International Rescue Committee released the following statement:

"Today's decision upholds and affirms America's proud history in providing refuge for the world's most vulnerable. Refugees are fleeing violence and persecution and want nothing more than to live a safe and peaceful life.

The court is unequivocal in validating the lawfulness of the refugee resettlement program and reaffirms Texas' legacy in welcoming refugees.

The integrity and legacy of the refugee resettlement program will continue to be one of this country's greatest strengths. We will continue to provide the services and support needed to make sure refugees, both in Texas and nationwide, have the support they need to rebuild their lives."

16 Jun 2016

[Statement: The IRC is mourning the tragic loss of dedicated humanitarian and leader Jo Cox](#)

IRCT [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.irct.org/>

News

[Kenyan High Court allows forced anal examinations to detect homosexuality despite clear evidence that it constitutes torture and ill-treatment](#)

17 June 2016

News

[IFEG expert issues criticism of national investigation in the Al-Abdali Cell case](#)

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Islamic Relief [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.islamic-relief.org/category/news/>

June 17, 2016

[World Refugee Day: Stand #WithRefugees](#)

Islamic Relief supporters are urged to petition governments for refugee rights.

To mark World Refugee Day, on June 20, Islamic Relief is throwing its weight behind the [#WithRefugees](#) petition.

The number of refugees globally now exceeds 20 million – the highest figure for more than two decades.

Increasing political instability and violent conflict are pushing thousands of families to flee their homes every day, leaving everything behind in search of safety.

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This World Refugee Day we are standing #WithRefugees, asking governments to ensure:
:: every refugee child gets an education,
:: every refugee family has somewhere safe to live,
:: every refugee can work or learn new skills to make a positive contribution to their community...

Landsea [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news-stories/press/press-releases>

Press release

EU States' Dangerous Approach to Migration puts Asylum in Jeopardy Worldwide

June 16, 2016

MSF will No longer accept funds from EU member states and institutions.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Press release

Despite Ceasefire in Yemen, Heavy Fighting in Taiz Kills and Wounds Many

June 14, 2016

Two months into a ceasefire in Yemen, civilians continue to be severely affected by violence in the city of Taiz, according to the medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

Since the ceasefire started in April, medical facilities run or supported by MSF have treated 1,624 people with injuries caused by the intense fighting in Taiz. More than 700 are civilians.

Mercy Corps [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases>

Syria, June 15, 2016

Mercy Corps: Syria's Aleppo Cut Off From Aid Deliveries

Ten-fold increase in airstrikes closes last remaining road into Aleppo City

Gaziantep, Turkey – A ten-fold increase in airstrikes and corresponding clashes on the ground have made routes into Aleppo City impassable, according to the global organization Mercy Corps. The organization urges the international community and the International Syria Support Group to recommit and expand the negotiated cessation of hostilities agreement. Central to this agreement are the necessary steps to ensure the safety of aid workers and civilians and allow unfettered and sustained humanitarian access to civilians in need.

"What we're seeing is not by definition a siege, but we've been unable to bring new supplies into Aleppo city since mid-May," says Xavier Tissier, North Syria Director. "Over the past six weeks, Mercy Corps has seen life become even more dangerous for both aid workers and civilians. This is the worst we've seen so far in Aleppo."

Mercy Corps provides essential relief to approximately 570,000 people across Syria each month, including more than 75,000 people in Aleppo City alone...

Operation Smile [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.operationsmile.org/press-room>

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Program Schedule

Here's what we're doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.

OXFAM [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases>

17 June 2016

Oxfam statement on the death of Jo Cox

Oxfam is deeply shocked to hear the news of Jo Cox's death. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Brendan and Jo's family at this difficult time. Jo was a passionate advocate on humanitarian issues, we will miss her.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.nrc.no/>

Selected News

IT course empowering Syrian youth

16. June 2016

How NRC's IT course is empowering young, Syrian refugees in Jordan: Nasser from Syria is one out of the 1000 young refugees who have completed the program and now holds an ICDL certificate.

Desperate situation for civilians fleeing Fallujah

16. June 2016

The situation for children, women and men fleeing Fallujah is desperate as humanitarian organisations are running out of food and water. "We have a humanitarian disaster inside Fallujah and another unfolding disaster in the camps," said Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Providing safe shelter in Myanmar

16. June 2016

More than 1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar. NORCAP expert Jade Chakowa makes sure they have safe places to live and the basic services they need to survive.

Pact [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.pactworld.org/news>

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.pih.org/blog>

Jun 16, 2016

First Patients Start EndTB Program in Peru

Through a groundbreaking program called endTB, PIH is partnering with international organizations to offer new treatments against the toughest strains of tuberculosis.

Jun 13, 2016

A Letter from Dr. Gary Gottlieb

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Together, the PIH community mourns the great sadness caused by the murders of so many in Orlando this weekend.

PATH [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.path.org/news/index.php>

Announcement | June 13, 2016

PATH launches campaign to highlight and advance the Innovation Effect

Events in Washington, DC and digital campaign focus on the vital role of innovation to tackle global health challenges, and aim to identify actions that power disruptive solutions.

Today, PATH is launching a new conversation and call-to-action to highlight and drive forward the Innovation Effect. The Innovation Effect happens when unique partnerships, disruptive technologies, transformed systems, and data-driven insights combine—in often unexpected ways—creating dramatic improvements in the health and well-being of people around the world.

The campaign will kick off with two events—held with partners from across public and private sectors—and a series of digital activities to drive engagement in Washington, DC, as well as online through [#InnovationEffect](#)...

Plan International [to 18 June 2016]

<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>

No new digest content identified

Save The Children [to 18 June 2016]

[http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press Releases 2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press_Releases_2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp)

June 17, 2016

Dead Bodies Found on the Sahara Migration Route — Save the Children's Response

Fairfield, Conn — Save the Children said: "Reports that 34 people, 20 of them children, have been found dead in the Sahara desert, is yet another tragic example of lives lost along the refugee and migrant route."

"The majority of children who make it to Italy reported harrowing and severely abusive journeys when interviewed by Save the Children. At the mercy of people smugglers and traffickers, they continue to face grave risks on their way to reach safety. We have heard of the horrors children face; many suffer appalling torture, abuse and exploitation as they make their way through sub-Saharan Africa on to Libya."

The criminals that transport desperate families will continue to flourish as long as there are no safe and legal alternatives.

"International leaders are pulling up the drawbridge and prioritizing border control over saving lives. We must not rip up the moral rule book. If they continue the current course of inaction, we will continue to see children dying of thirst in the summer heat in the desert or drowning at sea, as they try to seek a better life."...

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/about-sos/press/press-releases>

16 June 2016

General Assembly to begin in Innsbruck

President Kaul praises organisation's support for refugee children and families

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INNSBRUCK, - More than 400 people from 134 countries and territories will attend the General Assembly of SOS Children's Villages International 23-25 June at the Congress Innsbruck, where delegates are expected to approve a sweeping strategy to guide the organisation through 2030...

Tostan [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.tostan.org/latest-news>

June 13, 2016

Social Entrepreneurship: Where Good Business Meets Social Good

...On Thursday, May 25, Tostan was invited to participate in a roundtable organized by Partners Global, with support from the Ford Foundation, on the subject of social entrepreneurship. At this event, nearly 30 representatives from civil society organizations across Senegal convened to hear from the private sector about the social initiatives they're engaged in and to brainstorm ways for their organizations to begin making revenue. This meeting highlighted the importance of civil society making their own money to ensure sustainability and the continuity of their work...

Women for Women International [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/press-releases>

Press Release

In Iraq, Refugee Crisis Worsens as Displaced Syrian and Yezidi Women's Needs Are Not Addressed, Says Women for Women International

Organization supports critical psychosocial services and business training to help women recover from trauma and provide for families in camps and host communities.

June 20, 2016, Washington, D.C. – Displaced Syrian and Yezidi women in northern Iraq are facing deepening crises and lack of critical support that threaten their basic security, economic well-being, and survival, says Women for Women International (WfWI) on World Refugee Day. Working with at-risk women in the region, WfWI urges immediate investment in services that target women and families to help them stabilize and begin to rebuild their lives.

"The situation on the ground is quickly becoming desperate for many Syrian and Yezidi women living in camps and host communities," says Mandana Hendessi OBE, WfWI Country Director for Iraq. "Many women tell us their families are starving, they have no way to earn money, they are not safe, and they are struggling each day with the debilitating effects of extreme trauma. We are trying to help them address both their immediate and long-term needs."

Globally, more than 80 percent of refugees are women and children, and 80 percent of refugees live in developing countries like Iraq that have limited resources to assist them. In Iraq, the scale of the challenges is growing. With the third largest internally displaced population in the world, Iraq expects the total number of refugee and displaced people to soar to 4.1 million by the end of the year. In the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) where WfWI works, the region's population has increased nearly 28 percent in 5 years, placing unsustainable strains on the resources of a host community that has extended its hand to those seeking refuge.

The sudden and prolonged influx of refugee and displaced populations to the KRI has strained the local economy and left many women living in extreme fear and highly precarious situations. Rising unemployment and soaring living costs are particularly affecting Syrian refugees and Iraqi IDPs in host communities. More than 50,000 people -or one-third of households- cannot

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afford food, water, fuel and clothing. Worryingly, 60 percent of Syrian refugees living outside of camps are entirely dependent on savings, and may resort to unsustainable coping strategies such as arranging the marriages of their daughters for a bride price.

Syrian and Yezidi women and girls also face daily threats of sexual harassment, assault, and violence within their families, camps, and host communities. UN Women found that over 80 percent of refugees live in daily fear of abuse, and over two-thirds know someone who has been abused. Women and girls report feeling unsafe in their own homes, with a significant increase in domestic violence, early and forced marriage, and temporary marriages, particularly in households where male relatives are unemployed and suffering from displacement-related stress. Fear and insecurity restrict women's and girls' ability to attend school, or even leave their homes. WfWI has also heard reports of women who have turned to extreme methods of self-harm.

"Most of the refugee and displaced women we meet are deeply traumatized by their experiences of war and in urgent need of psychosocial care services," says Hendessi. "They cannot move forward, and their children cannot move forward without critical mental health support to help them cope with the trauma, stress, and fear."

In response to this crisis, Women for Women International is working with local organizations in the KRI to reach the most vulnerable women in need of support, including those suffering severe emotional trauma, at high risk of violence, and living in extreme poverty. Over the next three years, WfWI will provide psychosocial support services, and life and business skills training to 3,000 Syrian and Yezidi women in the KRI to help them overcome trauma and find the resources needed to rebuild their lives...

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Amnesty International [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/search/?q=&resourceType=pressrelease>

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Press Release – Americas Discrimination

[Haiti/Dominican Republic: Reckless deportations leaving thousands in limbo](#)

15 June 2016, 04:00 UTC

The Dominican Republic has unlawfully expelled hundreds of Dominicans to Haiti who have been caught in the middle of a wave of returns and deportations of more than 100,000 people in recent months, Amnesty International said in a [new report](#) a year after the Dominican Republic ended a moratorium on deportations on 18 June 2015.

Press Release – Libya Refugees

[EU risks fuelling horrific abuse of refugees and migrants in Libya](#)

14 June 2016, 18:04 UTC

The EU's plans to cooperate more closely with Libya on migration risk fuelling the rampant ill-treatment and indefinite detention in horrifying conditions of thousands of refugees and migrants, said Amnesty International.

Last month the EU announced plans to extend its anti-smuggling naval mission in the Mediterranean, Operation Sophia, for another year and to train, build up the capacity of and share information with the Libyan coastguard following a request by the new Libyan government. However, testimonies gathered during visits to Sicily and Puglia in May 2016 reveal shocking abuses by the Libyan coastguard and at immigration detention centres in Libya.

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Amnesty International spoke to 90 people who survived the treacherous sea crossing from Libya to Italy, including at least 20 refugees and migrants who described shootings and beatings while being picked up by the coastguard or harrowing torture and other ill-treatment at detention centres. In one case, the Libyan coastguard abandoned a boat leaving some 120 people on board instead of rescuing them.

"Europe shouldn't even think about migration cooperation arrangements with Libya if it results, directly or indirectly, in such shocking human rights violations. The EU has repeatedly shown it is willing to stop refugees and migrants from coming to the continent at almost any cost now, with human rights taking a back seat," said Magdalena Mughrabi, interim Deputy Middle East and North Africa Director at Amnesty International.

"Of course the Libyan coastguard's search and rescue capabilities have to improve to save lives at sea, but the grim reality at the moment is that the Libyan coastguard is intercepting and returning thousands of people to detention centres where they suffer torture and other abuses. It is critical that any support from the EU does not fuel and perpetuate the abhorrent human rights violations that foreign nationals in Libya are so desperate to escape from."...

Freedom House [to 18 June 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Press Release

Polish Government Expands Power to Monitor Citizens, Block Internet

June 14, 2016

Freedom House issues a statement in response to the Polish government's new counter-terrorism and surveillance laws.

Joint Letters

Letter from 31 Ugandan and International Organizations

June 13, 2016

A letter to General Kayihura sent from 31 Ugandan and International Organizations inquiring about advancing security and the protection and human rights of all.

Azerbaijan's Khadija Ismayilova on Fighting Injustice and Corruption, and How the World Can Help

Jun 13 2016 - 9:18am

The acclaimed investigative journalist spoke with Freedom House after her recent release from prison, and ahead of a major international sporting event in Baku.

Transparency International [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases/>

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17 Jun 2016

Transparency International expands Caribbean Network to strengthen the fight against corruption

Transparency International chapters in the Caribbean plan to work together to share their expertise and experience across the region and form the Transparency International Caribbean Network.

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16 Jun 2016

Nigeria must strengthen anti-corruption bodies and increase transparency on asset recovery

Asset recovery

"The people of Nigeria are suffering from the economic downturn. They need to know that the government is using all of its resources to benefit public services. This requires a serious crackdown on corruption, as well as transparency when it comes to how recovered stolen assets will be used.

15 Jun 2016

Alexander Papachristou appointed Special Legal Counsel

Transparency International is pleased to announce that Alexander Papachristou has joined the Secretariat (TI-S) as Special Legal Counsel.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 18 June 2016]

<http://childfundalliance.org/news/>

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 18 June 2016]

<http://concordeurope.org/news-and-events/>

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Jun 17, 2016

Jo Cox

CONCORD expresses our shock and deep sadness at the killing yesterday of Jo Cox MP. Jo worked tirelessly to make the world a better place. She served with Oxfam GB including the Oxfam EU office from 2001 to 2009 (while she was head of the office, Oxfam became a member of CONCORD). Jo was committed to an internationalist and European approach to global justice

Jun 14, 2016

What did the General Assembly 2016 bring to us?

CONCORD Europe organised its General Assembly on 13 and 14 June 2016 in Brussels. The main topic of the whole event was "CONCORD facing shrinking civic space in a Europe in crisis". Learning and exchange was at the heart of the agenda and members have addressed key questions which Civil Society is facing today: gender, paradigm shift, civic space, inclusiveness... Members took also the time to reflect on the new strategy endorsed one year ago.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre>

[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World Vision]

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 18 June 2016]

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<http://theelders.org/news-media>
No new digest content identified.

END Fund

<http://www.end.org/news>
Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.gavialliance.org/library/news/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified

Global Fund [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/?topic=&type=NEWS;&country=>
17 June 2016

Global Fund and Stop TB Partnership Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Global Drug Facility

GENEVA - The Stop TB Partnership today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to optimize access to TB health products and pharmaceutical services in countries receiving Global Fund financing for TB.

The Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility (GDF) is the largest supplier of quality assured patient treatments, including first line drugs, second line drugs and pediatric formulations, as well as diagnostics. It is a unique TB medicines procurement mechanism, and provides targeted technical assistance, innovative supply management tools and institutional capacity strengthening to countries for accelerated uptake of new TB products.

The Global Fund and Stop TB Partnership recognize the potential for a more strategic partnership between the Global Fund and Stop TB Partnership's GDF and the mutual benefits to be gained through structured, collaborative engagement to optimize TB markets and improve the supply chain of TB health products to countries supported by the Global Fund.

"By signing this memorandum of understanding, we can strengthen the global response to ending TB and get the diagnostics and medicines to those who need it the most," said Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director of the Stop TB Partnership. "This agreement solidifies the very reasons that our GDF was created and will expand access to quality-assured anti-TB medicines and TB health products, including the introduction of new medicines and tools and regimens." Under the agreement, the Global Fund and Stop TB will align pooled procurement and market shaping strategies, demand forecasting, and continuous performance improvement activities...

Remembering Jo Cox

17 June 2016

Belgium Announces Commitment to the Global Fund

15 June 2016

BRUSSELS – The Government of Belgium announced today a pledge of €19 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for 2016, a positive signal as the Global Fund prepares for a Replenishment conference later this year.

"Belgium has been an active partner of the Global Fund since its inception and it is very encouraging that they are maintaining their financial commitment with the Global Fund

partnership," said Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund. "We look forward to continue our work in partnership so that together we can end the three diseases."...

In Solidarity with Orlando

14 June 2016

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 18 June 2016]

<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

June 13, 2016:

"On Shifting Ground" Film to Premiere at Devex World June 14

On June 14, the Hilton Prize Coalition will debut its film, "On Shifting Ground," at Devex World, the global development event in Washington, DC, convening innovators, entrepreneurs and other luminaries of the international development community.

InterAction [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.interaction.org/media-center/press-releases>

No new digest content identified.

Locus

<http://locusworld.org/>

"Locus is a movement focused on engaging those we serve, practitioners, the private sector, donors and to drive adoption of locally owned, integrated solutions."

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 18 June 2016]

http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_O7FR98E

[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]

No new digest content identified.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk/media/news>

An umbrella organisation for Muslim-led international NGOs based in the UK. It was set up in 2007 and works to support its members through advocacy, training and research, by bringing charities together. Our members have a collective income of £150,000,000 and work in 71 countries.

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.alnap.org/>

[Undated]

National NGOs

One of the most striking findings of the State of the Humanitarian System (SOHS) 2015 report is that 4 out of 5 of the 4,480 humanitarian organisations are national NGOs working in country. These organisations have not only increased in numbers, but also in influence. There has been a growing recognition that national NGOs and civil society organisations should lead future humanitarian responses for them to be more relevant, timely and effective.

Although lots of research has addressed the need for an increased role for national NGOs in humanitarian response, the research, advocacy and evaluative pieces are commissioned and elaborated on from the perspective of international actors, primarily international NGOs.

In 2015 ALNAP embarked on new research into national and local NGOs to find out more about the work they do in disaster and emergency response, from their perspective. What are their priorities and commitments? What motivates and guides their decisions and activities? The project will seek to fill the current gap in understanding around what humanitarian action looks like in national NGOs' own terms.

Through interviews with a wide range of organisations across the humanitarian sector – from DRR and WASH, to livelihoods and organisations of self-mobilised affected-people – in three countries with diverse needs and experiences (Colombia and Lebanon), this project will produce an in-depth qualitative study of the national and local NGO landscape.

To ensure this research will be truly reflecting the perceptions of the NNGOs, ALNAP will be pioneering the use of Grounded Theory in the humanitarian field. This approach is more exploratory and hypothesis generating, rather than other approaches that test, validate or refute pre-established assumptions or hypotheses...

Case Studies

:: Colombia: Learning from exposure

:: Lebanon: We know our wounds

CHS Alliance [to 18 June 2016]

<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>

No new digest content identified.

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 18 June 2016]

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<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>

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[Global Health, Aid and Corruption: Can We Escape the Scandal Cycle?](#)

William Savedoff, Amanda Glassman, and Janeen Madan

Global health action has been remarkably successful at saving lives and preventing illness in many of the world's poorest countries. This is a key reason that funding for global health initiatives has increased in the last twenty years. Nevertheless, financial support is periodically jeopardized when scandals erupt over allegations of corruption, sometimes halting health programs altogether.

ODI [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.odi.org/media>

Research reports and studies | June 2016

[Livelihood strategies of Rohingya refugees in Malaysia: 'We want to live in dignity'](#)

| Caitlin Wake and Tania Cheung

This study explores livelihoods strategies of Rohingya refugees in Malaysia from refugees' own points of view, to improve understanding of refugee priorities and perspectives.

[Measuring subjective household resilience: insights from Tanzania](#)

Working and discussion papers | June 2016 | Lindsey Jones and Emma Samman

Could using a subjective approach to measuring household resilience be useful? This paper offers insights from a survey carried out in Tanzania.

[The Methods Lab evaluation toolkit](#)

Toolkits | June 2016

Our latest guidance and analysis on impact evaluation in complex development settings.

[Projecting progress: The SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Research reports and studies | June 2016 | Susan Nicolai, Tanvi Bhatkal, Christopher Hoy and Thomas Aedy

This paper presents Latin America and the Caribbean's (LAC) likely progress across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda, if trends continue on their current trajectory

[Earthquake science in DRR policy and practice in Nepal](#)

Working and discussion papers | June 2016 | Katie Oven, David Milledge, Alexander Densmore, Harry Jones, Susanne Sargeant, Ajoy Datta

Nepal has a long history of destructive earthquakes – most recently in 2015. But despite recent advances, it's unclear what role science plays in DRR in the country.

Urban Institute [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.urban.org/about/media>

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 18 June 2016]

<https://agenda.weforum.org/news/>

Selected Media Releases

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- :: [Latin American Agriculture Will Drive Growth and Food Security, Leaders Say](#)
- :: [Wave of Popular Anti-Corruption Action will Transform Latin America](#)
- :: [Regional Leaders Propose Plan for Boosting Growth in Latin America](#)
- :: [Capital Market Reforms Needed To Boost Colombia's Growth](#)
- ::: [Mexico Can Break Down a Trade Wall with the US, Europe, And Unlock up to \\$1.5 Billion in Economic Growth in Just One Industry, New Report Shows](#)
- :: [World Economic Forum and Inter-American Development Bank Join Forces to Close the Workforce Gender Gap in Latin America](#)
- [See Week in Review above for more detail]*
- :: [The Way to Succeed in the Fourth Industrial Revolution? Early Childhood Education](#)
- :: [Colombian President Warns of Return to War if Peace Agreement is Voted Down](#)
- :: [Medellín Leads the Way for Integration of Global Value Chains and Calls on Other Cities to Follow](#)

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- :: [Latin America is Preparing for Sustainable, Inclusive Growth](#)
- :: [Professor Klaus Schwab receives Reinhard Mohn Prize 2016 for Responsible Entrepreneurship](#)
- :: [10th Annual Meeting of the New Champions in China to Tackle Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.akdn.org/pr.asp>

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.aecf.org/contact/newsroom/>

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>

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June 14, 2016

More Than 50 Commitments to Action Announced at Sixth Annual CGI America Meeting to Improve Lives of More Than 477,000 People in the United States

New commitments made by CGI America attendees include national efforts to expand summer book distribution; transform energy savings into college savings; and bolster access to financial services for low-income families...

Ford Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>

News

13 June 2016

We mourn the loss and violence in Orlando, and seek solidarity

Ford Foundation president Darren Walker reflects on the mass shooting in Orlando and applauds solidarity between LGBT and American Muslim communities.

GHIT Fund [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/>

GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that devastate the world's poorest people. Other funders include six Japanese pharmaceutical companies, the Japanese Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.hewlett.org/newsroom/search>

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>

June 14, 2016

What Design Can Do Refugee Challenge receives over 600 entries from 69 countries

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>

Research [June 17, 2016]

Molecule Required for Pain Also Helps Regulate Body Weight

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Janelia scientists find that a molecule best known for its role in pain perception also plays an important role in regulating body weight.

Kellogg Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media#pp=10&p=1&f1=news>

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.macfound.org/>

Press release Published June 16, 2016

[Pessimism About Prolonged Housing Affordability Crisis is On the Rise, 2016 How Housing Matters Survey Finds](#)

Americans are losing faith that the housing crisis that began nearly a decade ago is over. A significant majority (81%) continues to believe that housing affordability is a problem in America today, according to a new survey of housing attitudes released today by MacArthur.

While stable, affordable housing is viewed as a fundamental component of economic security for American families, nearly seven in ten adults (68%) believe that it is more challenging to secure such housing today than it was for previous generations. Still, more than three in five adults (63%) believe a great deal or fair amount can be done to address problems of housing affordability, and the same proportion (63%) believes this issue has not yet received enough attention from presidential candidates.

"Too many Americans today believe the dream of a decent, stable home, and the prospects for social mobility, are receding," said MacArthur President Julia Stasch. "Having a decent, stable, affordable home is about more than shelter: It is at the core of strong, vibrant, and healthy families and communities. This survey demonstrates that the public wants action to address the nation's real and pervasive housing affordability challenges..."

Blue Meridian Partners

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.moore.org/news>

June 16, 2016

[Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation names chief evaluation and learning officer](#)

Palo Alto, Calif. – Debra Joy Pérez, Ph.D., joins the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation as chief evaluation and learning officer. In this newly expanded role, Pérez will work closely with the grantmaking teams to advance the organization's work in science, environmental conservation, patient care and in the Bay Area.

"Our founders, Gordon and Betty Moore, ask that we apply a scientific approach to our grantmaking, which focuses us on defining measurable outcomes and understanding what does and does not work." said Harvey V. Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D. "Debra brings important expertise in social science, performance measurement, research and evaluation, expanding our commitment to learning and evidence-based decision making..."

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June 16, 2016

IPAM Amazonia wins Google Social Impact Challenge

IPAM Amazonia was recently among five organizations to win the Google Social Impact Challenge in Brazil. They were recognized for their continued efforts in helping indigenous communities adapt to climate change.

IPAM Amazonia is a crucial and important partner in the foundation's work in the Andes-Amazon.

June 16, 2016

How does agriculture change our climate?

In collaboration with several partners and with support from the Moore Foundation, the team at University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment (IonE) just released a new report, "How Does Agriculture Change Our Climate?", on the Food Matters website.

This web-based report illustrates the trends and sources of agricultural emissions, and highlights some of the solutions already in place, and its launch coincides with the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) newly updated Ag GHG emissions database.

Contributing partners include: University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment (IonE); FAO; University of Aberdeen; CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS); Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO); and others. You can learn more about the collaboration here.

Open Society Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/issues/media-information>

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.packard.org/news/>

No new unique content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases>

Press Release June 15, 2016

Pew Applauds New Caribbean Shark Sanctuaries

Global Shark Conservation

Sharks are safer across the Caribbean Sea, with the announcement of four new shark sanctuaries in the region. Prime Minister William Marlin of St. Maarten and Wayne Panton, minister of financial services, commerce, and environment for the Cayman Islands, today announced that their exclusive economic zones (EEZs) are completely closed to commercial shark fishing...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/newsroom>

Jun 16, 2016

Judith Rodin, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, Pioneering Leader in Resilience Building and Impact Investing, Announces Departure

:: In 12-Year Tenure, Rodin Overhauled The Rockefeller Foundation, Ushering in a New Era of Strategic Philanthropy That Leveraged Cross-Sector Partnerships
:: Rodin Served as First Female President of The Rockefeller Foundation and of an Ivy League Institution at University of Pennsylvania
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/news-releases.html>

No new unique content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

No new unique content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 18 June 2016]

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/2016/index.htm>

News 15 June 2016

Fisheries decline may increase malnutrition

A new analysis predicts that falling fish stocks could have serious health consequences for more than 10% of the world's population.

For many people in low- and middle-income countries, fish is a crucial source of nutrients such as vitamin B12 and DHA omega-3 fatty acids. It is also rich in zinc, iron and vitamin A.

But fish stocks, which have been declining since the 20th century, are likely to shrink further in coming decades. This is due to a combination of damaging trends and practices, including:

- :: destructive and illegal fishing
- :: pollution
- :: poor management
- :: coastal development
- :: climate change.

Christopher Golden and colleagues at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health have calculated that this decline could leave:

- :: 845 million people (11% of the global population) at risk of deficiencies in iron, vitamin A or zinc
- :: 1.39 billion people (19% of the global population) vulnerable to deficiencies in vitamin B12 and DHA omega-3 fatty acids.

This would increase the risk of maternal and child mortality, and health problems such as cognitive deficits and reduced immune function...

The research is supported by Wellcome's Our Planet, Our Health initiative.

News 13 June 2016

Protecting mental health: call for Frontiers Innovators

We're holding our next Frontiers meeting on 3-4 October this year. The topic is 'Protecting Mental Health - acting early against anxiety and depression'.

Most mental health conditions are chronic. Over 75 per cent begin before the age of 24 and half begin by the age of 15.1

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We're interested in exploring whether there is more Wellcome can do to accelerate research in mental health, specifically for the prevention and early detection of anxiety and depression.

This Frontiers meeting is to help shape our strategy and how we work in this area. We want to:

- :: define the research gaps and opportunities for building an evidence base for the prevention and early detection of depression and anxiety

- :: identify what is needed to help translate this research into policy and health initiatives.

We're inviting applications to attend the meeting from early-career researchers and professionals who want to become a Frontiers Innovator. You can work in academia, industry, education or any sector relevant to mental health.

Frontiers Innovators are a core part of our Frontiers meetings. We want you to share your experiences and knowledge, drive conversations and help devise fresh solutions with other innovators and experts in the field.

The deadline for applications is Monday 1 August 2016.

Find out more about why this subject is important to us and how to apply.

News 13 June 2016

Doug Turnbull and Damon Buffini knighted

Doug Turnbull, Director of the Wellcome Trust Centre for Mitochondrial Research, and Damon Buffini, a Wellcome governor, have been awarded knighthoods in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

American Journal of Infection Control

June 2016 Volume 44, Issue 6, p619-738, e81-e102

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2016 Volume 50, Issue 5, p553-676, e123-e162

<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

Volume 106, Issue 6 (June 2016)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

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:: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

June 2016; 94 (6)

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

7 June 2016, Vol. 164. No. 11

<http://annals.org/issue.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

[No new content]

BMC Health Services Research

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

Research article

[Insufficient access to oral paediatric medicines in Ghana: A descriptive study](#)

Daniel N A Ankrah, Joseph T Turkson, Edith B Boateng, Frank T T Amegavie and Elizabeth Bruce

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:198

Published on: 17 June 2016

Abstract

Background

Among the most vulnerable people in society are children and this is especially so in their access to health care. Off-label prescription of paediatric medicines is known to be associated with safety outcomes some of which may be serious. This study identifies frequently prescribed children's medicines that are not readily available in Ghana and are prepared extemporaneously.

Method

All prescriptions for extemporaneous oral preparations for children presented to the local production unit of the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital from November, 2013 were eligible for the study. Information from such prescriptions was recorded in a systematic format. Presence of the prescribed medicine on the World Health Organization Children's Medicine List was ascertained in addition to the anatomical and therapeutic classification code. The registration of the prescribed medicine for paediatric use by the Food and Drugs Authority, Ghana was also checked. Descriptive statistics of the data was presented.

Results

In all 622 prescriptions for 35 different paediatric formulations were served. Prescriptions from several health facilities including government hospitals (6.6 %, N = 622), private hospitals (2.4 %, N = 622) and the University of Ghana hospital (1.1 %, N = 622) were all honoured. Some of the prescribed medicines (Baclofen, Clonazepam, Hydroxyurea and Lamotrigine) were neither on the World Health Organization Children's Medicine list nor registered with the Food

and Drugs Authority, Ghana. Most prescribed medicines (88.6 %, N = 35) were for non-communicable diseases.

Conclusion

Paediatric prescriptions including off-label medicines are prescribed and formulated extemporaneously in this setting. Steps should be taken to improve access and monitor benefit-risk profiles of paediatric medicines in order to improve treatment outcomes among children.

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

Research article

[The incidence, clearance and persistence of non-cervical human papillomavirus infections: a systematic review of the literature](#)

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines were designed to prevent cervical cancer in women and their provision remains a major public health need. However, HPV is also a major cause of non-cervical anogenital and o...

Sylvia Taylor, Eveline Bunge, Marina Bakker and Xavier Castellsagué

BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 16:293

Published on: 14 June 2016

Research article

[Changing distribution of age, clinical severity, and genotypes of rotavirus gastroenteritis in hospitalized children after the introduction of vaccination: a single center study in Seoul between 2011 and 2014](#)

This study aimed to explore changes in clinical epidemiology and genotype distribution and their association among hospitalized children with rotavirus gastroenteritis after the introduction of vaccines.

Jung Ok Shim, Ju Young Chang, Sue Shin, Jin Soo Moon and Jae Sung Ko

BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 16:287

Published on: 14 June 2016

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

Research article

[Steps toward improving ethical evaluation in health technology assessment: a proposed framework](#)

While evaluation of ethical aspects in health technology assessment (HTA) has gained much attention during the past years, the integration of ethics in HTA practice still presents many challenges. In response ...

Nazila Assasi, Jean-Eric Tarride, Daria O'Reilly and Lisa Schwartz

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:34

Published on: 6 June 2016

Debate

[Citizen science or scientific citizenship? Disentangling the uses of public engagement rhetoric in national research initiatives](#)

The language of "participant-driven research," "crowdsourcing" and "citizen science" is increasingly being used to encourage the public to become involved in research ventures as both subjects and scientists. ...

J. Patrick Woolley, Michelle L. McGowan, Harriet J. A. Teare, Victoria Coathup, Jennifer R. Fishman, Richard A. Settersten, Sigrid Sterckx, Jane Kaye and Eric T. Juengst

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:33

Published on: 4 June 2016

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

[No new content]

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

Research article

[Maternal antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation for long-term health benefits in children: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Multiple micronutrient supplementation for pregnant women reduces low birth weight and has been recommended in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to improve child survival, growth and health.

Delan Devakumar, Caroline H. D. Fall, Harshpal Singh Sachdev, Barrie M. Margetts, Clive Osmond, Jonathan C. K. Wells, Anthony Costello and David Osrin

BMC Medicine 2016 14:90

Published on: 16 June 2016

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>

Research article

[The adequacy of antenatal care services among slum residents in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)

There are recent efforts made to eliminate inequalities in the utilisation of basic health care services. More emphasis is given for improvement of health in developing countries including maternal and child h...

Yibeltal T. Bayou, Yohana S. Mashalla and Gloria Thupayagale-Tshweneagae

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:142

Published on: 15 June 2016

Research Article

[Boosting antenatal care attendance and number of hospital deliveries among pregnant women in rural communities: a community initiative in Ghana based on mobile phones applications and portable ultrasound scans](#)

The World Health Organization has recommended at least four antenatal care (ANC) visits and skilled attendants at birth. Most pregnant women in rural communities in low-income countries do not achieve the mini...

Benjamin Amoah, Evelyn A. Anto, Prince K. Osei, Kojo Pieterston and Alessandro Crimi

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:141

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Published on: 14 June 2016

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

Research article

Closing the gap in Australian Aboriginal infant immunisation rates -- the development and review of a pre-call strategy

Improving timely immunisation is key to closing the inequitable gap in immunisation rates between Aboriginal children and non-Indigenous children. Aboriginal Immunisation Officers were employed in Hunter New E...

Patrick M. Cashman, Natalie A. Allan, Katrina K. Clark, Michelle T. Butler, Peter D. Massey and David N. Durrheim

BMC Public Health 2016 16:514

Published on: 16 June 2016

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>

(Accessed 18 June 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

BMJ Open

2016, Volume 6, Issue 6

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

British Medical Journal

18 June 2016 (vol 352, issue 8062)

<http://www.bmj.com/content/353/8062>

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 94, Number 6, June 2016, 405-480

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/6/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

May 2016 Volume 42, Issue 3 Pages 297–454

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.3/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Complexity

May/June 2016 Volume 21, Issue 5 Pages 1–360

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.5/issuetoc>

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[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 18 June 2016]

Research

[Dangerous crossing: demographic and clinical features of rescued sea migrants seen in 2014 at an outpatient clinic at Augusta Harbor, Italy](#)

Alessia Trovato, Anthony Reid, Kudakwashe C. Takarinda, Chiara Montaldo, Tom Decroo, Philip Owiti, Francesco Bongiorno and Stefano Di Carlo

Published on: 15 June 2016

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2016 - Volume 29 - Issue 3 pp: v-v,229-318

<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

April 2016 Volume 16, Issue 1 Pages 1–60

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2016.16.issue-1/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 26, Issue 4, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

July 2016 Volume 34, Issue 4 Pages 465–619

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2016.34.issue-4/issuetoc>

Original Article

[Responses to global challenges: trends in aid-financed global public goods \(pages 483–507\)](#)

Alessandra Cepparulo and Luisa Giuriato

Version of Record online: 9 JUN 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12163

Abstract

Based on four decades (1973–2013) of OECD-Development Assistance Committee aid to developing countries, this article aims to show aid-financed global public goods trends, their changing composition and their main drivers. In particular, a constant increase in the share of aid-financed global public goods and a shift towards weighted-sum and weakest-link global goods are observed. Economic conditions, imitation effects, global engagement and domestic spending result as the main drivers of donors' demand for aid-financed global public goods. Besides, a certain complementarity in the provision of global goods plays a role, especially in European countries and Japan, partially easing the prognosis for the collective action problems related to global goods.

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 11, Issue 5, 2016

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 10 - June 2016

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=DMP&tab=currentissue>

Special Issue 03 (Superstorm Sandy)

[29 articles in Special Issue covering a wide range of themes on Sandy and public health]

Disasters

July 2016 Volume 40, Issue 3 Pages 385–588

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2016.40.issue-3/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

May 2016, Volume 33, Issue 5

<http://emj.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 15, In Progress (June 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/17554365>

[No new relevant content]

End of Life Journal

2016, Volume 6, Issue 1

<http://eolj.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 144 - Issue 09 - July 2016

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=HYG&tab=currentissue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Spring 2016 (Issue 30.1) | March 10, 2016

<http://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2016/spring-2016-issue-30-1/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

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Volume 26, Issue 3, 1 June 2016
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/3?current-issue=y>
[Reviewed earlier]

Eurosurveillance

Volume 21, Issue 24, 16 June 2016
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/Public/Articles/Archives.aspx?PublicationId=11678>
[New issue; No relevant content identified]

Food Policy

Volume 62, In Progress (July 2016)
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192>
Original Research Article

[Explaining the performance of contract farming in Ghana: The role of self-efficacy and social capital](#)

Pages 11-27

David Wuepper, Johannes Sauer

Abstract

Self-efficacy is the belief of an individual to have the ability to be successful in a given domain. Social capital is the economic value of a person's relationships. In the context of this study, self-efficacy is the belief of a farmer to be able to improve her income with contract farming, which increases her actual ability. Social capital increases the ability of the farmers through social support.

We surveyed 400 smallholder pineapple farmers and find that both self-efficacy and social capital are decisive for their successful integration into contract farming. To identify causal effects, we use two instruments, which are also of interest on their own: the historical presence of (1) cocoa cooperatives and (2) Christian missionary schools. During Ghana's colonial period, the British established cocoa cooperatives, which differed in their performance as a function of biogeographic factors and thus persistently shaped the self-efficacy of the farmers. Roughly at the same time, Christian missionaries established missionary schools, which impacted the traditional societies so that social capital decreased. The finding that self-efficacy and social capital are still shaped by historic variables could indicate that these variables are only slowly changing, or that they only do so in the absence of policy intervention. The latter raises the possibility that effective policies could benefit from strong reinforcing feedbacks once self-efficacy and social capital improve.

Food Security

Volume 8, Issue 2, April 2016
<http://link.springer.com/journal/12571/8/2/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 43, Issue 2, 2016
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 10, Issue 1, Spring 2016

<http://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

March 2016 | Volume 4 | Issue 1

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 11, Issue 5-6, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

Special Issue: Participatory Visual Methodologies in Global Public Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 18 June 2016]

Commentary

Measuring success in global health diplomacy: lessons from marketing food to children in India

Global health diplomacy (GHD) focuses on international negotiation; principally between nation states, but increasingly non-state actors. However, agreements made at the global level have to be enacted at the n...

Richard Smith and Rachel Irwin

Globalization and Health 2016 12:28

Published on: 16 June 2016

Methodology

Assessing the health impact of transnational corporations: its importance and a framework

The adverse health and equity impacts of transnational corporations' (TNCs) practices have become central public health concerns as TNCs increasingly dominate global trade and investment and shape national eco...

Frances E. Baum, David M. Sanders, Matt Fisher, Julia Anaf, Nicholas Freudenberg, Sharon Friel, Ronald Labonté, Leslie London, Carlos Monteiro, Alex Scott-Samuel and Amit Sen

Globalization and Health 2016 12:27

Published on: 15 June 2016

Health Affairs

June 2016; Volume 35, Issue 6

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/current>

Behavioral Health

[Full issue oriented around mental health themes]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 17, Issue 2 December 2015

<http://www.hhrjournal.org/>

Special Issue: Evidence of the Impact of Human Rights-Based Approaches to Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 11 - Issue 03 - July 2016

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=HEP&tab=currentissue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 31 Issue 5 June 2016

<http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 18 June 2016]

Research

[Can a quality improvement project impact maternal and child health outcomes at scale in northern Ghana?](#)

Quality improvement (QI) interventions are becoming more common in low- and middle-income countries, yet few studies have presented impact evaluations of these approaches. In this paper, we present an impact e...

Kavita Singh, Paul Brodish, Ilene Speizer, Pierre Barker, Issac Amenga-Etego, Ireneous Dasoberi, Ernest Kanyoke, Eric A. Boadu, Elma Yabang and Sodzi Sodzi-Tettey

Health Research Policy and Systems 2016 14:45

Published on: 16 June 2016

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 38, Number 2, May 2016

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/33495>

[Reviewed earlier]

Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics (formerly Human Vaccines)

Volume 12, Issue 5, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/khvi20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 66 April 2016

<http://odihpn.org/magazine/humanitarian-innovation/>

Special Focus: Humanitarian Innovation

by Humanitarian Practice Network and Kim Scriven April 2016

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[Reviewed earlier]

IDRiM Journal

Vol 5, No 2 (2015)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/14>

[Website "under construction" at inquiry]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>

[Accessed 18 June 2016]

[No new content]

International Health

Volume 8 Issue 3 May 2016

<http://inthehealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 4, Issue 2, 2015

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/22131035/4/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 16, In Progress (June 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/22124209/16>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 45 Issue 2 April 2016

<http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

May 2016 Volume 46, p1-126

<http://www.ijidonline.com/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology

Volume 23, Issue 4, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tsdw20/current>

Special Issue: Landsenses ecology and ecological planning toward sustainable development

[Reviewed earlier]

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International Migration Review

Spring 2016 Volume 50, Issue 1 Pages 1–266, e1–e16

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imre.2016.50.issue-1/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas
March 2016 - Volume 14 - Issue 1 pp: 2-96

<http://journals.lww.com/interventionjnl/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

June 14, 2016, Vol 315, No. 22

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

Viewpoint

[Is the United States Prepared for a Major Zika Virus Outbreak?](#) FREE

Lawrence O. Gostin, JD; James G. Hodge Jr, JD, LL.M

[Initial text]

From its initial discovery in Ugandan forests nearly 70 years ago, Zika virus has emerged as a worldwide public health crisis, with active transmission in more than 40 countries in the Americas and Caribbean. On February 1, 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), concerned about clusters of microcephaly and Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS). A week later, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) triggered the highest “level 1” activation of its emergency operations center, and President Obama requested \$1.86 billion in emergency funding.¹ On April 7, the WHO reported there is scientific consensus that Zika is a cause of microcephaly and GBS.

Although none of the continental states has reported local mosquito-borne transmission, Health Secretary Sylvia Burwell warned that Zika has a “significant potential to affect national security or the health of Americans.”² The virus severely threatens Puerto Rico, with one-quarter of its 3.5 million inhabitants projected to be infected.³ The Olympics in Brazil will have an amplifying affect because the competition will be during the Northern summer. Travelers visiting or returning to the United States could likely escalate the spread of Zika. Epidemiologists estimate that Zika could affect a majority of US states including large cities where *Aedes* species mosquitos are active.

Is the United States prepared for major clusters of Zika? Certainly, a highly functioning health system will help protect the domestic population. Yet there are signs of unpreparedness with insufficient resources and variable legal authorities...

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Comment

[AIDS 2016: from aspiration to implementation](#)

Kenneth H Mayer, Olive Shisana, Chris Beyrer

Summary

Since AIDS was first recognised in 1981, more than 75 million HIV infections and more than 36 million deaths have occurred.¹ HIV infection is no longer an inexorable death sentence but a chronic manageable infection. Key factors responsible for this transformation have been an understanding of the modes of HIV transmission,² the development of effective combination antiretroviral therapy,³ and the validation of surrogate markers to monitor the response to treatment.⁴ But currently less than half of all people living with HIV worldwide have access to life-saving antiretroviral therapy,⁵ at a time when donor interest is uncertain and global funding flattening.

Articles

[National spending on health by source for 184 countries between 2013 and 2040](#)

Joseph L Dieleman, Tara Templin, Nafis Sadat, Patrick Reidy, Abigail Chapin, Kyle Foreman, Annie Haakenstad, Tim Evans, Christopher J L Murray, Christoph Kurowski

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Summary

Background

A general consensus exists that as a country develops economically, health spending per capita rises and the share of that spending that is prepaid through government or private mechanisms also rises. However, the speed and magnitude of these changes vary substantially across countries, even at similar levels of development. In this study, we use past trends and relationships to estimate future health spending, disaggregated by the source of those funds, to identify the financing trajectories that are likely to occur if current policies and trajectories evolve as expected.

Methods

We extracted data from WHO's Health Spending Observatory and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation's Financing Global Health 2015 report. We converted these data to a common purchasing power-adjusted and inflation-adjusted currency. We used a series of

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ensemble models and observed empirical norms to estimate future government out-of-pocket private prepaid health spending and development assistance for health. We aggregated each country's estimates to generate total health spending from 2013 to 2040 for 184 countries. We compared these estimates with each other and internationally recognised benchmarks.

Findings

Global spending on health is expected to increase from US\$7·83 trillion in 2013 to \$18·28 (uncertainty interval 14·42–22·24) trillion in 2040 (in 2010 purchasing power parity-adjusted dollars). We expect per-capita health spending to increase annually by 2·7% (1·9–3·4) in high-income countries, 3·4% (2·4–4·2) in upper-middle-income countries, 3·0% (2·3–3·6) in lower-middle-income countries, and 2·4% (1·6–3·1) in low-income countries. Given the gaps in current health spending, these rates provide no evidence of increasing parity in health spending. In 1995 and 2015, low-income countries spent \$0·03 for every dollar spent in high-income countries, even after adjusting for purchasing power, and the same is projected for 2040. Most importantly, health spending in many low-income countries is expected to remain low. Estimates suggest that, by 2040, only one (3%) of 34 low-income countries and 36 (37%) of 98 middle-income countries will reach the Chatham House goal of 5% of gross domestic product consisting of government health spending.

Interpretation

Despite remarkable health gains, past health financing trends and relationships suggest that many low-income and lower-middle-income countries will not meet internationally set health spending targets and that spending gaps between low-income and high-income countries are unlikely to narrow unless substantive policy interventions occur. Although gains in health system efficiency can be used to make progress, current trends suggest that meaningful increases in health system resources will require concerted action.

Articles

[Development assistance for health: past trends, associations, and the future of international financial flows for health](#)

Joseph L Dieleman, Matthew T Schneider, Annie Haakenstad, Lavanya Singh, Nafis Sadat, Maxwell Birger, Alex Reynolds, Tara Templin, Hannah Hamavid, Abigail Chapin, Christopher J L Murray

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Summary

Background

Disbursements of development assistance for health (DAH) have risen substantially during the past several decades. More recently, the international community's attention has turned to other international challenges, introducing uncertainty about the future of disbursements for DAH.

Methods

We collected audited budget statements, annual reports, and project-level records from the main international agencies that disbursed DAH from 1990 to the end of 2015. We standardised and combined records to provide a comprehensive set of annual disbursements. We tracked each dollar of DAH back to the source and forward to the recipient. We removed transfers between agencies to avoid double-counting and adjusted for inflation. We classified assistance into nine primary health focus areas: HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, maternal health, newborn and child health, other infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, Ebola, and sector-wide approaches and health system strengthening. For our statistical analysis, we grouped these health focus areas into two categories: MDG-related focus areas (HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, child and newborn health, and maternal health) and non-MDG-related focus areas (other infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, sector-wide approaches, and other). We used linear regression to test for structural shifts in disbursement patterns at the onset of

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the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs; ie, from 2000) and the global financial crisis (impact estimated to occur in 2010). We built on past trends and associations with an ensemble model to estimate DAH through the end of 2040.

Findings

In 2015, US\$36.4 billion of DAH was disbursed, marking the fifth consecutive year of little change in the amount of resources provided by global health development partners. Between 2000 and 2009, DAH increased at 11.3% per year, whereas between 2010 and 2015, annual growth was just 1.2%. In 2015, 29.7% of DAH was for HIV/AIDS, 17.9% was for child and newborn health, and 9.8% was for maternal health. Linear regression identifies three distinct periods of growth in DAH. Between 2000 and 2009, MDG-related DAH increased by \$290.4 million (95% uncertainty interval [UI] 174.3 million to 406.5 million) per year. These increases were significantly greater than were increases in non-MDG DAH during the same period ($p=0.009$), and were also significantly greater than increases in the previous period ($p<0.0001$). Between 2000 and 2009, growth in DAH was highest for HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. Since 2010, DAH for maternal health and newborn and child health has continued to climb, although DAH for HIV/AIDS and most other health focus areas has remained flat or decreased. Our estimates of future DAH based on past trends and associations present a wide range of potential futures, although our mean estimate of \$64.1 billion (95% UI \$30.4 billion to \$161.8 billion) shows an increase between now and 2040, although with a large uncertainty interval.

Interpretation

Our results provide evidence of two substantial shifts in DAH growth during the past 26 years. DAH disbursements increased faster in the first decade of the 2000s than in the 1990s, but DAH associated with the MDGs increased the most out of all focus areas. Since 2010, limited growth has characterised DAH and we expect this pattern to persist. Despite the fact that DAH is still growing, albeit minimally, DAH is shifting among the major health focus areas, with relatively little growth for HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. These changes in the growth and focus of DAH will have critical effects on health services in some low-income countries. Coordination and collaboration between donors and domestic governments is more important than ever because they have a great opportunity and responsibility to ensure robust health systems and service provision for those most in need.

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Original Investigation

The International Health Regulations: The Governing Framework for Global Health Security

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Abstract

Context

The International Health Regulations (IHR) have been the governing framework for global health security for the past decade and are a nearly universally recognized World Health Organization (WHO) treaty, with 196 States Parties. In the wake of the Ebola epidemic, major global commissions have cast doubt on the future effectiveness of the IHR and the leadership of the WHO.

Methods

We conducted a review of the historical origins of the IHR and their performance over the past 10 years and analyzed all of the ongoing reform panel efforts to provide a series of politically feasible recommendations for fundamental reform.

Findings

We propose a series of recommendations with realistic pathways for change. These recommendations focus on the development and strengthening of IHR core capacities; independently assessed metrics; new financing mechanisms; harmonization with the Global Health Security Agenda, Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathways, the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, and One Health strategies; public health and clinical workforce development; Emergency Committee transparency and governance; tiered public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) processes; enhanced compliance mechanisms; and an enhanced role for civil society.

Conclusions

Empowering the WHO and realizing the IHR's potential will shore up global health security—a vital investment in human and animal health—while reducing the vast economic consequences of the next global health emergency.

Nature

Volume 534 Number 7607 pp296-430 16 June 2016

http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html

Comment

Nutrition: Fall in fish catch threatens human health

Christopher Golden and colleagues calculate that declining numbers of marine fish will spell more malnutrition in many developing nations.

Policy: Map the interactions between Sustainable Development Goals

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Måns Nilsson, Dave Griggs and Martin Visbeck present a simple way of rating relationships between the targets to highlight priorities for integrated policy.

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[SYLVAIN GAETAN, Refugees are not a Burden, but a Resource](#)

Field Monitor

[CATHERINE BLANCHARD, PAULINE CARNET AND JONATHAN ELLIS, The Azure Payment Card: the Humanitarian Cost of a Cashless System](#)

This piece describes research conducted by the British Red Cross into the effectiveness of the Azure payment card in providing support to refused asylum seekers. It includes the viewpoint of organisations working with these clients and the lived experience of refused asylum seekers. The research concludes that the Azure card and support does not allow refused asylum seekers to meet their basic needs and live with dignity. Our recommendations included abolishing the Azure card. The piece ends with a description of the advocacy we engaged in, based on the recommendations of the research.

[MARTINA MANARA, Never Settled. The Informal Refugee Settlement of Borgo Mezzanone and its Effects on Asylum Seekers in the Reception Centre](#)

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[LAN HOANG, Hong Kong's Unified Screening System: Lack of unification to Improve Asylum Seekers' Reality](#)

[DIANA IHRING, Selective Border Policies and 'Victimhood': The Shrinking Protection Space for Migrants in Europe](#)

[KAMYAR JARAHZADEH, Those Who Follow the Rules: Exploring Life for Afghan Refugees in Turkey](#)

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Pediatrics

June 2016, VOLUME 137 / ISSUE 6

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Review Articles

Learning Problems in Children of Refugee Background: A Systematic Review

Hamish R. Graham, Ripudaman S. Minhas, Georgia Paxton

Pediatrics Jun 2016, 137 (6) e20153994; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2015-3994

Abstract

CONTEXT: Learning problems are common, affecting up to 1 in 10 children. Refugee children may have cumulative risk for educational disadvantage, but there is limited information on learning in this population.

OBJECTIVE: To review the evidence on educational outcomes and learning problems in refugee children and to describe their major risk and resource factors.

DATA SOURCES: Medline, Embase, PubMed, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, PsycINFO, and Education Resources Information Center.

STUDY SELECTION: English-language articles addressing the prevalence and determinants of learning problems in refugee children.

DATA EXTRACTION: Data were extracted and analyzed according to Arksey and O'Malley's descriptive analytical method for scoping studies.

RESULTS: Thirty-four studies were included. Refugee youth had similar secondary school outcomes to their native-born peers; there were no data on preschool or primary school outcomes. There were limited prevalence data on learning problems, with single studies informing most estimates and no studies examining specific language disorders or autism spectrum disorders. Major risk factors for learning problems included parental misunderstandings about educational styles and expectations, teacher stereotyping and low expectations, bullying and racial discrimination, premigration and postmigration trauma, and forced detention. Major resource factors for success included high academic and life ambition, "gift-and-sacrifice" motivational narratives, parental involvement in education, family cohesion and supportive home environment, accurate educational assessment and grade placement, teacher understanding of linguistic and cultural heritage, culturally appropriate school transition, supportive peer relationships, and successful acculturation.

LIMITATIONS: Studies are not generalizable to other cohorts.

CONCLUSIONS: This review provides a summary of published prevalence estimates for learning problems in resettled refugee children, highlights key risk and resource factors, and identifies gaps in research.

State-of-the-art Review Articles

Breaking the Intergenerational Cycle of Disadvantage: The Three Generation Approach

Tina L. Cheng, Sara B. Johnson, Elizabeth Goodman

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Abstract

Health disparities in the United States related to socioeconomic status are persistent and pervasive. This review highlights how social disadvantage, particularly low socioeconomic status and the health burden it brings, is passed from 1 generation to the next. First, we review current frameworks for understanding the intergenerational transmission of health disparities and provide 4 illustrative examples relevant to child health, development, and well-being. Second, the leading strategy to break the cycle of poverty in young families in the United States, the 2-generation approach, is reviewed. Finally, we propose a new 3-generation

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approach that must combine with the 2-generation approach to interrupt the intergenerational cycle of disadvantage and eliminate health disparities.

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Discussion

[If Numbers Can Speak, Who Listens? Creating Engagement and Learning for Effective Uptake of DRR Investment in Developing Countries](#)

June 13, 2016 ·

Introduction: With a renewed emphasis on evidence-based risk sensitive investment promoted under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, technical demands for analytical tools such as probabilistic cost-benefit analysis (CBA) will likely increase in the foreseeable future. This begs a number of pragmatic questions such as whether or not sophisticated quantitative appraisal tools are effective in raising policy awareness and what alternatives are available.

Method: This article briefly reviews current practices of analytical tools such as probabilistic cost-benefit analysis and identifies issues associated with its applications in small scale community based DRR interventions.

Results: The article illustrate that while best scientific knowledge should inform policy and practice in principle, it should not create an unrealistic expectation that the state-of-the art methods must be used in all cases, especially for small scale DRR interventions in developing countries, where data and resource limitations and uncertainty are high, and complex interaction and feedback may exist between DRR investment, community response and longer-term development outcome.

Discussion: Alternative and more participatory approaches for DRR appraisals are suggested which includes participatory serious games that are increasingly being used to raise awareness and identify pragmatic strategies for change that are needed to bring about successful uptake of DRR investment and implementation of DRR mainstreaming.

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PLoS Medicine

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Essay

[Delinking Investment in Antibiotic Research and Development from Sales Revenues: The Challenges of Transforming a Promising Idea into Reality](#)

Kevin Outterson, Unni Gopinathan, Charles Clift, Anthony D. So, Chantal M. Morel, John-Arne Røttingen

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Summary Points

:: The current business model for antibiotics is plagued by market failures and perverse incentives that both work against conservation efforts and provide insufficient rewards to drive the development of much-needed new treatments for resistant infection.

:: Many new incentive mechanisms have been proposed to realign incentives and support innovation and conservation over the long term. The most promising of these are based on the idea of delinking rewards from sales volume of the antibiotic—the notion of “delinkage.”

:: Some critical design issues for delinkage remain, such as how to secure access to badly needed new products when resistance renders existing treatments ineffective, an increasingly urgent global problem. The issue of global access to antibiotics is not sufficiently addressed de facto by a delinked mechanism, and, as such, it must be addressed explicitly through specific design features of new mechanisms, including defining the eligibility criteria for delinkage rewards and appropriate management of intellectual property.

:: The idea of establishing a new business model to drive antibiotic development and improve conservation currently has the world’s attention. We must now work quickly to examine the remaining design questions to address this major public health concern for the longer term.

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<http://www.plosntds.org/>

Research Article

Antibody Secreting Cell Responses following Vaccination with Bivalent Oral Cholera Vaccine among Haitian Adults

Wilfredo R. Matias, Brie Falkard, Richelle C. Charles, Leslie M. Mayo-Smith, Jessica E. Teng, Peng Xu, Pavol Kováč, Edward T. Ryan, Firdausi Qadri, Molly F. Franke, Louise C. Ivers, Jason B. Harris

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Abstract

Background

The bivalent whole-cell (BivWC) oral cholera vaccine (Shanchol) is effective in preventing cholera. However, evaluations of immune responses following vaccination with BivWC have been limited. To determine whether BivWC induces significant mucosal immune responses, we measured *V. cholerae* O1 antigen-specific antibody secreting cell (ASC) responses following vaccination.

Methodology/Principal Findings

We enrolled 24 Haitian adults in this study, and administered doses of oral BivWC vaccine 14 days apart (day 0 and day 14). We drew blood at baseline, and 7 days following each vaccine dose (day 7 and 21). Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were isolated, and ASCs were enumerated using an ELISPOT assay. Significant increases in Ogawa (6.9 cells per million PBMCs) and Inaba (9.5 cells per million PBMCs) OSP-specific IgA ASCs were detected 7 days following the first dose ($P < 0.001$), but not the second dose. The magnitude of *V. cholerae*-specific ASC responses did not appear to be associated with recent exposure to cholera. ASC responses measured against the whole lipopolysaccharide (LPS) antigen and the OSP moiety of LPS were equivalent, suggesting that all or nearly all of the LPS response targets the OSP moiety.

Conclusions/Significance

Immunization with the BivWC oral cholera vaccine induced ASC responses among a cohort of healthy adults in Haiti after a single dose. The second dose of vaccine resulted in minimal ASC responses over baseline, suggesting that the current dosing schedule may not be optimal for boosting mucosal immune responses to *V. cholerae* antigens for adults in a cholera-endemic area.

Author Summary

The bivalent whole-cell (BivWC) oral cholera vaccine (Shanchol) is effective in preventing cholera. Despite its increasing use as part of comprehensive cholera prevention and control efforts, evaluations of immune responses following vaccination with BivWC have been limited. In this study, we measured the development of cholera-specific antibody secreting cells, markers of mucosal immunity, following vaccination with BivWC among a population of adults in Haiti, where cholera is now endemic. BivWC induced development of robust immune responses following the first dose of vaccine, but similar ASC responses were not detected following the second dose, suggesting that the currently recommended 14-day interval between doses may not be optimal for boosting mucosal immune responses among adults in cholera endemic regions. These findings suggest that additional evaluation of the optimal dosing schedule for oral cholera vaccines is warranted with the goal of improving long-term immunity.

Digital Participatory Surveillance and the Zika Crisis: Opportunities and Caveats

Claudia Pagliari, Santosh Vijaykumar

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Introduction

Managing the global threat of Zika requires innovative solutions. This article examines the potential of Digital Participatory Surveillance to support the management of global disease outbreaks by enabling citizens to report signs of infection. We discuss the status of the current evidence-base, contextual factors influencing user engagement and data quality, challenges for evaluation, and unique aspects of Zika with implications for design. We also suggest priorities for research, development and practice, to help translate the theoretical benefits of these methods into meaningful improvements in outbreak monitoring and public health.

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Research

[Inequalities in the coverage of place of delivery and skilled birth attendance: analyses of cross-sectional surveys in 80 low and middle-income countries](#)

Having a health worker with midwifery skills present at delivery is one of the key interventions to reduce maternal and newborn mortality. We sought to estimate the frequencies of (a) skilled birth attendant c...

Gary Joseph, Inácio Crochemore Mohnsam da Silva, Fernando C. Wehrmeister, Aluísio J. D.

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Study protocol

Global, regional and national levels and trends of preterm birth rates for 1990 to 2014: protocol for development of World Health Organization estimates

The official WHO estimates of preterm birth are an essential global resource for assessing the burden of preterm birth and developing public health programmes and policies. This protocol describes the methods ...

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Northeastern North America as a potential refugium for boreal forests in a warming climate

By L. D'Orangeville, L. Duchesne, D. Houle, D. Kneeshaw, B. Côté, N. Pederson

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Tree-ring data from black spruce indicate increased growth in response to increased temperatures.

Editor's Summary

A future for boreal forests

Conservation under climate change presents the challenge of predicting where will be suitable for particular organisms and ecological communities in the future. D'Orangeville et al. assess the probable future range for boreal forests in eastern North America, which are expected to be subject to large temperature increases in their natural range. Using tree-ring

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data from many thousands of forest stands, they delineate the geographical extent of the region where tree growth responds favorably to higher temperatures and where the forest should persist at least until 2070.

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Research Article

Toward a Realistic and Responsible Idea of Stabilisation

Philipp Rotmann

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Abstract

What is stabilisation, and why do we need a conceptual discussion? Based on interviews and policy documents from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States, this article distils two conceptual visions of stabilisation, outlines a range of institutional and budgetary designs and offers a number of lessons of what a realistic and responsible idea of stabilisation might look like. Given the ubiquity of fragility and the lack of generalised knowledge about social engineering, this article argues in favour of a narrow understanding of stabilisation that seeks only to mitigate acute situations of crisis marked by extreme political volatility and violence. Even this more limited goal is ambitious enough to require sober assessment and communication of risk, continuing improvements to the conceptual and institutional tools for stabilisation and stronger commitment to constant reflection and learning.

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This issue provides a variety of perspectives on improving the international humanitarian system, along with personal reflections on recovering from natural and human-induced disasters. It was planned as a way to support the objectives of the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit (Istanbul, Turkey, 23–24 May 2016).

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

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From 1 to 10 September 2016, thousands of leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous peoples, business and academia will gather together in Honolulu (Hawaii) to share ideas on how to improve the ways we manage the natural environment for human, social and economic development. Held every four years, the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) focuses on joint progress in ways to protect biodiversity, a crucial factor in addressing some of our greatest challenges today, such as tackling climate change and achieving food security.

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