

Sources and Resources

The United Nations hosts a website which includes general information about the United Nations system, structure and mission. Access to databases, statistics, documents, news and press releases is also available at:
<http://www.un.org/>

Since 1990, The United Nations held a series of international conferences and summits. The World Summit for Social Development Declaration and Programme of Action and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action are available on-line at:

<http://socialwatch.org/>

In January 2000, the United Nations Population Division and the Dep. of Economic and Social Affairs launched the publication *Charting the Progress of Populations*. The report provides information on 12 key socio-economic indicators related to the goals of the conferences.

For orders or request for more information on the report please contact:

e-mail: population@un.org
<http://www.undp.org/popin/>

ECA

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
For more information about ECA, contact:
Communication Team Economic Commission for Africa

e-mail: ecainfo@uneca.org
<http://www.uneca.org/>

ESCAP

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
The United Nations Building

e-mail: webmaster@unescap.org
<http://www.unescap.org/>

ECLAC

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Publications for sale may be obtained directly from: Unidad de Distribución/Distribution Unit
e-mail: publications@eclac.org

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

FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The International Conference on Financing for Development will be held in Mexico in the first quarter of 2002 at the highest political level, including at the Summit level. The conference will consider *national, international and systemic issues relating to financing for development in a holistic manner in the context*

of globalisation and interdependence. The conference will provide an historic opportunity to address development through the perspective of finance, as well as the mobilization of financial resources for the full implementation of the action plans agreed to at major United Nations conferences of the 1990s. It is an initiative promoted by the United Nations in collaboration with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Trade Organization (WTO), to find innovative ways to address the many issues affecting the financing of development.

Find more info at:

<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>

ILO

Since its creation in 1919, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has always attached particular importance to its standard-setting activities. Its 174 Conventions, and 181 Recommendations cover areas that include basic human rights, employment, social policy, labour relations, labour administration, working conditions and social protection.

For further information, please contact:

e-mail: bibl@ilo.org
<http://www.ilo.org/public/>

NGLS

The United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) is an unit that specialises in development education and information work on North-South development issues that facilitate dialogue and co-operation between development NGOs and the UN.

They publish newsletters and other documents that can be requested from their offices:

UN-NGLS
e-mail: ngls@un.org , ngls@undp.org
<http://ngls.tad.ch>

OECD

Since "there is a pressing need for an agreed system for tracking progress in achieving the basic development objectives, and also to avoid adding to reporting burdens on partner countries", a working set of core indicators was worked out by the DAC (Development Assistance Committee of the OECD). An initial collection of those indicators is now available on the Internet at:

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

To order publications please contact:

sales@oecd.org

A joint report signed by the heads of the OECD, the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations titled *A Better World for All* report was launched in June 2000 in Geneva.

See the report on-line at:

<http://www.paris21.org/betterworld>

DAW

Grounded in the vision of equality of the United Nations Charter, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), as part of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations Secretariat, advocates the improvement of the status of the women of the world and the achievement of their equality with men. It aims to ensure the participation of women as equal partners with men in all aspects of human endeavor. It promotes women as equal participants and beneficiaries of sustainable development, peace and security, governance and human rights. It strives to stimulate the mainstreaming of a gender perspective both within and outside the United Nations system.

United Nations

Division for the Advancement of Women

e-mail: daw@un.org

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw>

UNDP

Since 1990, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has annually published a *Human Development Report* which contains the Human Development Index (HDI). The HDI attempts to measure the relative socio-economic progress of nations.

Human Development Report 2001 looks at human rights as an intrinsic part of development—and at development as a means to realizing human rights. It shows how human rights bring principles of accountability and social justice to the process of human development.

More information on the *HDR* at:

<http://www.undp.org/hdro/HDR2000.html>

Distributions and Sales:

United Nations Publications

New York, New York 10017

USA

Much of the UNDP's public information, as well as UN conference documents are available at:

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

UN Division for Social Policy and Development

The main objective of the Division for Social Policy and Development is to maximize the effectiveness of the United Nations in contributing to the creation of an international community that enables the building of secure, just, free and harmonious societies offering opportunities and higher standards of living for all. Key activities of the Division relate to the implementation of the

Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development.

For further information:

United Nations

Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Division for Social Policy and Development

e-mail: langmore@un.org

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/dspd.htm>

UNICEF

The Children's Summit, held in New York in 1990, yielded an impressive action programme with very concrete objectives to improve the position of children in developing countries. UNICEF publishes annual reports on the progress made by each country in implementing the agreements.

The report *The State of the World's Children 2001* details the daily lives of parents and other caregivers who are striving – in the face of war, poverty and the HIV/AIDS epidemic – to protect the rights and meet the needs of these young children. The report can be requested from:

UNICEF House

e-mail: addresses@unicef.org

It also can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.unicef.org/sowc01/>

UNICEF also publishes a yearly report named: *The Progress of Nations*, which ranks the nations of the world according to their performance in child health, nutrition, education, family planning, and progress for women.

UNIFEM

UNIFEM promotes women's empowerment and gender equality. It works to ensure the participation of women in all levels of development planning and practice, and acts as a catalyst within the UN system, supporting efforts that link the needs and concerns of women to all critical issues on the national, regional and global agendas.

United Nations Development Fund for Women

e-mail: unifem@undp.org

<http://www.unifem.undp.org/>

UNRISD

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) is an independent research agency subsidised by governments, development organisations and other organisations. The institute carries out research, publishes studies, and organises seminars on a broad range of social problems in developing countries, e.g. on: "how development policies and processes of economic, social and environmental

change affect different social groups". (UNRISD: 30 years of research for Social Development, 1993)

UNRISD has set up an e-mail distribution list through which messages including information on what is new on the Web site as well as other news from the Institute are distributed.

UNRISD Reference Centre

e-mail: info@unrisd.org

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

WOMEN WATCH

WomenWatch is a joint UN project to create a core Internet space on global women's issues. It was created to monitor the results of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995.

It was founded in March 1997 by the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

e-mail: womenwatch@un.org

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

WORLD BANK

The World Bank publishes annually its World Development Report.

According to the World Bank's latest *World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty* major reductions in poverty are possible but achieving these will require a more comprehensive approach that directly addresses the needs of poor people in three important areas: opportunity, empowerment, and security.

The new study - the World Bank's most detailed ever investigation of global poverty - adds that economic growth is crucial but often not sufficient to create conditions in which the world's poorest people can improve their lives.

The report is available on-line at:

<http://www.worldbank.org/wdr>

To order the book contact:

books@worldbank.org

Information about specific Bank projects or Bank policies can be requested from:

The World Bank

e-mail: pic@worldbank.org

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

SOME GLOBAL NGO RESOURCES

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL is "a world-wide movement of people acting on the conviction that governments must not deny individuals their basic human rights". AI's yearly country by country report is available from:

Amnesty International Publications

e-mail: info@amnesty.org.uk

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

ATD Fourth World is an international non-governmental organisation dedicated to overcoming extreme poverty. Its goal is to explore all possibilities of partnership with families living in chronic poverty and to encourage more private citizens and public officials to join this effort.

e-mail: information@atd-fourthworld.org

<http://www.atd-quartmonde.org>

CLADEM (Comité de América Latina y el Caribe para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer) is a feminist network of women NGOs from Latin America and the Caribbean aiming at joining efforts to achieve and effective defense of women's rights in the region.

e-mail: cladem@chavin.rcp.net.pe

<http://www.derechos.org/cladem/>

CIDSE is an alliance of 16 Catholic development organisations from Europe, North America and New Zealand. Since 1968, CIDSE member organisations share a common strategy on development projects and programmes, development education and advocacy.

Secretariat:

e-mail: postmaster@cidse.be

DAWN (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era) aims at spotting the causes of gender, class and race inequalities, through research, analysis, education and international relations, and works towards the building of alternative views and strategies.

For further information please contact:

e-mail: dawn@is.com.fj

<http://www.dawn.org.fj>

Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice A project of Canadian churches working together for a just, moral and sustainable "economy of hope".

e-mail: ecej@accessv.com

EURODAD (European Network on Debt and Development) is a network of NGOs in 16 European countries. It aims to coordinate the activities of NGOs working on the issues of Third World debt, structural adjustment, and financial markets in order to ensure that their views be brought to bear on decision-makers in Europe, the Bretton Woods Institutions and other relevant players.

e-mail: eurodad@agoronet.be
<http://www.oneworld.org/eurodad>

EUROSTEP (European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People) is a network of 22 major NGOs from 15 European countries and collectively work in around 100 countries. Eurostep was established in 1990 to coordinate activities of its members at the European level.
e-mail: admin@eurostep.org
<http://www.oneworld.org/eurostep/>

The *Human Rights in Developing Countries Yearbook*, compiled by human rights institutes in Norway, Austria, the Netherlands, and Sweden, reports annually on the human rights (including social and economic rights) situation in a number of developing countries with which an aid relationship exists. The reports are developed by researchers who carry out their studies in the country in question. These reports provide valuable factual information about social economic development.

Edited by: Peter Baehr, Hilde Hey, Jacqueline Smith, Theresa Swinehart. Published by Kluwer Law International, The Hague/London/Boston.

e-mail: sales@kli.wkap.nl
<http://www.law.uu.nl/english/sim/yb/>

The **Human Rights Watch** is an independent, nongovernmental organization, supported by contributions from private individuals and foundations worldwide.

e-mail: hrwdc@hrw.org
<http://www.hrw.org/>

To order Human Rights Watch's publications please contact: mingesp@hrw.org

ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) is a Confederation of national trade union centres, each of which links together the trade unions of that particular country. Membership is open to bona fide trade union organisations, that are independent of outside influence, and have a democratic structure

e-mail: internetpo@icftu.org
<http://www.icftu.org/>

The International Council for Social Welfare (ICSW) is an international non governmental organisation operating throughout the world for the cause of social welfare, social justice and social development. It publishes *Social Development Review* which focuses on the monitoring of governmental and non-

governmental action referred to the World Summit on Social Development.

More information may be obtained from:
ICSW General Secretariat
e-mail: icsw@icsw.org
<http://www.icsw.org/>

The Institute for Development Studies (IDS) is an internationally renowned centre for research and teaching on development, established in 1966. IDS also hosts many innovative information and knowledge management services.
e-mail ids@ids.ac.uk
<http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids>

Inter Press Service (IPS) is an international NGO which promotes a new global communication strategy by increasing two-way communication as the key to widening democratic participation in social action. IPS' independent global news wire carries news, features and special services on a variety of development issues.

e-mail: ipsrom@gn.apc.org, online@ips.org
<http://www.ips.org/>

JUBILEE + is a programme of the New Economics Foundation, London, building on the achievements of Jubilee 2000 UK, and providing support to economic justice campaigns worldwide.

e-mail info.jubilee@neweconomics.org
<http://www.jubileeplus.org/>

Mani Tese is a non governmental development organization operating at national and international level to further justice, solidarity and respect among peoples.

e-mail info@manitese.it
<http://www.manitese.it/>

NGONET is an information service for NGOs on global negotiation processes. It distributes document collections on the major recent UN conferences in diskettes and makes information available on-line through the APC networks and the Internet:

e-mail: ngonet@chasque.apc.org
<http://www.chasque.apc.org/ngonet;>
www.choike.org

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) is Britain's leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues.

e-mail: odi@odi.org.uk
<http://www.oneworld.org/odi>

Oxfam International founded in 1995, is an international group of 11 autonomous non-governmental organisations. Member organizations are of diverse cultures, history, and language, but share the commitment to working for an end to the waste and injustice of poverty - both in longer-

term development work and in times of urgent humanitarian need.

Oxfam International Secretariat
e-mail: information@oxfaminternational.org
<http://www.oxfaminternational.org>

Oxfam International Advocacy
e-mail: advocacy@oxfaminternational.org
<http://www.oxfaminternational.org>

'**The Reality of Aid**' is an independent review of international aid. This report is published annually by ICVA, Eurostep and Action Aid. NGOs from 21 OECD countries work together to provide a detailed appraisal of current aid levels, recent changes in aid policies, and the prospects for the future. Country by country they look at the quality of aid.

The Reality Aid Report 2001 Failing to deliver on poverty and equity wants to do a modest reality check -to begin addressing some key questions in a way that will highlight the limitations on aid - whilst pointing to ways in which a reformed aid regime could become a catalyst for wider change.

e-mail: roa@devinit.org
<http://www.realityofaid.org>

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e-mail: earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk
<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/>

REPEM (Women's Popular Education Network) is a Latinamerican and Caribbean regional network aiming at strengthening strategic links on gender, education and economy. Among its activities, the network monitors the Copenhagen Summit, Hamburg and Beijing Conferences.

e-mail: repem@chasque.apc.org

SAPRIN is a worldwide network of civil society organizations challenging the imposition of structural adjustment programs (SAPs). The Network is working with citizens' groups in 12-15 countries to organize public processes to determine the real impact of World Bank-and IMF-supported economic-reform programs and to chart a new course for the future. It is collaborating with the Bank and governments in 8-10 countries (SAPRI) and with parliamentarians and various institutions elsewhere. The Network contends that structural adjustment programs have had disastrous consequences for the large majority of citizens in the 80-plus countries in which they have been implemented.

e-mail: dgap@igc.org
<http://www.igc.org/dgap/saprin>

The **SUNS, South-North Development Monitor** is a daily feature service monitoring international

negotiations from Geneva. NGONET and the Third World Network released a CD-ROM containing all the documents published by South-North Development Monitor SUNS, from 1982 up to date with regard to all the GATT Uruguay Round and its follow-up, including the WTO and the MAI.

The design will allow the user a quick search by issues, by chronological order, as well as by keywords or phrases (up to 186 words). In a parallel process, an Internet site is being developed, which will make the cd-rom a daily updated newspaper.

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Chakravarti Raghavan

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NGONET-ITEM

e-mail: ngonet@chasque.apc.org

Third World Network is an independent non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, the Third World and North-South issues.

Its objectives are to conduct research on economic, social and environmental issues pertaining to the South; to publish books and magazines; to organize and participate in seminars; and to provide a platform representing broadly Southern interests and perspectives at international fora such as the UN conferences and processes.

Its recent and current activities include: the publication of the daily *SUNS (South - North Development Monitor)* bulletin from Geneva, Switzerland, the fortnightly *Third World Economics* and the monthly *Third World Resurgence*; the publication of Third World Network Features; the publication of books on environment and economic issues; the organizing of various seminars and workshops

They can be ordered from TWN's secretariat:

e-mail: twn@igc.apc.org;

twnpen@twn.po.my

<http://www.twinside.org.sg/>

Third World Network-Latin America publishes the monthly magazine *Revista del Sur* and the fortnightly *Tercer Mundo Económica*.

Red del Tercer Mundo

e-mail: redtm@chasque.apc.org

TWN features are available electronically through the APC networks in the conference

<twn.features>, and in Spanish in the conference

<redtm.analysis>. Through the Internet, they can be found at:

<http://www.redtercermundo.org.uy/>

TWN-Africa publishes *African Agenda*:

e-mail: twnafrica@ghana.com

TOBIN TAX

The Tobin Tax is a proposal to tax currency transactions on foreign exchange markets, through multilateral cooperation, and to utilize the revenue for basic environmental and human needs. Such a tax will tame currency market volatility and restore national economic sovereignty. (The name Tobin Tax derives from James Tobin, a Nobel-laureate economist at Yale University.)

Some relevant links:

Halifax Initiative

e-mail: halifax@web.net

<http://www.web.net/halifax/>

Tobin Tax Initiative

CEED/IIRP

e-mail: cecilr@humboldt1.com

<http://www.ceedweb.org/iirp/>

WEDO (The Women's Environment and Development Organisation)

is a global organization actively working to increase women's visibility, roles and leadership in public policy-making through peace, gender, human rights, environmental and economic justice campaigns; through advocacy nationally, regionally, at the United Nations and in international financial institutions; and through local actions.

E-mail: wedo@wedo.org

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

World Guide 2001-2002 is a reference book updated every two years including the history, maps and statistics from all the countries and regions of the world. The last edition contains an assessment of the 21st century with regard to the main global issues from the social development and environmental viewpoint.

The printed version is available in Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian. The CD-ROM includes the Social Watch national reports as well as the Amnesty national reports, both in English and Spanish. The on-line publication available through its Website includes the book and a weekly update in Spanish.

CD-ROM and web edition is also available in Danish.

For further information please contact:

e-mail: guiatm@chasque.apc.org

<http://www.guiadelmundo.org.uy/>

World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches, now 337 in more than 120 countries in all continents from virtually all Christian traditions

e-mail: info@wcc-coe.org

<http://www.wcc-coe.org/>

World Social Forum

Under the slogan "Another world is possible", the World Social Forum aims at becoming a new international arena for the consideration of alternatives to prioritize human development and the separation of the markets in each country and in the international relationships by all those who are opposed to the neoliberal policies.

The first Forum took place in January, Porto Alegre (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil).

The World Social Forum Initiative aspires to take place every year during the same period as the World Economic Forum, which happens in Davos Switzerland, at the end of January

See further information at:

<http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br>

WTO Watch is a global information center on trade, the WTO, and sustainable development issues. It also provides multimedia resources. See more info at:

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

WorldWatch Institute is a nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to informing policymakers and the general public about emerging global problems and trends, and the complex links between the world economy and its environmental support systems. It publishes *The State of the World 2001*.

From the thinning of the Arctic sea ice to the invasion of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, *State of the World 2001* shows how the economic boom of the last decade has damaged natural systems. The increasingly visible evidence of environmental deterioration is only the tip of a much more dangerous problem: the growing inequities in wealth and income between countries within countries, inequities that will generate enormous social unrest and pressure for change

e-mail: worldwatch@worldwatch.org

The *State of the World 2001* Report is available on-line at:

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

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