

United Nations

Subject Research Guide

Background Information

Contained within this document are selected resources at the Monmouth University Library, useful for locating information on the United Nations. For additional resources, search the Library catalog (<http://library.monmouth.edu/>) or call the reference desk at 732.571.3438.

Reference Books

- REF JZ4970 .B37 2004 *Basic Facts about the United Nations*
- REF HA17 .D45 *Demographic Yearbook*
Also online at
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb2.htm>
- REF JX 1977 A37 E93x *Everyman's United Nations: A Complete Handbook of the Activities and Evolution of the United Nations During its First Twenty Years, 1945-1965*
- REF KZ4968 .M66 2008 *Encyclopedia of the United Nations*
- REF KZ4968 .O84 2003 *The Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Agreements, 4 vols.*
- REF JZ4970 .O93 2009 *Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*
- HA12.5 .U63 *Statistical Yearbook*
Also online at:
<http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/STATISTICS/478cda572.html>

- REF JX 1977.2 .N5 U55 *United Nations Handbook*
- REF JZ4970 .U658 2008 *United Nations Today*
- US Documents S 1.70/8:2003 *United States Participation in the UN: A Report by the President to the Congress*
Also online: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS61841> or
<http://www.state.gov/p/io/rls/rpt/index.htm>
- REF JX1977 A37 Y4 *Yearbook of the United Nations*
Also online: <http://unyearbook.un.org/>

Web Resources

GENERAL INFORMATION

United Nations Home Page: <http://www.un.org/>

Entry point for information about the United Nations, including the General Assembly, the Security Council and other Main Bodies, Official Publications, Member States, as well as areas of UN concern such as economic and social development, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and international law.

UN General Assembly: <http://www.un.org/ga/>

Main deliberative body of the UN composed of representatives from each member state. Documents for the current session are available by section.

UN Security Council: <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Responsible for international peace, the SC is composed of 5 permanent (China, France, Russia, UK and US) and 10 elected members.

UN Documentation Centre: <http://www.un.org/documents/>

Browse for documents produced by the main organs of the UN, the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Secretariat, and the International Court of Justice.

Official Document System (ODS): <http://documents.un.org/welcome.asp?language=E>

Repository and retrieval system for full text to most Masthead documents and all Official Records since 1993. *Global Search* uses Google search engine.

UNBISnet: <http://unbisnet.un.org/>

Online catalog for the UN Dag Hammarskjold Library. Contains bibliographic records for UN and non-UN documents. Use this resource to search or browse for Voting Records and Speeches by Delegates. Links to online documents in official languages are provided where available.

UN Pulse: <http://unhq-appspub-01.un.org/lib/dhlrefweblog.nsf>

Recently released UN online information, major reports, publications and documents.

United Nations Documentation: Research Guide: <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/>

The Guide presents an overview of the types of documents and publications issued by the UN and explains the symbol system used to classify UN documents.

United Nations System of Organizations: <http://www.unsystem.org/>

The official website locator for the UN.

United States Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/p/io/rls/rpt/index.htm>

Links to *Voting Practices in the United Nations* and *United States Participation in the United Nations*.

STATISTICS

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

Website for the UN body responsible for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistical information. Access online versions of *Demographic Yearbook* and *Statistical Yearbook*.

UNData: <http://data.un.org/>

An entry point for accessing UN databases arranged by subject. Users may access and download data from multiple UN and international sources by browsing or through keyword search.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intltemID=1888&lang=1>

UNCTAD releases statistics on international trade, foreign direct investment, commodities, etc.; emphasis on developing countries and globalization.

CURRENT INFORMATION

CyberSchoolBus: <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/>

The UN teaching and learning project contains resources such as InfoNation, Countries at A Glance, UN News Centre, and UN Webcast.

Global Policy Forum: <http://www.globalpolicy.org/>

Global Policy Forum is a non-profit, independent organization that monitors policy making at the United Nations.

Journal of the United Nations: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf>

This publication provides a daily calendar of meetings, a summary of previous day's meetings, forthcoming events, and a daily list of documents.

UN Chronicle: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/>

Quarterly publication contains news and feature articles about UN agencies and activities. Also available in Academic Search Complete and Proquest Central.

UN News Centre: <http://www.un.org/News/>

Current news and events.

Databases

Use **Research Databases** (<http://library.monmouth.edu/researchdb/researchdb.php>) on the Library's web pages to access articles in newspapers, magazines, trade publications, and scholarly journals. Keyword search terms: *United Nations, human rights, globalization, environment, peace keeping*, names of countries or delegates.

Academic Search Complete: Multi-subject database.

CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online is a source for theory and research, and includes working papers, proceedings from conferences, books, journals, and policy briefs.

CQ Weekly: Non-partisan news, information, and analysis of national government. Search for "United Nations" to retrieve relevant material.

CQ Researcher: Comprehensive, in-depth reports on relevant issues that include background, timelines, pro and con statements, and references.

Lexis Nexis Academic: Full-text, world newspapers, including *NY Times, Times* (London), *Le Monde* (Paris), and the *Economist* which cover UN activities.

Points of View: This database is a good starting point for researching the United Nations. It provides background, history, and links to periodical literature.

Proquest Central: Multi-subject database.

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