

Summary

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UN / UN Secretary-General's Message on World Environment Day

In his message on World Environment Day and in the view of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development scheduled for June 2012 Ban Ki-moon notes that a lot has been achieved recently with millions of people rising from poverty while at the same time the progress has come at a cost to our planet. He emphasizes that, despite facing such global problems as climate change, biodiversity loss and desertification, progress in addressing environmental challenges has been slow and calls to take into account all three pillars of sustainable development – social, economic and environmental.

UNIC / A Peacekeeper of the Future

On 2 June, the UN Information Centre in Moscow organized a roundtable discussion dedicated to the International Day of UN Peacekeepers with the participation of Assistant Secretary-General for the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Dmitry Titov, as a guest speaker.

UNICEF / Child Friendly Cities in Russia

RIA Novosti, UNICEF and the Interregional Association for Education Statistics and Monitoring carried out a unique survey 'Child Friendly Cities in Russia'. Sixteen cities – members of the European Network of Child Friendly Cities – took part in the survey. They were assessed on the basis of three indicators: opportunities for development, healthcare, and safety.

OHCHR / Adapting the Measures of Juvenile Justice in Russia to the International Standards

On 21 April 2011, an expert round table discussion 'Adapting the UN Manual for the Measurement of Juvenile Justice Indicators for Russia' was held in the Russian Academy of Justice. The Russian version of this document was published on the OHCHR initiative and with the support of UNICEF and UNODC, as well as Russian partners. The main goal of the workshop was to review the possibilities for implementation of these indicators in practice in the Russian legal system.

UNDP / Chernobyl: Return to Normal Life

On 26 April 2011 the world commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. The International Chernobyl Research and Information Network (ICRIN) in cooperation with the UN agencies held a workshop for journalists dedicated to challenges the affected areas are facing today. In Russia, these are the Bryansk, Kaluga, Tula and Oryol regions. In the framework of the ICRIN project implemented by UNDP residents of these areas receive updated information about the affected territories and potential risks, as well as educational services through a network of computer centers.

UNHCR / Statelessness and the Role of UNHCR

Today statelessness is a global problem affecting about 12 million people worldwide. In 2011, the Refugee agency marks the 60th anniversary of the UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50th anniversary of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. An estimated number of stateless in Russia is 50,000 comprising mostly of immigrants from former Soviet republics. The UN Refugee Agency supports Russian authorities in working with these people.

UNESCO / Prevention Education for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

On 19-20 April, a Regional Prevention Education Conference was held in Almaty. Participants from ten countries gathered to share experience in improvement of HIV prevention and reproductive health education effectiveness. They confirmed the leading role of education in primary HIV prevention and the need to ensure zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

UNESCO / On the Way Towards a School of the Future

On 26-27 April, Kazan hosted an international conference 'ICTs and Quality of Education: UNESCO ASPnet On the Way Towards a School of the Future' organized by the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education and its partners.