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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.

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Agriculture

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Statement on Creation of Nonprofit Agricultural Research Institute](#)

SEATTLE, January 21, 2020 – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is in the process of creating a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit, **Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations, LLC**, which seeks to accelerate the development of innovations supported by the foundation's Agricultural Development team. The entity, to be known as **Gates Ag One, aims to speed up efforts to provide smallholder farmers in developing countries, many of whom are women, with access to the affordable tools and innovations they need to sustainably improve crop productivity and adapt to the effects of climate change.**

In two of the fastest growing regions of the world—sub-Saharan Africa, home to around 1 billion people, and South Asia, with a population of about 1.8 billion—approximately 60 percent of the population lives in rural areas that typically depend on smallholder agriculture for food and income. In sub-Saharan Africa, agriculture accounts for more than half of the region's employment, and for South Asia it contributes about 40 percent. Yields on farms in these regions are already far below what farmers elsewhere in the world achieve, and climate change will make their crops even less productive.

Gates Ag One will collaborate with a diverse community of regional and international public- and private-sector partners, as well as interested governments, to enable the advancement of resilient, yield-enhancing seeds and traits globally and facilitate the introduction of those breakthroughs into specific crops essential to smallholder farmers, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

The goal of Gates Ag One is to help the foundation deliver on its mission to empower smallholder farmers with the affordable, high-quality tools, technologies, and resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. The foundation is still in the early planning stages, and we look forward to sharing additional details in the future. For more information on Gates Ag One, please consult our frequently asked questions document.

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Education

[George Soros Launches Global Network to Transform Higher Education](#)

Open Society Founder and Chair gifts \$1 billion to newly launched Open Society University Network

January 23, 2020

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND—George Soros announced today that he is creating a new university network to better prepare students for current and future global challenges. He is **endowing the network with one billion dollars (\$1 billion) and asking other philanthropists to contribute.**

The network, which will operate throughout the world, is named the Open Society University Network (OSUN). It will integrate teaching and research across higher education institutions worldwide. It will offer simultaneously taught network courses and joint degree programs and regularly bring students and faculty from different countries together with in-person and online discussions. The network aims to reach the students who need it the most and to promote the values of open society—including free expression and diversity of beliefs.

OSUN will seek to promote rigorous education and reach institutions in need of international partners, as well as neglected populations, such as refugees, incarcerated people, the Roma and other displaced groups. OSUN, with the help of its allies, is ready to start a massive “scholars at risk” program, merging a large number of academically excellent but politically endangered scholars into this new global network.

Already, OSUN is connecting institutions of higher learning and is holding networked courses that unite students and faculty from several universities located in different parts of the world in the classroom, sharing faculty and conducting joint research projects in which people from many universities collaborate.

Mr. Soros said: “I believe our best hope lies in access to an education that reinforces the autonomy of the individual by cultivating critical thinking and emphasizing academic freedom. I consider the Open Society University Network to be the most important and enduring project of my life and I should like to see it implemented while I am still around.”...

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Open Society University Network (OSUN)

The Open Society University Network (OSUN) is a new global network that integrates learning and the advancement of knowledge across geographic and demographic boundaries, promotes civic engagement on behalf of open societies, and expands access of underserved communities to higher education.

Mission

- :: Foster critical thinking, open intellectual inquiry, and fact-based research to strengthen foundations of open society amid authoritarian resurgence
- :: Educate students to address tomorrow’s global challenges by getting to know other societies from the inside
- :: Expand access to higher education at a time of growing inequities
- :: Counteract polarization by promoting global research collaboration and educating students to examine issues from different perspectives and advance reasoned arguments
- :: Bolster efforts by universities in challenging environments to build their own capacity through global partnerships to make greater contributions to their societies

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Myanmar – ICC

International Court of Justice [ICJ]

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE (THE GAMBIA v. MYANMAR)

23 January 2020

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...86. For these reasons,

THE COURT,

Indicates the following provisional measures:

(1) Unanimously,

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall, in accordance with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, in relation to the members of the Rohingya group in its territory, take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of this Convention, in particular:

- (a) killing members of the group;
- (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to the members of the group;
- (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and
- (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

(2) Unanimously,

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall, in relation to the members of the Rohingya group in its territory, ensure that its military, as well as any irregular armed units which may be directed or supported by it and any organizations and persons which may be subject to its control, direction or influence, do not commit any acts described in point (1) above, or of conspiracy to commit genocide, of direct and public incitement to commit genocide, of attempt to commit genocide, or of complicity in genocide;

(3) Unanimously,

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall take effective measures to prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of evidence related to allegations of acts within the scope of Article II of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

(4) Unanimously,

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall submit a report to the Court on all measures taken to give effect to this Order within four months, as from the date of this Order, and thereafter every six months, until a final decision on the case is rendered by the Court...

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Press briefing note on Myanmar

Spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: Liz Throssell
Geneva, 24 January 2020

We welcome the Order by the International Court of Justice that Myanmar must take "all measures within its power" to protect the members of the Rohingya group from all future acts that may amount to genocide under the provisions of Article II of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.*

The High Commissioner has repeatedly expressed serious concerns about the situation of the Rohingya following the repeated waves of violence suffered by them, most recently in 2016 and 2017. She has frequently called for the full protection of their human rights, and genuine accountability for the serious violations and abuses they have endured.

As the Secretary-General noted yesterday, these provisional measures indicated by the Court are binding under international law.

The UN Human Rights Office calls on Myanmar to immediately and unconditionally implement them in full, consistently with its obligations under the Charter and the Court's Statute...

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Financial Times, 23 Jan 2020

Opinion : Myanmar

Aung San Suu Kyi: Give Myanmar time to deliver justice on war crimes

Independent commission has documented killing of civilians and looting

This week, a comprehensive inquiry into the 2017 violence and mass displacement in the state of Rakhine presented its final report to Myanmar's president.

The Independent Commission of Enquiry interviewed close to 1,500 witnesses, including security personnel and affected persons. It has gathered more first-hand information than any other fact-finding body in the world.

Its findings and recommendations for further domestic investigation and prosecution are unequivocal, belying those who chose to prejudge it as ineffective. The material should now be given a chance to inform both discussions on accountability for human rights violations that occurred and a road map for change in the area.

Mobilising international justice takes time and dedication. The process can too easily become attached to specific testimonies of victimisation and consequently rendered inseparable from the narrative they feed. A fair reading of the ICOE report would show that this is a real risk in the current international proceedings on events in Rakhine.

The case against Myanmar before the International Court of Justice, the statements by the prosecutor to the International Criminal Court, and the private lawsuit brought in Argentina all rely extensively on a fact-finding mission by the UN Human Rights Council. This is precariously dependent on statements by refugees in camps in Bangladesh.

The ICOE reports that some refugees may have provided inaccurate or exaggerated information. While this is understandable, we have to recognise that there is a systemic challenge. The international justice system may not yet be equipped to filter out misleading information before shadows of incrimination are cast over entire nations and governments. Human rights groups have condemned Myanmar based on unproven statements without the due process of criminal investigation.

The international condemnation has had a negative effect on Myanmar's endeavours to bring stability and progress to Rakhine. It has undermined painstaking domestic efforts to establish co-operation between the military and the civilian government. It hampers our ability to lay the foundation for sustainable development in a very diverse country. It has presented a distorted picture of Myanmar and affected our bilateral relations. Should countries with even fewer resources than Myanmar be similarly condemned, the consequences for them could be dire.

To provide the strongest protection for human rights, we need to reform the ways in which unsubstantiated narratives are relied upon by the UN and non-governmental organisations. The voice of victims must be heard and must always touch our hearts. But it is equally important that fact-finders are vigilant in their search for truth. Recommended Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi says war crimes 'may have been committed'

I stated at the ICJ that there would be domestic investigations and prosecutions if the ICOE report presented further evidence of violations in Rakhine. The ICOE has done that, concluding that war crimes were committed during the internal armed conflict with the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army by members of Myanmar's security forces and civilians. The report details killing of civilians, disproportionate use of force, looting of property, and destruction of abandoned homes of Muslims. The ICOE found no evidence of genocide.

Myanmar's Union Attorney-general has already announced plans to investigate civilians who may have participated in looting or burning of villages. War crimes that may have been committed by members of the Defence Services will be prosecuted through our military justice system.

We need to respect the integrity of these proceedings and to refrain from unreasonable demands that Myanmar's criminal justice system complete investigations in a third of the time routinely granted to international processes.

It is never easy for armed forces to recognise the self-interest in accountability for their members, and then follow through with actual investigations and prosecutions. This is a common challenge around the world. But that does not mean that international justice should immediately come into play.

An informed assessment of Myanmar's ability to address the issue of violations in Rakhine can only be made if adequate time is given for domestic justice to run its course.

Justice can help us overcome distrust and fear, prejudice and hate, and end longstanding cycles of intercommunal violence. This has always been my goal. This is what we are working to achieve.

International justice should not itself fall victim to the extreme polarisation which characterises discussions on the situation in Rakhine.

The writer is state counsellor of Myanmar

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Inequality

World Social Report 2020: Inequality in a rapidly changing world

UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

2020 :: 218 pages

PDF: <http://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2020/01/World-Social-Report-2020-FullReport.pdf>

Overview

The World Social Report 2020 examines the impact of four such megatrends on inequality: technological innovation, climate change, urbanization and international migration. Technological change can be an engine of economic growth, offering new possibilities in health care, education, communication and productivity. But it can also exacerbate wage inequality and displace workers. The accelerating winds of climate change are being unleashed around the world, but the poorest countries and groups are suffering most, especially those trying to eke out a living in rural areas. Urbanization offers unmatched opportunities, yet cities find abject poverty and opulent wealth in close proximity, making gaping and increasing levels of inequality all the more glaring. International migration allows millions of people to seek new opportunities and can help reduce global disparities, but only if it occurs under orderly and safe conditions. Whether these mega-trends are harnessed to encourage a more equitable and sustainable world, or allowed to exacerbate disparities and divisions, will largely determine the shape of our common future.

KEY MESSAGES

- :: Inequality within countries is very high but it is not rising everywhere. Since 1990, income inequality has increased in most developed countries. Inequality declined in most Latin American countries from 1990 to the early 2010s but is increasing again in some of them.
- :: Inequality trends differ across countries at even similar levels of development.
- :: Income inequality among countries has declined in relative terms but is still higher than inequality within most countries. Absolute income differences between countries continue to grow.
- :: The world is far from the goal of equal opportunity for all: circumstances beyond an individual's control, such as gender, race, ethnicity, migrant status and, for children, the socioeconomic status of their parents, continue to affect one's chances of succeeding in life.
- :: Group-based inequalities are declining in some cases but still growing in many others. Unless progress accelerates, leaving no one behind will remain a still distant goal by 2030.
- :: High or growing inequality not only harms people living in poverty and other disadvantaged groups. It affects the well-being of society at large.
- :: Highly unequal societies grow more slowly than those with low inequality and are less successful at reducing poverty.
- :: Without appropriate policies and institutions, inequalities in outcomes create or preserve unequal opportunities and perpetuate social divisions.
- :: Rising inequality has created discontent, deepened political divides and can lead to violent conflict.



Governance

2019 Corruption Perceptions Index shows anti-corruption efforts stagnating in G7 countries

Analysis reveals corruption more pervasive in countries where money influences political power
Transparency International Secretariat

January 23, 2020 Issued by

Report: <https://www.transparency.org/cpi2019>

More than two-thirds of countries – along with many of the world's most advanced economies – are stagnating or showing signs of backsliding in their anti-corruption efforts, according to the 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) released today by Transparency International.

Countries in which elections and political party financing are open to undue influence from vested interests are less able to combat corruption, analysis of the results finds.

"Frustration with government corruption and lack of trust in institutions speaks to a need for greater political integrity," said Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair of Transparency International. "Governments must urgently address the corrupting role of big money in political party financing and the undue influence it exerts on our political systems."

CPI highlights

The CPI ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, drawing on 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives. It uses a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

More than two-thirds of countries score below 50, with an average score of only 43. Since 2012, only 22 countries have significantly improved their scores, including Estonia, Greece and Guyana. Twenty-one have significantly declined, including Australia, Canada and Nicaragua.

Our research shows several of the most advanced economies cannot afford to be complacent if they are to keep up their anti-corruption momentum. Four G7 countries score lower than last year: Canada (-4), France (-3), the UK (-3) and the US (-2). Germany and Japan have seen no improvement, while Italy gained one point.

Corruption and political integrity

Analysis shows that countries that perform well on the CPI also have stronger enforcement of campaign finance regulations and broader range of political consultation.

Countries where campaign finance regulations are comprehensive and systematically enforced have an average score of 70 on the CPI, whereas countries where such regulations either don't exist or are poorly enforced score an average of just 34 and 35 respectively.

Sixty per cent of the countries that significantly improved their CPI scores since 2012 also strengthened regulations around campaign donations.

"The lack of real progress against corruption in most countries is disappointing and has profound negative effects on citizens around the world," said Patricia Moreira, Managing Director of Transparency International. "To have any chance of ending corruption and improving peoples' lives, we must tackle the relationship between politics and big money. All citizens must be represented in decision making."...

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"Nuclear War, Climate Disaster, Multilateralism"

Doomsday Clock 2020: it is 100 seconds to midnight

23 Jan 2020

The Elders call on the world to wake up to the threats of nuclear war and climate disaster as they unveil the 2020 Doomsday Clock.

Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders and former President of Ireland, and Ban Ki-moon, Deputy Chair of The Elders and former United Nations Secretary-General, today joined experts from the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists for the unveiling of the Doomsday Clock in Washington DC, an annual assessment of the existential risks faced by humanity.

The Clock's hands were moved forward to 100 seconds to midnight - the closest to midnight they have been since they were first set in 1947. The decision takes into account the precarious state of nuclear arms controls, the growing threat of climate disaster, and how these can be compounded by disruptive new technologies.

"Our planet faces two concurrent existential threats: the climate crisis and nuclear weapons. We are faced by a gathering storm of extinction-level consequences, and time is running out," Mary Robinson said...

Speech

To overcome existential threats, we need to re-energise multilateralism

23 Jan 2020

Unveiling the 2020 Doomsday Clock in partnership with the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Ban Ki-moon urges world leaders to focus on the clear dangers of nuclear escalation and climate emergency. The following is a transcript of his 23 January speech

...As Mary Robinson has said, it is an honour to be here today to unveil the Doomsday Clock. But it is with a solemn sense of duty, with a moral responsibility, and with a frightening sense of what is happening.

These are perilous times. The alarming rise in tensions in the Middle East threatens war, and a return to nuclear weapons development in Iran. The world waits to see how North Korea will respond to stalled negotiations over its nuclear ambitions. I am struck by the news released from North Korea that it would not be committed to previously made commitments, to nuclear disarmament, and the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. This is surprising and very, very shocking. Also, the situation in Kashmir between nuclear-armed Pakistan and India remains unpredictable and highly dangerous.

Such tensions demand responsible global leadership, but instead over the last year we have seen precisely the opposite. We have seen the termination of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, division and uncertainty regarding the upcoming Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and, most worryingly, the absence of any meaningful negotiations between the US and Russia to extend New START.

It would send a deeply negative message to the world if New START is allowed to expire in February 2021. This would not only eliminate remaining constraints on deployed nuclear arsenals, but also remove the monitoring and inspection capabilities which have provided both sides with increased transparency regarding nuclear capability.

On the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty, The Elders believe the world must seize the opportunities presented by the review conference that begins in April. This treaty is the backbone of the multilateral consensus on nuclear arms control, and yet disagreements and frustrations between its signatories mean there is a significant risk that the conference could conclude without an agreed outcome – a scenario that would undermine the treaty and could even trigger withdrawal by member states.

Alongside the potential expiry of New START, this is a disastrous scenario for the world. It exemplifies the failures of global leadership, and the weakness of the multilateral system in the face of isolationist politics that sees diplomacy as a zero-sum game rather than a means of finding common solutions to common challenges.

At a time when world leaders should be focused on the clear and present dangers of nuclear escalation and the climate emergency, we are instead witnessing denial, disregard and dangerous brinkmanship. The existential risks of climate change and nuclear war are increasing just as the decision-making frameworks to address them are unravelling. From the Paris Agreement to the JCPOA; despondency over the Non Proliferation Treaty to impotency at the UN Security Council – our mechanisms for collaboration are being undermined when we need them most.

To echo Mary Robinson - we must see urgent action on the climate crisis in 2020. All countries must come to COP in Glasgow in November with clear plans for delivering carbon net-zero commitments by 2050. We must see an immediate end to the investment in, and exploration of, fossil fuels. We must heed the demands of the young people on our streets and listen to the science.

We cannot negotiate with nature. We must listen to the warning of nature.

The US must somehow begin to demonstrate leadership at the federal level too. Without it, we cannot hope to meet the targets that will keep global warming to manageable levels. Without US leadership there will be no winners from this climate crisis, only losers.

In the end, we will only overcome these existential threats by working together, and to do so the world needs to re-energise multilateralism. I do believe there is an opportunity for this in the coming year.

2020 marks 75 years since the end of Second World War and the birth of the nuclear age – and, indeed, the founding of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. It also marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

This is an opportunity for the world to renew its commitment to multilateralism. It is a time for world leaders to bring a new mindset to the key moments ahead of us in 2020 – to create the foundations for a just transition to a carbon net zero economy, and redouble the efforts towards a world free of nuclear weapons.

We can overcome the existential threats we face, but we must act, together, now. No country, no individual, no matter how powerful or how many resources, can do this on their own. We need to hold hands and work together.

Thank you.

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Emergencies

Statement on the meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

23 January 2020

Statement, Geneva, Switzerland

[Excerpt]

:: Human-to-human transmission is occurring and a preliminary R0 estimate of 1.4-2.5 was presented. Amplification has occurred in one health care facility. Of confirmed cases, 25% are reported to be severe. The source is still unknown (most likely an animal reservoir) and the extent of human-to-human transmission is still not clear.

:: Several members considered that it is still too early to declare a PHEIC [Public Health Emergency of International Concern], given its restrictive and binary nature.

:: The Committee stands ready to be reconvened in approximately ten days' time, or earlier should the Director-General deem it necessary. ..

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Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 76: 21 January 2020

Situation Update

From 13 to 19 January 2020, 15 new confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) were reported from North Kivu Province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The cases were reported from Beni (9 cases) and Mabalako (6 cases) Health Zones and all were linked to a confirmed case in a known chain of transmission...

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POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

<http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>

Polio this week as of 22 January 2020

:: The GPEI Polio Partners Group convened the eighth annual technical workshop on 6 December 2019 where a global overview of the status of poliovirus detection was presented among other polio updates. The meeting presentations are now available [here](#).

Summary of new viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):

:: Afghanistan: one WPV1 case and three WPV1-positive environmental samples

:: Pakistan: two WPV1 cases, four WPV1-positive environmental samples and six cVDPV2 cases

:: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo): ten cVDPV2 cases

:: Côte d'Ivoire: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: Ghana: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: Malaysia: two cVDPV1 cases

:: Philippines: two cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

:: Togo: one cVDPV2 case

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Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation extending fundraising partnership to eradicate polio

Partnership will infuse an additional US\$450 million into global polio eradication effort

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 22, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, **announcing a joint commitment of up to \$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort...**

...In addition to the extended funding partnership with the Gates Foundation, Rotary is also announcing US\$45 million in funding for polio eradication efforts in countries throughout Africa (Angola, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan), and Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and the Philippines). The funding will help support crucial polio eradication activities such as immunization and disease detection, research, and community mobilization...

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Editor's Note:

WHO has posted a [refreshed emergencies page](#) which presents an updated listing of Grade 3,2,1 emergencies as below.

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 25 Jan 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 76: 21 January 2020

[See Ebola above for detail]

Mozambique floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 25 Jan 2020]

Angola

:: Angola honours WHO Representative at end of mission 22 January 2020

Measles in Europe

:: Strengthening response to measles outbreak in Ukraine 22-01-2020

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burkina Faso [in French] - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 25 Jan 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*

Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified*

Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

The UN and its humanitarian partners are currently responding to three 'L3' emergencies. This is the global humanitarian system's classification for the response to the most severe, large-scale humanitarian crises.

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

When the USG/ERC declares a Corporate Emergency Response, all OCHA offices, branches and sections provide their full support to response activities both at HQ and in the field.

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth - No new digest announcements identified

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN THE DRC - No new digest announcements identified

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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

[to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.un.org/press/en>

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

24 January 2020

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Secretary-General Appoints Raouf Mazou of Congo Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Raouf Mazou of the Republic of the Congo, as Assistant Secretary-General to serve as the Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

23 January 2020

SG/SM/19946

Secretary-General Welcomes International Court of Justice Order on The Gambia v. Myanmar Genocide Convention Case

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the Order of the International Court of Justice on the Request for the indication of provisional measures in the case concerning the Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar).

22 January 2020

GA/12238

Danger of 'Great Fracture is Real', Warns Secretary-General, Citing 4 Global Threats in Briefing to General Assembly on Work of United Nations

With a new decade dawning and the United Nations marking its seventy-fifth anniversary, Secretary-General António Guterres warned the General Assembly today that 2020 is also beginning in the midst of four existential threats — surging geopolitical tensions, the climate crisis, dangerous technology and deepening mistrust — against which the international community must mobilize rapidly.

21 January 2020

SC/14085

Illegal Settlement Growth, Widespread Hopelessness among Youth Eroding Middle East Peace Prospects, Under-Secretary-General Tells Security Council

Negative trends continue to undermine prospects for a two-State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs told the Security Council today, citing a deadlocked political process, illegal settlement expansion and a pervasive hopelessness among young people that peace will ever be achieved.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 25 Jan 2020]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

Press briefing note on Myanmar

Myanmar: UN expert says 'lost optimism but still hopes for promised democratic transition'

UN experts call for investigation into allegations that Saudi Crown Prince involved in hacking of Jeff Bezos' phone

International Holocaust Remembrance Day 27 January 2020

UN human rights expert to visit Spain to assess poverty

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 25 Jan 2020]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

In dialogue with Hungary, Committee on the Rights of the Child asks about underage marriages and the age of criminal responsibility

23 January 2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child tackles various forms of violence against children in dialogue with Costa Rica

22 January 2020

In dialogue with Belarus, Committee on the Rights of the Child stresses need to address violence against children

21 January 2020

Committee on the rights of the child opens eighty-third session

20 January 2020

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 25 Jan 2020]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 25 Jan 2020]
<https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/virtual-library/press-release-archive/>
Friday, 24 January 2020

30 Years After the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Disregard for International Law Protecting Children During Conflict is Alarming

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 25 Jan 2020]
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextreme povertyindex.aspx>

Latest news

UN human rights expert to visit Spain to assess poverty

23 January 2020

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/culturalrights/pages/srculturalrightsindex.aspx>

Latest News

International Holocaust Remembrance Day 27 January 2020

23 January 2020

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

23 January 2020

[Syria Humanitarian Fund commits US\\$14.5 million to support vulnerable communities in northeastern Syria](#)

22 January 2020

[UN Emergency Fund releases \\$10 million for East Africa locust outbreak response](#)

21 January 2020

[Central African Republic: US\\$ 401 million required to address critical humanitarian needs in 2020](#)

20 January 2020

[Nigeria: UN Humanitarian Coordinator outraged at attack against major humanitarian facility](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://centre.humdata.org/>

January 22, 2020

[The State of Open Humanitarian Data 2020](#)

We are releasing a new report with the goal to increase awareness of the data that is available and missing across humanitarian operations. The State of Open Humanitarian Data is based on the data shared by dozens of partners through the Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX) platform as measured through the Data Grid, a feature that prioritizes core data into six categories.

UNICEF [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Reports

Press release

[UNICEF mourns death of Dr. Peter Salama](#)

Statement by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director

24/01/2020

Press release

[On World Education Day, UNICEF unveils latest innovation to improve education in emergencies: The High Performance Tent](#)

23/01/2020

Press release

1 in 3 adolescent girls from the poorest households has never been to school

As the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting begins tomorrow and education ministers convene at the Education World Forum today, UNICEF urges policy-makers to address 'shameful' disparities in public education spending

19/01/2020

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

Selected Announcements

UNHCR seeks support for refugees and hosts in Ethiopia

24 January 2020

UN Human Rights Committee decision on climate change a wake-up call: UNHCR

24 January 2020

Raouf Mazou appointed UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Operations

24 January 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

IOM Responds to Humanitarian Needs of Migrant Caravan in Guatemala

2020-01-24 17:32

Guatemala City – IOM has provided food, medical care, housing, and transportation and facilitated the voluntary return of more than 140 migrants to their countries of origin.

Over One Million Ethiopians Received Humanitarian Aid from IOM in 2019

2020-01-24 17:10

Addis Ababa – Shitaye Assefa knows what it means to live without a reliable supply of water.

New Cooperation Agreement Among East, Horn of Africa States Address Overseas Worker Exploitation

2020-01-24 11:54

Nairobi – The rescue last week of roughly 100 children and young Ugandan women here as they prepared to fly to United Arab Emirates to labour as domestic workers, reinforces the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC) recent assessment that human trafficking has..

Second International Forum on Migration Statistics Calls for More Evidence-Based Dialogue

2020-01-20 14:42

Cairo – "I have put migration data at the centre of my vision for IOM, and have committed to strengthening the Organization's engagement in this area over the next years," IOM Director General António Vitorino told the second International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS)...

UNAIDS [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

23 January 2020

[Empowering young people living with HIV to became agents of change in Thailand](#)

20 January 2020

[Supporting communities to be involved in the AIDS response in Thailand](#)

20 January 2020

[Cash transfer schemes reduce the chances of adolescent girls and young women contracting HIV](#)

Efforts aimed at redressing gender inequalities and socioeconomic inequities can mitigate factors that fuel the HIV epidemic.

In a study in Eswatini, cash transfers aimed at keeping adolescent girls and young women in school and giving them greater financial independence resulted in the odds of the recipients becoming HIV-positive being 25% lower than for people who were not eligible for the incentive.

Studies from Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania show that cash transfers help young people, especially girls, stay in school longer and do better in their studies. Other evidence indicates that cash grants that enable girls to continue their schooling also delay their sexual debut, increase their use of health services, reduce teen pregnancies and early marriage, and can promote safer sexual behaviours.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 25 Jan 2020]

[Message for World Leprosy Day 2020](#)

24 January 2020 *Statement*

[Effective outbreak response reduces the risk of measles spread in the Pacific](#)

Joint WHO-UNICEF statement on Pacific measles situation

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

[WHO African Region AFRO](#)

No new digest content identified.

[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

:: [PAHO Director urges readiness to detect cases of new coronavirus in the Americas \(01/24/2020\)](#)

:: [Haiti reaches one-year free of Cholera \(01/23/2020\)](#)

:: [PAHO issues epidemiological alert on Novel Coronavirus for the Americas \(01/20/2020\)](#)

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

No new digest content identified.

[WHO European Region EURO](#)

:: [2019-nCoV outbreak: first cases confirmed in Europe 25-01-2020](#)

- :: [Novel coronavirus outbreak in China – What does it mean for Europe?](#) 24-01-2020
- :: [New report reveals the role of physical activity in preventing and treating cardiovascular diseases](#) 22-01-2020
- :: [Romania: tuberculosis patients to avoid unnecessary hospitalization](#) 21-01-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2019/>

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Twelfth Global Forum for Migration and Development

Statement by Asako Okai at the 12th Global Forum for Migration and Development

Posted on January 21, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 25 Jan 2020]

<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 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

23 Jan 2020 *Press release*

Generali and Church of England investment bodies join UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance

Davos, 22 January 2019 – Four months after 12 of the world's largest pension funds and insurers committed to decarbonize their investments by 2050, the United Nations-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance has...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

Historically high levels of inequality closing the door to a better life for millions of people

21 January 2020, New York

The World Social Report 2020 can be found at <http://bit.ly/un-worldsocialreport2020>

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNESCO [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.icomos.org/en/>

Announcements

Process of seeking Expressions of Interest for ICOMOS World Heritage Advisers

Written on 24 January 2020.

by Toshiyuki Kono, President of ICOMOS

"Following the completion of the 2018/2019 World Heritage Nominations Cycle, I identified the need to increase the size of the group of Advisers working on ICOMOS World Heritage activities, specifically in order to expand and diversify its international team for the evaluation of cultural and mixed property nominations to the World Heritage List..."

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

20/12/2019 –

Anti-corruption conference concludes with important decisions on practical steps to prevent and fight this crime

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/>

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>

News

Global Forum on Migration and Development

[ILO: Employment policies are key to address the challenge of migration](#)

24 January 2020

At the 12th Summit of the Global Forum in Ecuador, ILO stated that decent work deficits are one of the main causes of migratory movements. The ILO Regional Director a.i., Juan Hunt, recalled in his speech that most migration is directly or indirectly related to the world of work.

World Employment and Social Outlook – Trends 2020

[Insufficient paid work affects almost half a billion people, new ILO report shows](#)

20 January 2020

A lack of decent work combined with rising unemployment and persisting inequality is making it increasingly difficult for people to build better lives through their work, according to the latest edition of the ILO's global report on employment and social trends.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.icao.int/>

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

[IMO 2020 - cleaner shipping for cleaner air](#)

20/12/2019 Global limit on sulphur in ships' fuel oil reduced from 01 January 2020.

[SOLAS amendments entering into force 1 January 2020](#)

20/12/2019 A set of important amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and various codes enter into force on 1 January 2020.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release>

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 25 Jan 2020]

http://news.upu.int/no_cache/news/

News

UPU maximizes security training

Monday 20. January 2020

A new capacity building programme led by the UPU seeks to maximize the adoption of UPU security standards and protect the postal supply chain from dangerous goods.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 25 Jan 2020]

https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/

News

By Clare Naden on 23 January 2020

New international guidance set to improve social responsibility in the global food chain

Social responsibility is not only good for business, it is everyone's business. New international guidance for the agri-food sector has just been published.

By Clare Naden on 21 January 2020

Capitalizing on human capital: international guidance on competence management just updated

Ensuring people have the right skills for the job is a key element of an organization's success. A recently revised and revamped International Standard will help integrate competence management into its daily work.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

Europe Sustainable Development Goals

Tourism and The New Green Deal - Europe can take the lead

24 Jan 2020

All Regions SDGs

Global Tourism Plastics Initiative Takes On One of the Worst Polluters

22 Jan 2020

The Global Tourism Plastics Initiative is officially announced today by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in collaboration with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. This initiative unites the tourism sector behind a common vision to tackle the root causes of plastic pollution, enabling businesses and governments to take joint action.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 25 Jan 2020]
<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>
No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.cbd.int/>

24.01.2020

2020-012 Survey on pathogen sharing, including for influenza, and access and benefit-sharing arrangements

22.01.2020

BIOSCAN: not only science but participatory species discovery to complete Library of Life with scientists, park rangers, indigenous peoples, citizens ...

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USAID [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on International Education Day

January 25, 2020

On this International Education Day, we celebrate the many ways education empowers people, fosters peace and helps build resilient, democratic societies.

USAID Announces up to \$130 Million to Accelerate Reductions in Maternal, Newborn, and Child Deaths

January 22, 2020

On December 27 and December 31, 2019, the U.S Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the first two in a series of global health awards to accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child mortality and morbidity in high-burden countries. These two awards- collectively valued at up to \$130 million, subject to annual appropriations- fall under the MOMENTUM suite of projects, which aims to increase the capacity of host-government institutions and local non-governmental organizations to introduce, deliver, scale-up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, high-quality maternal, reproductive, newborn, and child health care and voluntary family planning.

USAID Provides Humanitarian Assistance for the Eruption of Taal Volcano in the Republic of The Philippines

January 22, 2020

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing an initial \$100,000 to support the humanitarian response of the Government of the Philippines to the eruption of Taal Volcano in Batangas Province, which has displaced nearly 112,800 people to nearly 420 evacuation centers since it began on January 12, 2020.

DFID [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Press Releases

[Over £50 million for clean energy projects across Africa](#)

The UK has invested millions in clean technology across Africa, to support the continent's growing energy needs.

From: Department for International Development and 1 others

Updated: 21 January 2020

[International Development Secretary launches new venture to create rich pipeline of infrastructure projects across Africa](#)

The UK is partnering with five African countries to mobilise private sector investment in quality, environmentally-friendly infrastructure projects.

From: Department for International Development and 2 others

Updated: 20 January 2020

[UK aims to be Africa's partner of choice for trade and investment](#)

UK Government supports huge boost to UK investment in Africa, as UK-Africa Investment Summit is held in London.

From: Department for International Development and 1 others

Updated: 20 January 2020

ECHO [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

[EU steps up support for victims of conflict in Nigeria](#)

24/01/2020

As millions of people continue to be affected by the conflict in Nigeria's Lake Chad region, European Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič has announced a first emergency aid package of €26.5 million for 2020 whilst visiting north-east...

[EU humanitarian budget for 2020 to help people in over 80 countries](#)

20/01/2020

Today the Commission adopted its initial annual humanitarian budget for 2020 worth €900 million. The EU is the leading global humanitarian aid donor and helps people in more than 80 countries. From protracted conflicts in Africa and the Middle East...

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African Union [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of Social Press releases

[The Republic of Chad signed the Treaty for the establishment of the AMA](#)

January 24, 2020

The African Medicine Agency [AMA] will regulate the access to safe, effective, good quality and affordable essential medicines and health technologies. AMA will do this through coordination of on-going regulatory systems

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://asean.org/category/news/asean-secretariat-news/>

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Press Releases •

Statement 23 January 2020

[Joint Statement by President von der Leyen, President Michel, President Sassoli ahead of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau](#)

Press release 20 January 2020

[EU humanitarian budget for 2020 to help people in over 80 countries](#)

OECD [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

22-January-2020

[Teenagers' career expectations narrowing to limited range of jobs, OECD PISA report finds](#)

Huge changes to the world of work over the past two decades have made little impact on teenagers' career expectations, which have become more concentrated in fewer occupations, according to a new OECD report

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.oas.org/en/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/>

Selected Press Releases

[OIC welcomes ICJ decision ordering Myanmar to stop genocide against Rohingya](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomes the unanimous decision taken today 23 January 2020 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague to order provisional measures to prevent further acts of genocide against the Rohingya from occurring in Myanmar.
23/01/2020

Group of 77 [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E Ambassador Rudolph Michael Ten-Pow, Permanent Representative of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to the United Nations, Chair of the](#)

[Group of 77, on the Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization, during the 55th Plenary Meeting of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 22 January 2020\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

24 January 2020

[WCO celebrates International Customs Day 2020 and invites Members to foster Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

24 January 2020

[In Davos, DG Azevêdo hears support – and urgency – for WTO reform](#)

Director-General Roberto Azevêdo welcomed the strong support expressed at the World Economic Forum in Davos this week by ministers, heads of state, private sector and labour leaders for ongoing efforts to reform and reinforce the WTO to keep up with changing business realities.

[Joint Statement on E-commerce, Davos meeting](#)

24 January 2020 Speech

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases>

Latest Press Releases

[Order of 23 January 2020 – Request for the indication of provisional measures](#)

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar)

23 January 2020

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar) - The Court indicates provisional measures in order to preserve certain rights claimed by The Gambia for the protection of the Rohingya in Myanmar

[See Week in Review above for detail]

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 25 Jan 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/>

Press Release 23 January 2020 Assembly of States Parties

Statement by the President of the Assembly, O-Gon Kwon reiterating strong support for the ICC on the occasion of the opening of the Judicial Year 2020

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World Bank [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>

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Are We Heading Toward Another Lost Decade for Latin America?

According to World Bank data, between 2000 and 2019, average annual growth in the Latin American and Caribbean region was 1.6%. That level of growth is clearly unacceptable both if we compare it...

Date: January 21, 2020 Type: Opinion

Sand and Dust Storms in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region: Sources, Costs, and Solutions

Dust storms are capable of transporting sediment over thousands of kilometers, but due to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region's proximity to the Sahara Desert, the region is one of the dustiest...

Date: January 19, 2020 Type: Publication

IMF [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.imf.org/en/News/Search?type=News+Article>

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.afdb.org/en>

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Africa-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of No new digest content identified.

British Prime Minister, African leaders urge investors to accelerate economic role on the continent

20-Jan-2020 - UK companies must leap at the chance to deepen economic ties with Africa, a continent with unmatched investment opportunities, several African leaders said at a high-level panel. At an oversubscribed opening ceremony for the 2020 UK-Africa Investment Summit, Monday, attended by dignitaries and delegates from 16 African countries, including President El Sisi of Egypt, British

Prime Minister Boris Johnson made the case for bigger investments in Africa and called for increased and renewed partnership between the UK and Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.aiib.org/en/news-events/news/index.html>

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

News

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news>

News

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[Call for proposals: Grant to apply a results based management approach to enhance project management for rural transformation \(RESOLVE\)](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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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. WE will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelaufaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Zimbabwe

La moitié de la population souffre de la faim

Posté le 17 janvier 2020

Retour sur la situation au Zimbabwe avec Valérie Ceylon, responsable des opérations d'Action contre la Faim en Afrique Australe.

Un nombre record de 45 millions de personnes sont menacées par la faim dans les pays d'Afrique australe en raison de la sécheresse, des inondations et des difficultés économiques dans leur pays, ont alerté jeudi 16 janvier les Nations-Unies. Valérie Ceylon, Directrice Régionale des opérations d'Action contre la Faim, revient avec nous sur la situation au Zimbabwe où l'association est présente depuis 2002...

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.alima-ngo.org/en/press-room>

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.brac.net/#news>

Latest

January 23, 2020

Recapping Financial Inclusion Week 2019

January 23, 2020

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed and the Everyone A Changemaker movement

January 20, 2020

Boat schools: What learning looks like at the last mile in Bangladesh

CARE International [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.drc.dk/news>

NEWS

[Open Letter to Greece's new Minister on Migration and Asylum](#)

In an Open Letter to Mr Notis Mitarakis, who is the new Greek Minister on Migration and Asylum, 17 organisations express concern at the fact that the public health system remains inaccessible to thousands of asylum seekers, migrants and their children.

21.01.20

ECPAT [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.ecpat.net/news>

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://hi.org/en/index>

All news

[30,000 people killed or injured by explosive weapons in 2019](#)

23 January 2020

HI partner organisation Action On Armed Violence (AOAV) releases figures on explosive violence casualties in 2019.

Heifer International [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Addis Ababa: ICRC president urges more respect of IHL by AU member states for effective "Silencing the guns in Africa by 2020"

ICRC President Peter Maurer calls on African states to strengthen their respect of international humanitarian law.

20-01-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/>

Story

Ines: A Legacy of Supporting Refugees

January 23, 2020

Irbid is a city in northern Jordan, located 43 miles north of the capital Amman and only a short drive from the Syrian border. I recently returned from Irbid, where—among other things—International Medical Corps runs a maternity ward, thanks to the support of the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). The facility supports ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Media highlights

Remarks

Welcome to the age of impunity: David Miliband's World Economic Forum speech

January 23, 2020

IRCT [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

News 21 Jan 2020

New issue of the Torture Journal focuses on measuring torture rehabilitation processes and results

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.islamic-relief.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.landes.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Greece

[Greece denies healthcare to seriously ill refugee children on Lesbos](#)

Press Release 23 Jan 2020

Access to medicines

[Our 2020 wishlist - five New Year's resolutions for medical care](#)

Campaign 22 Jan 2020

Access to medicines

[Gavi must ensure more children get new, more affordable pneumonia vaccine](#)

Press Release 21 Jan 2020

:: A new vaccine against one of the world's deadliest childhood diseases – pneumonia – is now available at a more affordable price than existing vaccines.

:: Vaccine funding organisation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, has a \$1.5 billion funding programme for the pneumonia vaccine, of which 80 per cent has already been paid to two pharma giants.

:: MSF urges Gavi – and WHO, UNICEF and the Gates Foundation – to ensure that the remaining amount is spent to ensure access to this third, more affordable, vaccine to protect children.

Operation Smile [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

[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 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.oxfam.org/en/>

Selected News/Announcements

[Oxfam reaction to International Court of Justice decision on Myanmar](#)

23 January 2020

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest news from NRC

Bangladesh|Myanmar | 23. Jan 2020

International court orders protection of Rohingya people

Statement by the Norwegian Refugee Council, Secretary General Jan Egeland, on today's International Court of Justice finding that Myanmar must take action to protect the Rohingya people.

Pact [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

Jan 25, 2020

Training Liberia's Next Generation of Doctors and Nurses

PIH's medical education program in Liberia helps doctors and nurses obtain specialized skills in rural facilities in the southeast region of the country.

Jan 24, 2020

"Now We Have a Family:" The Story of a Children's Home In Haiti

Zanmi Beni was founded as a home for 38 abandoned or orphaned children following the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and today is home to 65 children who have found family in each other.

Jan 21, 2020

Research: Maternal Care Methods Can Save Lives, Reduce Infection Amid Ebola

Lessons from an innovative screening and isolation unit created in Sierra Leone in 2014 could inform maternity care during current outbreaks.

PATH [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/>

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>

23 January 2020 - *Somalia*

Plague of locusts ravages three East African countries as region prepares for another year of hunger

22 January 2020 - *Philippines*

PHILIPPINES: Erupting volcano may leave children homeless for months, warns Save the Children

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/news>

No new digest content identified.

Tostan [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

News

Press Releases

Poland: Restrictive Judiciary Law Sets Dangerous Precedent

January 24, 2020

Poland's new "muzzle law" sets a dangerous precedent for antiliberal politicians in and outside Europe.

Human Rights Watch [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

January 23, 2020

Global: Urgent Action Needed to Meet Education Deadline

(London) – Governments should end all discrimination in children’s access to education and urgently strengthen policies and funding to ensure all children are able to benefit from their right to quality education, Human Rights Watch said today, the International Day of Education.

Europe/Central Asia

January 24, 2020 *Report*

Ukraine: People with Limited Mobility Can’t Access Pensions

Gambia

January 23, 2020 *News Release*

World Court Rules Against Myanmar on Rohingya

Americas

January 22, 2020 *News Release*

Colombia/Venezuela: Armed Groups Control Lives at Border

Transparency International [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

23 Jan 2020

2019 Corruption Perceptions Index shows anti-corruption efforts stagnating in G7 countries

Surveys - More than two-thirds of countries – along with many of the world’s most advanced economies – are stagnating or showing signs of backsliding in their anti-corruption efforts, according to the 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) released today by Transparency International.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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ChildFund Alliance [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://theelders.org/news-media>

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Opinion

The world needs to recognise and respond to this wake up call

24 Jan 2020

The Doomsday Clock shows we are closer to global catastrophe than ever before - this needs to be a wake-up call for the world.

Press release

Doomsday Clock 2020: it is 100 seconds to midnight

23 Jan 2020

Mary Robinson and Ban Ki-moon join experts from the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists for the unveiling of the Doomsday Clock

Speech

To overcome existential threats, we need to re-energise multilateralism

23 Jan 2020

Unveiling the 2020 Doomsday Clock in Washington D.C., Ban Ki-moon urges global leaders to re-energise multilateralism to overcome existential threats facing humanity.

Speech

We are faced by a gathering storm of extinction-level consequences, and time is running out.

23 Jan 2020

Unveiling the 2020 Doomsday Clock in Washington D.C., Mary Robinson calls for an urgent change of mindset to challenge the existential threats facing humanity.

Evidence Aid [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Content

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

24 January 2020

Gavi statement following the death of Peter Salama

23 January 2020

World leaders commit to Gavi's vision to protect the next generation with vaccines

As Gavi celebrates its 20th anniversary at Davos, Germany and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged catalytic support to Gavi, citing remarkable progress since 2000

Davos, 23 January 2020 – Global leaders committed to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance's vision to immunise hundreds of millions of children in the world's poorest countries as they celebrated Gavi's 20th anniversary at the World Economic Forum (WEF), citing remarkable progress since its inception in 2000.

Demonstrating outstanding leadership in global health, Chancellor Angela Merkel announced at WEF that Germany will commit €600 million for the 2021-25 five-year period...

...The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation also announced on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos that it will renew its US\$ 75 million contribution to the Gavi Matching Fund, an innovative

public-private funding mechanism that secures resources to incentivise private sector investments in immunisation...

Global Fund [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>

News & Stories

News

Global Fund Appoints New Head of Technical Advice & Partnerships

24 January 2020

GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria today announced the appointment of Michael Byrne as Head of the Technical Advice & Partnerships Department as the Global Fund strengthens technical expertise in disease teams.

“To step up the fight and most effectively leverage additional funds, we are elevating the capacity of our disease teams to help achieve global targets,” said Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund. “Michael will lead these efforts, and they should make a significant difference in our work with partners to accelerate progress against HIV, TB and malaria.”

Byrne brings 30 years of experience in international development including 13 years at the Global Fund...

News

Global Fund Grant in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

23 January 2020

The Global Fund has reached agreement with partners for a consolidated grant for tuberculosis and malaria in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and implementation of the grant has begun.

Under this grant, the drug-susceptible tuberculosis and malaria component will be implemented by UNICEF and the World Health Organization. The multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) component will be implemented by the Eugene Bell Foundation. With these revised implementation arrangements, the Global Fund is confident that partners can serve more people affected by tuberculosis and malaria, and achieve required levels of assurance that the grant is being implemented effectively.

The agreement was made possible by extensive collaboration by technical and development partners, and by the Government of DPRK. The Global Fund remains committed to supporting the health of people in DPRK, and thanks all partners for their continuous cooperation and collaboration during the grant negotiations.

Voices

Ending Tuberculosis is Good for Business - New Initiative Launched to End Tuberculosis in the Workplace

22 January 2020

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content
No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.3ieimpact.org/>

Publications

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

New website no longer posts press releases or announcements.

Development Initiatives [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

23 January 2020

DI appoints Clarence Edwards as Head of External Relations, US

DI is excited to announce the appointment of Clarence Edwards as Head of External Relations, US – a brand new role within the organisation. Based in Washington DC, he will raise awareness of DI's work and build relationships with key stakeholders in US government, the private sector, foundations, think tanks and civil society organisations.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action [to 25 Jan

2020]

<https://cerahgeneve.ch/events/news/>

CERAH News

"The Humanitarian Exhibition" conference

20.1.2020

From 23-25 January, the University of Geneva, University of Fribourg, University of Manchester and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies organise a three-day conference with the title "The Humanitarian Exhibition".

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.urd.org/en/>

News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.ineesite.org/en/news>

News

[Education Cannot Wait Appoints Two 'Global Champions for Education in Emergencies' on International Day of Education](#)

24 January 2020

Former UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova and former European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides join the global movement to ensure children and youth caught in crises have access to the safety, protection and hope of an education.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://spherestandards.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 25 Jan 2020]
<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>
News and Blog
No new digest content identified.

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Brookings
<http://www.brookings.edu/>
Accessed 25 Jan 2020
Latest Research
U.S. Economy
[Study finds strong continuing support for South Dakota's capping consumer loan rates at 36% interest](#)
Michael Calhoun and Charla Rios
Friday, January 24, 2020

Report
[Trans-Atlantic Scorecard – January 2020](#)
Thursday, January 23, 2020

Health Care Policy
[Georgia's 1332 waiver violates the ACA and cannot lawfully be approved](#)
Christen Linke Young and Jason Levitis
Thursday, January 23, 2020

Economic Development
[Productivity comparisons](#)
Martin Neil Baily, Barry P. Bosworth, and Siddhi Doshi
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Technology & Innovation
[The case for AI transparency requirements](#)
Alex Engler
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 25 Jan 2020]
<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
Publications, News and Events
January 24, 2020
[Bangladesh: Impediments to Enhanced Revenue Mobilization and Equitable and Efficient Spending](#)

Despite remarkable success in terms of growth, poverty reduction, and improvements in other socio-economic indicators, Bangladesh suffers from chronic revenue shortfalls and an extremely low tax/GDP ratio. The overall size of the government is also quite small and inadequate to meet the growing

demand for public services and infrastructure, primarily due to revenue-generating limitations by the country's tax authorities

Ahsan H. Mansur

January 22, 2020

International Taxation and Developing Countries

International tax issues are a concern for both developed and developing countries, with evidence of aggressive tax planning by multinational enterprises (MNEs). MNEs are able to exploit weaknesses in the design of the international tax framework to reduce their tax liabilities.

Peter Mullins

CSIS [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

Civil Society in the North Caucasus

January 24, 2020 This CSIS report examines the state of civil society in the North Caucasus. Although the opportunities for civil society in the region have been curbed by Russian federal laws, nevertheless, civil society is transforming and creating stable, theme-based activist groups.

Report

Signposts of Struggle: Iran's Enduring Protest Movement

January 24, 2020 | Danika Newlee, Seth G. Jones, Joseph S. Bermudez Jr. Though the death of Qasem Soleimani inspired Iranian nationalism in the short term, protests against the regime continue and will likely pose a long-term challenge to Iran's domestic stability—especially if they become more centralized or inspire security force defections.

Report

Twin Pillars: Upholding National Security and National Innovation in Emerging Technologies Governance

January 23, 2020 | Samuel Brannen, Kathleen H. Hicks The 2019 Global Security Forum report assesses the U.S. federal government's approach to emerging technologies governance.

Report

Getting to Less? The Innovation Superiority Strategy

January 23, 2020 | Kathleen H. Hicks, Joseph Federici, Seamus P. Daniels, Rhys McCormick, Lindsey R. Sheppard This is the second CSIS brief in a series called Getting to Less. In this brief, the authors discuss a strategy they have labeled the Innovative Superiority Strategy. The strategy is guided by a focus on achieving enduring American military advantage in the U.S.-China security...

Report

Afghanistan: "Peace" as the Vietnamization of a U.S. Withdrawal?

January 23, 2020 | Anthony H. Cordesman The United States is currently seeking a "peace" process in Afghanistan reminiscent of the "Vietnamization" from the U.S.' withdrawal in the Vietnam War, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

ODI [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Securing climate finance through national development banks

Research reports and studies | January 2020 | Stephany Griffith-Jones, Samantha Attridge and Matthew Gouett

This report examines the role of national development banks in the transition to low-carbon, climate-resilient global growth.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

We're an open and independent new initiative providing data, analysis and intelligence on how to make research systems more strategic, open, diverse and inclusive.

News and Events

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.urban.org/publications>

Publications

Measuring Work Disincentives

The tax code, employee benefits, Social Security, and Medicare reduce the financial gains from working at older ages, discouraging older adults from remaining employed. This report computes the implicit tax on work, which indicates how much employees' financial reward for working falls below compensation paid by employers. Simulations indicate that between ages 60 and 70, the median implicit tax rises from 14.6 percent to 29.9

[Damir Cosic, Richard W. Johnson](#)

January 24, 2020

Research Report

Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, January 2020

The January 2020 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the cash-out share of all refinances, mortgage credit availability across lending channels, debt-to-income ratios for purchase originations, and months of supply. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive

[Laurie Goodman, Alanna McCargo, Edward Golding, Jim Parrott, Sheryl Pardo, Todd M. Hill-Jones, Karan Kaul, Sarah Strochak, John Walsh, Alison Rincon, Caitlin Young](#)

January 24, 2020

Research Report

Measuring Inclusion in Small New England Cities

In this paper, we explore how small, lower-income cities in New England fare on inclusion compared to other small cities across the country. Specifically, we look at cities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island that are eligible for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Working Cities Challenge/Working Communities Challenge (WCC), and cities in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont selected by the Federal Reserve Bank

[Christina Plerhoples Stacy, Brady Meixell](#)

January 23, 2020

Brief

Improving Measures of Housing Insecurity: A Path Forward

This paper summarizes the available measures and data sources for understanding housing insecurity in the United States, including measures of homelessness, housing cost burden, substandard housing, overcrowding and residential instability. It concludes that the housing field needs better measures of housing instability and would benefit from a standard set of measures, and possibly a standardized scale, that could be adapted

[Josh Leopold](#), [Mary K. Cunningham](#), [Lily Posey](#), [Tiffany Manuel](#)

January 23, 2020

Brief

Are Tax Expenditures Worth the Money?

In this report, we evaluate major federal tax expenditures. We distinguish between tax expenditures that are effectively spending programs and those that are departures from a comprehensive income tax but are not essentially spending substitutes. Most major tax expenditures have some policy justification but could be redesigned to better promote policy goals for the same or lower cost. Many smaller tax expenditures that provide

[Frank Sammartino](#), [Eric Toder](#)

January 22, 2020

Research Report

How Did the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Change Tax Expenditures?

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduced tax expenditures but by much less than the Tax Reform Act of 1986, relative to the size of the economy. In this report, we review the major changes from the new law to individual (nonbusiness) and business tax expenditures. The former category includes tax expenditures in the individual income tax except those that apply to business income, while the latter category includes tax

[Frank Sammartino](#), [Eric Toder](#)

January 22, 2020

Brief

Tax Expenditure Basics

Tax expenditures are the revenue losses attributable to special provisions in tax laws that reduce taxes for certain sources or uses of income or for certain groups of taxpayers. They are called tax expenditures because many of them effectively serve the same function as direct spending programs despite operating as tax reductions. In this report we briefly discuss some basic tax expenditure concepts: what they are, the

[Frank Sammartino](#), [Eric Toder](#)

January 22, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>

Press Release

Jan. 24, 2020

TP53 Genetic Variant Found in Individuals of African Descent is Linked to Iron Overload but May Improve Response to Malaria

Iron accumulation and defects in the antibacterial function of macrophages caused by the P47S variant result in a less severe inflammatory response.

Press Release

Jan. 23, 2020

Wistar Joins Global Effort to Expedite Coronavirus Vaccine Development for Outbreak Originating in China

Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations Supports DNA Vaccine Based on Key Wistar Technology.

World Economic Forum [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Media

News 24 Jan 2020

Defining the Decade of Delivery: 50th Annual Meeting Calls for Stakeholder Responsibility

The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting this year celebrated stakeholder responsibility, the very notion on which the Forum was founded 50 years ago

- Stakeholders are acutely focused on their responsibility to take tangible actions to address the world's most pressing environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues
- Transformative investments in sustainable solutions and the green economy will help underwrite the next phase of global growth and prosperity
- There is also a multi-trillion-dollar opportunity to help mobilize investment towards the UN Sustainable development goals (SDGs), particularly in emerging economies
- More than 160 high-impact Lighthouse Projects were profiled at the Annual Meeting, each one of which can be scaled or replicated to improve the state of the world
- The Annual Meeting was climate-neutral for the fourth consecutive year, with a host of new initiatives to boost resource efficiency and further reduce emissions

Governing the Coin: World Economic Forum Announces Global Consortium for Digital Currency Governance

Up to 20 Governance Protocols Created or Piloted to Accelerate Impact in the Fourth Industrial Revolution

World Economic Forum Appoints Two New Members to Board of Trustees

Uncertainty and Instability: The World in Two Words, Says UN Secretary-General

Leaders Lay Out Plans for Safeguarding People and the Planet

News 23 Jan 2020

Dialogue and Cooperation Needed to Address Global Problems, Says Merkel

Self-Service Blockchain Track and Trace Platform for Businesses Launched

[**France Leads Way on Tackling Tax Challenges of Global Digital Economy**](#)

[**Companies Commit to Hardwire Gender Parity into the Future of Work**](#)

[**World Economic Forum and OECD Sign Strategic Partnership Framework**](#)

[**42 Global Organizations Agree on Guiding Principles for Batteries to Power Sustainable Energy Transition**](#)

[**New Internet Security Principles Developed with World Economic Forum to Help Protect up to 1 Billion Users**](#)

News 22 Jan 2020

[**Global Leaders Unite Under the Food Action Alliance to Deliver a Better Future for the People and the Planet**](#)

[**Fifteen Years to Save the Amazon Rainforest from Becoming Savannah**](#)

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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.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/>

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

JANUARY 21, 2020

[**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Statement on Creation of Nonprofit Agricultural Research Institute**](#)

January 21, 2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Blue Meridian Partners [to 25 Jan 2020]

<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.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 25 Jan 2020]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://news.getty.edu/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>

Latest Updates

We depend on well-led and well-managed grantees

Madison Initiative

By Daniel Stid January 24, 2020

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Our News

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Research Jan 22 2020

Unveiling the Biggest and Most Detailed Map of the Fly Brain Yet

Janelia and Google scientists have constructed the most complete map of the fly brain ever created, pinpointing millions of connections between 25,000 neurons. Now, a wiring diagram of the entire brain is within reach.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

January 22, 2020 News Release

KFF Poll: Majority of Americans Say Recent State Abortion Regulations Are Intended to Reduce Access

The latest KFF poll finds most Americans (67%) think recent state-level abortion restrictions are designed to make access to abortion more difficult, rather than protect women's health and safety. These state-level abortion restrictions have become more common in the last several years – with lawmakers arguing that these laws are...

Kellogg Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media>

Selected Announcements

Racial Healing takes center stage at Kennedy Center and across the country

Racial Equity

Jan. 21, 2020

Aga Khan Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

January 9, 2020 | *Perspectives*

Program Directors Reflect on Learnings and Paths Forward

Annually, all of our program Directors reflect on the state of their fields, lessons learned in their work, and new horizons for their programs. Read about each of their perspectives below.

Chicago Commitment

[Looking at the Forest](#) >

Tara Magner

Climate Solutions

[Cooperating with China Is Critical](#) >

Jorgen Thomsen

Criminal Justice

[Forging a New Path on Racial Equity in Local Justice Systems](#) >

Laurie Garduque

Impact Investments

[Making an Impact at the Enterprise Level](#) >

Debra Schwartz

Journalism & Media

[Challenging the 'Master Narrative'](#) >

Kathy Im

MacArthur Fellows

[Supporting Creative Collaborations](#) >

Marlies Carruth

Nuclear Challenges

[Creative Solutions to Nuclear Challenges](#) >

Emma Belcher

On Nigeria

[Taking Stock of Efforts to Ensure Accountability and Transparency in Nigeria](#) >

Kole Shettima & Erin Sines

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom>

Press release January 23, 2020

George Soros Launches Global Network to Transform Higher Education

Open Society Founder and Chair gifts \$1 billion to newly launched Open Society University Network
[See Week in Review above for detail]

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

News

Packard Foundation Names Nancy Lindborg as President and CEO

January 21, 2020

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation's Board of Trustees today announced the selection of Nancy Lindborg as the Foundation's new president and CEO. Lindborg is a recognized leader on issues of democracy, civil society, peacebuilding, and humanitarian response, and brings extensive experience leading public service organizations and government agencies that work on the world's most complex problems. Lindborg will lead the 55-year-old family foundation in its commitment to advance the lives of children, families, and communities, and restore and protect the planet...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Website under site maintenance at inquiry

Rockefeller Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

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

The Latest

Data.org: Our Renewed Commitment to Building the Field of Data Science for Social Impact

Zia Khan Senior Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation

... Fortunately, the MasterCard Center for Inclusive Growth shares our vision to mobilize data for good. Last year we launched the Data Science for Social Impact Collaborative. This \$50-million investment over five years was intended to build the field of data science through a transformational model of collaborative philanthropy – one designed to ensure data science generates wealth and well-being for all rather than only the few. We invested in organizations like DataKind, Benefits Data Trust, and Community Solutions to help them scale their impact through data science...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/>

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 25 Jan 2020]

<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 digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://sloan.org/about/press>

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 25 Jan 2020]

<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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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

February 2020 Volume 48, Issue 2, p123-238

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

February 2020 Volume 58, Issue 2, p165-312

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

Research Articles

Gaps in Sexual Assault Health Care Among Homeless Young Adults

Diane M. Santa Maria, Khara Breeden, Stacy A. Drake, Sarah C. Narendorf, Anamika Barman-Adhikari, Robin Petering, Hsun-Ta Hsu, Jama Shelton, Kristin Ferguson-Colvin, Kimberly Bender

p191-198

Published online: December 16, 2019

American Journal of Public Health

February 2020 11(2)

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 101, Issue 6, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/101/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

21 January 2020 Vol: 172, Issue 2_Supplement

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

Better Is Possible: The American College of Physicians' Vision for the U.S. Health Care System

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Latest Issue: Issue 372 - December 2019
<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation
<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>
(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health
January 2020 - Volume 5 - 1
<https://gh.bmjjournals.org/content/5/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>
(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Infectious Diseases
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>
(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>
(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)
Debate

[**Legal and ethical framework for global health information and biospecimen exchange - an international perspective**](#)
The progress of electronic health technologies and biobanks holds enormous promise for efficient research. Evidence shows that studies based on sharing and secondary use of data/samples have the potential to significantly advance medical knowledge. However, sharing of such resources for international collaboration is hampered by the lack of clarity about ethical and legal requirements for transfer of data and samples across international borders.

Authors: Lara Bernasconi, Selçuk Şen, Luca Angerame, Apolo P. Balyegisawa, Damien Hong Yew Hui, Maximilian Hotter, Chung Y. Hsu, Tatsuya Ito, Francisca Jörger, Wolfgang Krassnitzer, Adam T. Phillips, Rui Li, Louise Stockley, Fabian Tay, Charlotte von Heijne Widlund, Ming Wan...
Content type: Debate
21 January 2020

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)

Research Article

The research burden of randomized controlled trial participation: a systematic thematic synthesis of qualitative evidence

Participation in randomized controlled trials (RCTs) may be quite demanding and could represent an important burden for patients. We aimed to explore this research burden (i.e., the psychological, physical, an...

Authors: Nivantha Naidoo, Van Thu Nguyen, Philippe Ravaud, Bridget Young, Philippe Amiel, Daniel Schanté, Mike Clarke and Isabelle Boutron

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:6

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 January 2020

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)

Strengthening routine immunization in Papua New Guinea: a cross-sectional provincial assessment of front-line services

Routine immunization programs face many challenges in settings such as Papua New Guinea with dispersed rural populations, rugged geography and limited resources for transport and health. Low routine coverage c...

Authors: Christopher J. Morgan, Olga P. M. Saweri, Nicholas Larame, Elizabeth Peach, Pele Melepis, Lucy Au, Michelle J. L. Scoullar, Mohammad Salim Reza, Lisa M. Vallely, Barbara I. McPake and James G. Beeson

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:100

Content type: Research article

Published on: 23 January 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 25 Jan 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

January 2020 - Volume 10 - 1

<http://bmjopen.bmjjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 98, Number 1, January 2020, 1-76

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/1/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 46, Issue 1 Pages: 1-153 January 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

December 2019 Volume 41, Issue 12, p2461-2680

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 6, December 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 89 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/89/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 2, Issue 6 / December 2019

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/2/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 7, Issue 4, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/7/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

February 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 1

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currrenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 19, Issue 4 Pages: 187-247 December 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 8, 2019

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 38, Issue 1 Pages: 1-158 January 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 1, 2020

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idd/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 13 - Issue 5-6 - December 2019

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 44, Issue 1 Pages: 1-232 January 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 21 Issue 1 7 January 2020

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

<https://bmcemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 26, Number 2—February 2020

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

Perspective

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus Transmission [\[PDF - 442 KB - 8 pages\]](#)

M. E. Killerby et al.

Synopses

Public Health Program for Decreasing Risk for Ebola Virus Disease Resurgence from Survivors of the 2013–2016 Outbreak, Guinea [\[PDF - 493 KB - 6 pages\]](#)

M. Keita et al.

Epidemics

Volume 29 December 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/29/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 148 - 2020

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 42, Issue 1 Pages: 1-40 January–February 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Off-Trial Access :: Deception :: Crowdsourced Research :: Single IRBs

Articles

Oversight of Right-to-Try and Expanded Access Requests for Off-Trial Access to Investigational Drugs

Carolyn Riley Chapman, Jared Eckman, Alison S. Bateman-House

Pages: 2-13

First Published: 22 January 2020

Crowdsourced Research: Vulnerability, Autonomy, and Exploitation

Adrian Kwek

Pages: 22-35

First Published: 22 January 2020

Ethics & International Affairs

Fall 2019 (Issue 33.3) | September 2019

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/fall-2019-issue-33-3/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 30, Issue 1, February 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/1>

Health policy

Cost-effectiveness of public health interventions against human influenza pandemics in France: a methodological contribution from the FLURESP European Commission project

Ariel Beresniak, Caterina Rizzo, John Oxford, Paweł Goryński, Adriana Pistol ...

Eur J Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 1, February 2020, Pages 43–49,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckz074>

Individual preferences for voluntary vs. mandatory vaccination policies: an experimental analysis

Nicolas W Meier, Robert Böhm, Lars Korn, Cornelia Betsch

Eur J Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 1, February 2020, Pages 50–55,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckz181>

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 90 January 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/90/suppl/C>

Research article Full text access

Galvanizing political commitment in the UN Decade of Action for Nutrition: Assessing commitment in member-countries of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

Patrizia Fracassi, Kendra Siekmans, Phillip Baker

Article 101788

Food Security

Volume 11, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/11/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 62 October 2019

<https://www.fmreview.org/return/contents>

Return: voluntary, safe, dignified and durable?

Voluntary return in safety and with dignity has long been a core tenet of the international refugee regime. In the 23 articles on 'Return' in this issue of FMR, authors explore various obstacles to achieving sustainable return, discuss the need to guard against premature or forced return, and debate

the assumptions and perceptions that influence policy and practice. This issue also includes a mini-feature on 'Towards understanding and addressing the root causes of displacement'.

[23 articles on special issue theme; 7 general articles]

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 3

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Gates Open Research

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 12, Issue 1, March 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/12/1>

Review Article

Geological or Cultural Heritage? The Ex Situ Scientific Collections as a Remnant of Nature and Culture

Scientific heritage, here analysed in its subdivisions of geological and palaeontological heritage, is recognized by its embedded values in scientific collections. More specifically, ex situ scientific collections are remnants of nature and, as such, are sometimes considered geological heritage or elements of cultural heritage, depending on the perception of the researchers on geological heritage. They are a powerful resource for education, promoting creativity and social coherence.

Jéssica Tarine Moitinho de Lima, Ismar de Souza Carvalho

Original Article

The Role of UNESCO Global Geoparks in Promoting Geosciences Education for Sustainability

Following the establishment in 2000 of the first geoparks, the role of UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGps) in geoscience education for sustainability needs to be characterized and understood. This is particularly relevant because education is one of the three main pillars of UGGps. In fact, UNESCO Global Geoparks are excellent opportunities to assist schools as outdoor classrooms and to be incubators of sustainable development, sustainable lifestyles, the appreciation of natural and cultural diversity, and the promotion of peace. For these reasons, UGGps are also effective strategies for the promotion of the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030).

Maria Manuela Catana, José B. Brilha

Global Health Action

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/12/sup1?nav=tocList>

[No new digest content identified]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 7, No. 4 December 23, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 1

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 1 January 2020

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>

Patient Costs, Bundled Payment & More

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 21, Issue 2, December 2019

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-21-issue-2-december-2019/>

Special Section: Abortion in the Middle East and North Africa**Special Section: Abortion Law Reform****Special Section: Human Rights for Health across the United Nations**

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 15 - Issue 1 - January 2020

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 34, Issue Supplement_3, December 2019

https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/34/Supplement_3

Access to Medicines through Health Systems in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

A scoping review of the uses and institutionalisation of knowledge for health policy in low- and middle-income countries

There is growing interest in how different forms of knowledge can strengthen policy-making in low- and middle-income country (LMIC) health systems. Additionally, health policy and systems researchers are incre...

Authors: Adam D. Koon, Lauren Windmeyer, Maryam Bigdeli, Jodi Charles, Fadi El Jardali, Jesse Uneke and Sara Bennett

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2020 18:7

Content type: Review

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 31, Issue 1-2 / January 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/1-2>

Editorials Free Access

2020: Gene Therapy Enters Its Fourth Decade

Terence R. Flotte and Guangping Gao

Published Online: 21 Jan 2020

Human gene therapy burst onto the scene in 1990, with the first therapeutic gene transfer attempted for patients with severe combined immune deficiency due to adenosine deaminase deficiency. The pioneering steps of the 1990s led to early evidence of clinical efficacy in the 2000s and a number of gene therapy products approved by the Food and Drug Administration and European Medicines Agency in the 2010s. As clinical gene therapy enters its fourth decade, the 2020s, it is appropriate to take stock of gains that the field has enjoyed and to discuss continued limitations of this crucial set of platform technologies.

Gene therapy originated as a concept when Theodore Friedmann and Richard Roblin published a seminal paper in *Science* in 1972, indicating clearly that all of the elements were present to deliver genes into human cells with the necessary transcriptional promoter and polyadenylation signals required for an mRNA to be expressed and subsequently translated into a therapeutic protein.¹ Friedmann anticipated that for monogenic disorders, particularly autosomal recessive Mendelian disorders, this could prevent or reverse the phenotypic manifestations of a disease.

In the decades that followed, the concept of hijacking the mechanisms that viruses have evolved to deliver genes into human cells became a reality, first in eukaryotic cells, then in animals, and finally in patients. This pathway was reproduced with several viral vector classes: gammaretroviruses (RV), adenoviruses (Ad), adeno-associated viruses (AAV), herpes simplex viruses (HSV), lentiviruses (LV), and a few others. Additional advances in understanding the basic biology of life, such as the discovery

of RNA interference as a mechanism to downregulate gene expression and the CRISPR-Cas system as a means of editing genes, have opened new avenues for the design of gene therapeutics. Meanwhile, more breakthroughs in studying stem-cell biology, particularly with regard to hematopoietic stem cells and in cancer immunotherapy, have provided highly effective platforms for ex vivo gene therapy.

Opportunities and Challenges

As we enter a new decade, the field of gene therapy is faced with unprecedented opportunities, along with certain persistent challenges and even some potential serious risks. The opportunities that are nearest at hand include those in gene silencing, gene editing, RNA editing, base editing, and prime editing. The last two of these, both developed in David Liu's lab, are cutting-edge adaptations of CRISPR-mediated RNA guidance, in which the Cas-sgRNA complex directs the genome sequence specificity and is combined with additional enzymatic functions either to change nucleotide bases by deamination² or to rewrite them by reverse transcription.³ In the next few years, each of these new molecular mechanisms will be tested in various applications in molecular medicine, including cells, animals, and patients. Those efforts will help to create a more complete picture of how well each modality works in terms of efficiency and safety.

Limitations of current and future gene therapy technologies are bound to linger for several years. One of the most acute limitations is still the availability of large-scale, low-cost manufacturing capacity for gene therapy vectors. The specifics of this limitation include the necessity for further understanding viral vector replication and packaging biology and producer cell biology, and the complexity of the upstream cell-based manufacturing platform, which often begins with transfection of adherent cells in culture. While stable packaging lines exist for some vector types, this is not true of all right now, and the adaptation of manufacturing cell lines to suspension to microcarriers or higher complexity substrates requires ongoing engineering efforts. Parallel issues associated with downstream effective separation of empty from full viral particles and purification of vectors are also a major focus of current efforts. While each of these issues is addressable, they will require significant time, effort, and energy.

Another intrinsic limitation of current systems is that of delivery to large or difficult to access target cell populations within the body. For gene therapy to the central nervous system, most vectors still cross the blood-brain barrier poorly, and there are other barriers to broad dissemination of vectors via either direct injection into the brain parenchyma or into the cerebrospinal fluid. Finally, managing innate and adaptive immunity to transgene products and vector components remains a very significant challenge to the field.

Future Steps

Our community should be cautioned that underlying these challenges are several important risks that the field may face in the next decade. In the current commercial environment, there is an imperative to get new therapies to the clinic as quickly as possible and to push forward toward investment-driven milestones with determined haste. This can be productive when the gene therapy designs (vector, route, and dose) are sound. However, the imperative to move forward quickly must not lead to undue risk taking in the clinic.

One example of this has been the recent desire to escalate intravenous doses of rAAV9 vectors in clinical trials for muscular dystrophies. "Pushing the envelope" with this non-enveloped virus has apparently led to a new toxicity from complement activation, which was potentially predictable from nonhuman primate and piglet preclinical data.⁴ While expanding the clinical application of gene therapy is highly desirable (and has been a career-long focus of ours), this must continue to be done prudently

by investigators experienced with both the vectors and the disease states being treated, which sometimes can interact in unpredictable ways.

In spite of these cautions, we are incredibly optimistic as gene therapy enters its fourth decade. The continual advancement of technologies for gene silencing and gene editing and the true maturation of synthetic biology have enabled gene therapy to enter its own Golden Age. We are indeed fortunate to be part of this field at this amazing time.

In our exuberance about the success of the field, we must never forget for whom this work is being done—our patients. As long as we keep the welfare of the patients who are to be the recipients of gene therapy at the center of our will and purpose, we will not fail in this noble endeavor.

Reviews Free

Public Acceptability of Gene Therapy and Gene Editing for Human Use: A Systematic Review

Juliette Delhove, Ivana Osenk, Ivanka Prichard, and Martin Donnelley

Pages:20–46

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<https://doi.org/10.1089/hum.2019.197>

Abstract

Gene therapy and gene editing technologies are complex and it can be difficult for the public to understand their possible benefits or side effects. However, patient and public support is critical for the successful adoption of any new technology. Given the recent advances in gene therapy and gene editing, their potential clinical benefits, and the significant attention that has been given to the first-known successful attempt at permanent and heritable changes to the human genome, a systematic review was performed to assess beliefs and attitudes toward gene therapy and gene editing for human use, and to highlight the factors that influence acceptability. A systematic search following Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses (PRISMA) guidelines was undertaken in April 2018 to identify articles examining opinions and attitudes regarding the acceptability of gene therapy and gene editing. Overall, 1,561 records were retrieved from 4 databases (Ovid Medline, PsycINFO, Scopus, and Web of Science). Duplicates were removed, and titles and abstracts independently screened, leaving 86 full-text articles assessed for eligibility. Following full-text review, 33 were included, with 5 articles added after forward/backward searching. An additional three articles were added following an updated search in March 2019 (total n=41). Findings from the studies were integrated according to common themes: the impact of demographics; risks versus benefits of success; treatment specifics (e.g., medical vs. other reasons; disease severity and status; somatic vs. germ line; and mode of delivery); moral or ethical issues; and changes with time. In general, perceptions were positive, particularly for medical reasons and fatal diseases, but were also influenced by perceived risk. Somatic therapies had higher levels of acceptability than germ line therapies. While available in various forms, limitations exist in the measurement of perceptions of gene therapy and gene editing. Treatment acceptability is essential for future clinical trials, so it is important for scientists and clinicians to be clear about the risks and benefits of these technologies, and how these are communicated to the public, while encouraging education about genetic therapies to a broad range of individuals.

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 41, Number 4, November 2019

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/41088>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 75, May 2019

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/making-humanitarian-action-work-for-women-and-girls/>

Special Feature: Making humanitarian action work for women and girls

by HPN May 2019

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Women Deliver, is making humanitarian action work for women and girls. Despite gains, including commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit, there is still much to be done to address the gendered impacts of humanitarian crises and improve gender-sensitive humanitarian action.

In the lead article, Jacqueline Paul advocates for feminist humanitarian action based on evidence that improvements in women's socio-economic status can reduce excess mortality among women after shocks. Jean Kemitare, Juliet Were and Jennate Eoomkham look at the role of local women's rights organisations in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls, and Marcy Hersh and Diana Abou Abbas highlight opportunities for more concrete action on sexual and reproductive health in emergencies.

Citing experience from Vanuatu, Jane Newnham explains how women will choose to use contraceptives even during a humanitarian response, when services and counselling are delivered in an appropriate and responsive way. Drawing on experience in Bangladesh, Tamara Fetters and colleagues challenge the belief that abortion is a non-essential service, or too complicated for humanitarian actors to provide. Darcy Ataman, Shannon Johnson, Justin Cikuru and Jaime Cundy reflect on an innovative programme using music therapy to help survivors of trauma.

Emilie Rees Smith, Emma Symonds and Lauryn Oates highlight lessons from the STAGE education programme in Afghanistan, and Degan Ali and Deqa Saleh outline how African Development Solutions is helping women and girls take on leadership and decision-making roles in Somalia. Fiona Samuels and Taveeshi Gupta explore patterns of suicide among young people in Vietnam, with a particular focus on girls, and Subhashni Raj, Brigitte Laboukly and Shantony Moli illustrate the importance of a gendered approach to community-based disaster risk reduction in the South-West Pacific. Nicola Jones, Workneh Yadete and Kate Pincock draw on research in Ethiopia to explore the gender- and age-specific vulnerabilities of adolescents. The edition ends with an article by Julie Rialet-Cislahi on how humanitarian responses can better address child marriage.

Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics (formerly Human Vaccines)

Volume 15, Issue 12, 2019

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/khvi20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

<http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>

[Accessed 25 Jan 2020]

Crowdsourcing in health and medical research: a systematic review

Authors: Cheng Wang, Larry Han, Gabriella Stein, Suzanne Day, Cedric Bien-Gund, Allison Mathews, Jason J. Ong, Pei-Zhen Zhao, Shu-Fang Wei, Jennifer Walker, Roger Chou, Amy Lee, Angela Chen, Barry Bayus and Joseph D. Tucker

Content type: Scoping Review

20 January 2020

International Health

Volume 12, Issue 1, January 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/1>

Review Article

Effectiveness of birthing kits for clean childbirth: a systematic review

Zohra S Lassi, Zeshi Fisher, Prabha Andraweera, Alexandra Cummins, Claire T Roberts

Int Health, Volume 12, Issue 1, January 2020, Pages 3–10, <https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihz022>

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 8 (2019): Issue 2 (Nov 2019)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/8/2/hrlr.8.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 7, No 1 (2020) January 2020

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/58>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 41 December 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/41/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

Disaster risk and elderly in the Asia-Pacific region

Ho Ting Wong, Cheuk Wing Chau, Yingqi Guo, Sonia Ming Jiu Chiou

Article 101278

Research article Abstract only

Managing the impacts of drought: The role of cultural beliefs in small-scale farmers' responses to drought in Gaza Province, southern Mozambique

Daniela Salite, Samuel Poskitt

Article 101298

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 48, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/48/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 26, Issue 1 2020

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

Anticipating Loss: Rethinking Endangerment in Heritage Futures

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 5

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/12/iss/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

January 2020 Volume 90, p1-242

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(19\)X0019-3](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(19)X0019-3)

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Volume 53 Issue 4, December 2019

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrx/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

July-December 2019 Volume 17 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 117-318

<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

Special issue on the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of Rohingya refugees

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

January 21, 2020, Vol 323, No. 3, Pages 203-288

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

JAMA Pediatrics

January 2020, Vol 174, No. 1, Pages 1-108

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Edited by Lara Maritan, Caterina Previato, Filippo Lorenzoni

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Edited by Caglar Ozden, David McKenzie, Hillel Rapoport

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Volume 14 Issue 5, December 2019

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Volume 30, Number 4, November 2019, Supplement

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Editor's Choice

[Eradicating Measles: A Call for an Exceptional Coordinated Global Effort](#)

David N Durrheim, Jon K Andrus, Günter Pfaff, Shahina Tabassum, Hyam Bashour ...

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[The Double-Edged Sword of Military Response to Societal Disruptions: A Systematic Review of the Evidence for Military Personnel as Pathogen Transmitters](#)

Juliana N Zemke, Jose L Sanchez, Junxiong Pang, Gregory C Gray

J Infect Dis, Volume 220, Issue 12, 15 December 2019, Pages 1873–1884,

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Editorial

Doctors and civil disobedience

The Lancet

Viewpoint

Should health professionals participate in civil disobedience in response to the climate change health emergency?

Hayley Bennett, Alexandra Macmillan, Rhys Jones, Alison Blaiklock, John McMillan

Climate change is a global health emergency and a growing ethical crisis, and well planned climate action brings opportunities to improve health, equity, and human rights. In the face of continued inaction, citizens are turning to civil disobedience to persuade governments to act more urgently. Civil disobedience is public, non-violent action in breach of the law, which is aimed at changing the law or policies of the government. Such action is an act of conscience, and participants accept possible punishment. Health professionals are beginning to advocate for and participate in these actions. Several movements for social change have taken civil disobedience action, but participation by health workers in their professional capacity could involve risks, and relatively little has been written to assist decision making about whether to participate. In this Viewpoint, we apply a framework to guide decision making by considering whether climate change justifies civil disobedience by health professionals as part of our duty of care. The framework comes from a western ethics paradigm, and we acknowledge that many people who relate to this paradigm are relatively protected from early climate–health effects. This protection is not the case for many other people, especially those in climate-vulnerable countries and Indigenous communities. Nonetheless, the framework includes principles that are common currency for health professionals

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Enhanced visual effects, like animation, have the potential to improve comprehension of probabilistic risk information, particularly for those with lower health literacy
Ashley J. Houston, Geetanjali R. Kamath, Therese B. Bevers, Scott B. Cantor, Nickell Dixon, Andre Hite, Michael A. Kallen, Viola B. Leal, Liang Li, Robert J. Volk
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Editorial | 21 January 2020
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Vigilance, preparedness, speed, transparency and global coordination are now crucial to stopping a new infectious disease from becoming a global emergency.

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[**Vaccination of Infants with Meningococcal Group B Vaccine \(4CMenB\) in England S.N. Ladhani and Others**](#)

[**Meningococcal B Vaccine and Meningococcal Carriage in Adolescents in Australia H.S. Marshall and Others**](#)

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[**Choosing a Mass Immunization Program against Meningococcal B K. Wu, E.K. Mulholland, and K.M. Edwards**](#)

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Volume 49 Issue 1, February 2020
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[Towards a bottom-up understanding of antimicrobial use and resistance on the farm: A knowledge, attitudes, and practices survey across livestock systems in five African countries](#)

Mark A. Caudell, Alejandro Dorado-Garcia, Suzanne Eckford, Chris Creese, Denis K. Byarugaba, Kofi Afakye, Tamara Chansa-Kabali, Folorunso O. Fasina, Emmanuel Kabali, Stella Kiambi, Tabitha Kimani, Geoffrey Mainda, Peter E. Mangesho, Francis Chimpangu, Kululeko Dube, Bashiru Boi Kikimoto, Eric Koka, Tendai Mugara, Bachana Rubegwa, Samuel Swiswa
Research Article | published 24 Jan 2020 PLOS ONE
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Young women's reproductive health conversations: Roles of maternal figures and clinical practices

Nicole K. Richards, Elizabeth Crockett, Christopher P. Morley, Brooke A. Levandowski
Research Article | published 23 Jan 2020 PLOS ONE
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Fieldwork-based determination of design priorities for point-of-use drinking water quality sensors for use in resource-limited environments

Michael S. Bono Jr., Sydney Beasley, Emily Hanhauser, A. John Hart, Rohit Karnik, Chintan Vaishnav
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The impact of unifying agricultural wholesale markets on prices and farmers' profitability

Retsef Levi, Manoj Rajan, Somya Singhvi, and Yanchong Zheng
PNAS first published January 21, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1906854117>

Significance

To improve smallholder farmers' welfare, several governments have led reforms in improving market access for these farmers through online agri-platforms. This paper empirically evaluates the impact of such a reform—the Unified Market Platform (UMP) in Karnataka, India—on market prices and farmers' profitability. The analysis shows an average 5.1%, 3.6%, and 3.5% increase in the modal prices of paddy, groundnut, and maize due to UMP. However, the analysis also indicates a lack of statistically significant impact on the modal prices of cotton, green gram, and tur. We provide evidence that commodities with a significant price increase differ from those without systemic features related to logistical challenges, bidding efficiency, in-market concentration, and the price discovery process used.

Universals and variations in moral decisions made in 42 countries by 70,000 participants

Edmond Awad, Sohan Dsouza, Azim Shariff, Iyad Rahwan, and Jean-François Bonnefon
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Significance

We report the largest cross-cultural study of moral preferences in sacrificial dilemmas, that is, the circumstances under which people find it acceptable to sacrifice one life to save several. On the basis of 70,000 responses to three dilemmas, collected in 10 languages and 42 countries, we document a universal qualitative pattern of preferences together with substantial country-level variations in the strength of these preferences. In particular, we document a strong association between low relational mobility (where people are more cautious about not alienating their current social partners) and the

tendency to reject sacrifices for the greater good—which may be explained by the positive social signal sent by such a rejection. We make our dataset publicly available for researchers.

Abstract

When do people find it acceptable to sacrifice one life to save many? Cross-cultural studies suggested a complex pattern of universals and variations in the way people approach this question, but data were often based on small samples from a small number of countries outside of the Western world. Here we analyze responses to three sacrificial dilemmas by 70,000 participants in 10 languages and 42 countries. In every country, the three dilemmas displayed the same qualitative ordering of sacrifice acceptability, suggesting that this ordering is best explained by basic cognitive processes rather than cultural norms. The quantitative acceptability of each sacrifice, however, showed substantial country-level variations. We show that low relational mobility (where people are more cautious about not alienating their current social partners) is strongly associated with the rejection of sacrifices for the greater good (especially for Eastern countries), which may be explained by the signaling value of this rejection. We make our dataset fully available as a public resource for researchers studying universals and variations in human morality.

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

Volume 34 - Issue 6 - December 2019

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/preventive-medicine/vol/130/suppl/C>

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[A comprehensive reproductive health program for vulnerable adolescent girls](#)

Reproductive health of vulnerable adolescent girls is a top priority in global programs. Alcohol consumption, drug abuse, high risk sexual behaviors, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual assault, escape from ...

Authors: Razieh Pourkazemi, Mojgan Janighorban, Zahra Boroumandfar and Firoozeh Mostafavi
Citation: Reproductive Health 2020 17:13
Content type: Study protocol
Published on: 23 January 2020

[Non-communicable diseases and reproductive health in sub-Saharan Africa: bridging the policy-implementation gaps](#)

Authors: Sanni Yaya, K. Srikanth Reddy, José M. Belizán and Verónica Pingray
Citation: Reproductive Health 2020 17:8
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Volume 40, Issue 1 Pages: 1-214 January 2020

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<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

Original Research

Pharmacovigilance Perception and Knowledge Among Pharmacists and Interns in Saudi Arabia

Alshayban D, Mahmoud MA, Islam MA, Alshammari S, Alsulaiman D

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy 2020, 13:55-61

Published Date: 24 January 2020

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24 January 2020 Vol 367, Issue 6476

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

Policy Forum

Overhaul environmental risk assessment for pesticides

By C. J. Topping, A. Aldrich, P. Berny

Science 24 Jan 2020 : 360-363 Restricted Access

Align regulation with environmental reality and policy

Science Translational Medicine

22 January 2020 Vol 12, Issue 527

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<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Winter 2020 Volume 18, Number 1
https://ssir.org/issue/winter_2020#

Creating lasting social change often requires changing public attitude, not just public policy. Take the movements for marriage equality and against smoking in the United States, for example. Learn the six-step framework that others have used to successfully change public opinion in the cover article "Aspirational Communication" in the Winter 2020 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

Systematic Reviews

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Torture Journal

2019 Volume 29 - No.3
<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/143>

This issue of the Torture Journal takes its focus on measuring torture rehabilitation processes and results. Scientific contributions on this subject include a measurement of rehabilitation outcomes with an instrument designed at the Marjorie Kovler Center in Chicago; a validation study examining diagnoses of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) in refugee and torture survivor populations; and a study of gender-based violence in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

The issue also comprises an applied perspective on organizational development in torture rehabilitation programs and two letters to the editor addressing involvement of medical personnel in torture in Syria and a response to the concept of psychological torture.

Finally, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Lisa Henry, and Chief Executive Officer of STARTTS Centre in Australia, Jorge Aroche, provide an open letter to the Torture Journal readers and a celebratory text of STARTTS' 30th anniversary respectively.

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 21 Issue 1, January 2020
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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

Volume 32 November–December 2019
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Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

<https://unchronicle.un.org/>

New Technologies: Where To?

This issue focuses on new technologies and their potential benefits for humanity as well as their expanding use in advancing the 2030 Agenda. It explores the promise of our digital age, while posing important questions about where these technologies are leading us, and how their misuse could also lead to increased inequality and conflict.

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Vaccines — Open Access Journal

<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/vaccines>

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Open Access Commentary

Sustainable Crop Protection, Global Climate Change, Food Security and Safety—Plant Immunity at the Crossroads

by Marcello Iriti and Sara Vitalini

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Abstract

The development of novel strategies of plant disease management is crucial in view of the growing demand of sustainability in agri-food chains. The use of agrochemicals is not without risk for the consumer and environment in terms of their residues in food, feed, water bodies and harmful effects on nontarget organisms. However, because of the high global annual yield losses attributable to plant diseases and also due to global climate changes that have exacerbated some phytosanitary emergencies, chemical input in agriculture is mandatory. In this complex scenario, the use of agrochemicals that boost the plant immune system represents a relatively novel approach in crop protection. These plant protection products are not antimicrobial or fungicidal agents, but include both natural and synthetic elicitors and plant activators that only target the host immune system, with no biocide mechanism of action. In general, these products present a number of strengths: they leave no residue and should not select resistant pathogen strains, they can be used to control virus diseases, and can increase the levels of bioactive phytochemicals in plant food

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 14, Issue 4, 2019

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

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World Heritage Review

World Heritage n°93 - November 2019

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Special Issue - The Silk Roads

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