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Final push for milestone event to finance development

With only two weeks to go, preparations have been stepped up considerably for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Addis Ababa. “I urge you to keep in mind that Addis presents a historic opportunity – one that we cannot afford to miss,” said Conference Secretary-General Wu Hongbo as the final session of negotiations kicked off mid-June with the goal to complete the outcome document ahead of the Conference.



Watch UNTV video clip with Mr. Wu: <http://bit.ly/1g7BBVH>

“There are a number of proposals and ideas on the table that are truly transformative”, Mr. Wu continued. “They should meet the high hopes and expectations that we all have [...] We need to ensure an ambitious and meaningful Conference outcome for the future of the people and planet,” he stressed.

“Your challenging task is to formulate a holistic financing framework for sustainable development that is commensurate in ambition and scope with the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs,” Mr. Wu added. “Only then will the Addis Conference put us on a path to success for the summit in New York in September and for COP 21 in Paris in December.”

Unlocking investments for global good



people’s lives.

With the right financing and the right policies, we can achieve our aspirations to end extreme poverty by 2030. The event in the Ethiopian capital kicking off on 13 July is all about mobilizing the means to make the difference in

And resources are needed. Estimates of annual investment requirements in for example infrastructure — water, agriculture, telecoms, power, transport, buildings, industrial and forestry sectors — amount to \$5 to \$7 trillion globally. UNCTAD has

also estimated that the total investment needs in developing countries amounts to \$3.3-4.5 trillion annually, with current investment at \$1.4 trillion implying an investment gap of \$1.9-3.1 trillion per year.

Yet, the real issue is not the lack of resources. The knowledge and money to finance sustainable development do exist. The main challenge is to channel these resources to areas and sectors of greatest need to improve people's wellbeing. All actors must take their responsibility and rise to the challenge.

All sources of finance will be required. "We are really trying to encourage all the donor countries, both in the OECD and outside, to take a very serious look at what they've been doing in providing official development assistance and trying to scale up their efforts to meet their commitments as early as possible," Mr. Wu said in a UNTV interview ahead of the Conference. "Recently, we have noticed that the European Union has committed itself again to the 0.7 per cent target [of the GNI], and this is very positive."

In addition to ODA (Official Development Assistance), the need for private, domestic and international sources of finance has also been stressed. But money alone will not be sufficient. "Trade, debt, governance, capacity building, technology, and innovation are also part of the package to be adopted in Addis Ababa," Mr. Wu explained.

Commitments platform launched



Ahead of the Conference, an online platform has been launched encouraging governments, organizations, businesses and other stakeholders to register voluntary commitments and initiatives to help unlock and secure resources for global good.

The [platform](#) is accessible via the Conference website and it aims to capture all commitments to be announced in the lead up to and at the Conference itself, including during side events and other fora. The submissions will be published on the website of the Conference on a rolling basis.

By registering new initiatives and commitments publicly, the hope is that the visibility and predictability of the implementation of the Conference outcome document will increase. It will further allow

all stakeholders to coordinate their efforts and forge new partnerships.

Busy conference schedule in Ethiopian capital



Intense days await in the Ethiopian capital when the event kicks off on 13 July and runs through 16 July. Bringing together world leaders, the Conference aims to launch a renewed and strengthened global partnership to finance people-centered sustainable development and to ensure that resources go where they are needed most to promote economic prosperity and improve health, education and employment opportunities while protecting the environment.

The event will gather a great number of Heads of State and Government, Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. In addition, it will bring together a large number of high-level UN officials along with representatives from the World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP, as well as civil society and the business sector. All in all, some 7,000 participants are expected to descend in Addis Ababa to participate in the Conference.

In addition to the official programme, including plenary meetings and roundtable discussions, the Conference will feature international civil society and business forums, as well as more than 200 side events. To follow the event remotely, UNTV will broadcast most of the sessions live (except side events) and news stories from the event will also be made available via the UN News Centre and on DESA's website.

Before departing for Addis Ababa, Mr. Wu will provide further updates on this milestone event at a press briefing scheduled for 7 July at UN Headquarters. This briefing will be broadcast live via UN Webcast.

The full length UNTV video interview with Mr. Wu will be available shortly on the website of UN Web TV (see the link provided below).

For more information:

[Third International Conference on Financing for Development](#)

[VIDEO: What are the key deliverables in Addis?](#)

[UN Web TV](#)

[UN DESA's website](#)

[UN News Centre](#)

[2015 – Time for Global Action](#)

Final MDG report evaluates most successful anti-poverty movement in history

The UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have been hailed as the most successful anti-poverty movement in history. On 6 July, the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will officially launch the final report of the MDGs, summarizing the progress and highlighting the achievements of this monumental effort over the last 15 years. The report will also pinpoint areas that require further attention through the post-2015 development agenda.



Global push accelerated development progress

Evidence shows that the global Goals worked. They galvanized the entire global community to address the most pressing issues at the beginning of the Millennium, centered in lifting people from extreme poverty and improving the lives of those most disadvantaged. “The MDG experience provides compelling evidence that the international community can be mobilized to confront complex challenges. Governments, civil society and a wide range of international actors coalesced behind the MDGs in a multi-front battle against poverty and disease,” said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

They served as a framework for local, national, regional and global monitoring of development progress resulting in remarkable gains. In many parts of the world, especially in the poorest countries, the

MDGs helped accelerate progress to improve the lives of millions. Their importance has been paramount for development.

For fifteen years, the global community and national governments have worked extensively in an effort to end poverty and hunger, eliminate inequalities, improve education, reduce child and maternal mortality, stem the tide of environmental degradation, reduce the rise of diseases and forge global partnerships. Remarkable gains have been made in the reduction of extreme poverty, increasing primary education access in the developing regions, ensuring gender parity in schools, improving health and disease outcomes and access to improved sources of water.



MDGs measured the world

The collection and analysis of data through the MDGs has served as a solid foundation to build decisions at local, national and regional levels, benefiting future development. Measurement of development over more than a decade has highlighted the challenges many countries face in gathering information needed for policy decisions. In order to build a cadre of available data for policy makers for sustainable development, sustainable statistics will be necessary.

“The MDGs have been incredibly important for statistics, launching tremendous efforts to build capacity worldwide for data collection and use in policy making, monitoring and evaluation. This work will be crucial to tackle the challenges yet to come for the monitoring of an even broader development agenda,” said Stefan Schweinfest, Director of UN DESA’s Statistics Division. The final MDG report highlights the importance of data for development and advances in data collection and monitoring due to the MDGs. The report also identifies what needs to be done to meet the data demands for the post-2015 development agenda.

Final assessment and foundation for the post-2015 development agenda

As the MDGs are reaching their deadline, there is reason to celebrate the successes of the global alliance that emerged in 2000 aiming to ensure a better world. While 2015 is vastly different than the start of the Millennium, the development issues enshrined in the MDGs remain integral to ensuring healthy, prosperous lives for many throughout the world. They have not lost their importance even as we grapple with new

contexts and challenges in today's world. This is why they will remain important beyond the expiration date at the end of 2015. The successes and shortfalls in this historic movement will form a solid foundation for the following development agenda.

The post-2015 development agenda will benefit from the lessons learned throughout the MDG experience. A new development period will focus on where we've left off after 15 years of worldwide efforts and the new challenges at the forefront of the global agenda. "We have the know-how and the means to address these challenges. These are universal challenges. They demand new heights of multilateral action based on evidence and built on shared values, principles, and priorities for a common destiny," said Mr. Ban.

Without a doubt, the MDGs have shown that improvements and substantial gains can be made when the global community sets aspirational priorities. The final MDG report highlights the achievements made through this historic effort, culminating in the improvement of the lives of millions.

Stay tuned for the launch event which will take place on Monday 6 July at 10:15 am EDT. The launch will be broadcast live via [UN Web TV](#).

For more information:

[UN Millennium Development Goals](#)

[The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015 \(will be available on 6 July\)](#)

United Nations rewards most innovative public service initiatives

After a week-long event, the UN Public Service Forum culminated with the UN Public Service Award Ceremony honoring 22 institutions from 18 countries. "By addressing the underlying needs of their population like education, healthcare and a safe and sustainable environment, these initiatives will act as catalysts and unleash the dreams of their citizens to channel their true potential," said Lenni Montiel, UN DESA's Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development as he acknowledged the winners.



"The awards highlight many innovations that help to provide better services to citizens everywhere in the world and improve people's lives," said Mr. Wu Hongbo, UN DESA's Under-Secretary-General ahead of the event. "It provides an international platform to showcase some of the best examples of effective public governance."

The celebration of the winning institutions, honored with the United Nations Public Service Award for providing innovative public services at the Award Ceremony, was preceded by the UN Public Service Forum and Day, taking place in Medellin, Colombia, from 22 to 26 June. The theme of the forum was "Innovating service delivery to implement the post-2015 development agenda".

Rewarding a wide range of projects worldwide



This year, the UN has awarded institutions that are working across diverse fields. Despite working in different sectors, "...these institutions have demonstrated a strong commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability and

participatory governance", said Mr. Montiel at the Awards Ceremony.

Various initiatives worldwide were honored, ranging from projects providing easier access to health services for high-risk pregnancies in Thailand to poor marginalized populations in Indonesia, or promoting gender equality in Spain or France, to providing education to youth with special needs in the Philippines. Other examples of awardees include projects to improve access to sanitary toilets in India, providing solar energy to poor households in the Republic of Korea, monitoring and governing temporary settlements for displaced people in Turkey, and creating housing units in Ethiopia.

First-place winners include institutions from Kenya, India, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Spain, Singapore, Thailand, Estonia, Ecuador and United Arab Emirates. Second-place winners include institutions from Ethiopia, Indonesia, Philippines, Brazil, Latvia, Thailand and France.

Better cooperation and government capacity

The aim of the Forum is to promote international and regional cooperation by providing government officials and other stakeholders an opportunity to exchange good practices, experiences and lessons learned through networking.

It also helps to build the capacity of governments, particularly in developing and Least Developed Countries, to anticipate and respond in innovative ways to the challenges posed by the implementation of the new development agenda.

An estimated 800 participants from all over the world have attend the Forum this year, including Ministers, senior government officials, and representatives from civil society, academia, and the private sector, as well as international and regional organizations. The Forum was organized around plenary sessions, as well as parallel capacity development workshops with several roundtable discussions, and other events including an Expert Group Meeting, exhibitions and study visits.

The Forum and Awards were hosted by the Government of the Republic of Colombia and organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in partnership with UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

On 23 June, the UN Public Service Day was also celebrated. "On this Public Service Day, I thank all public servants for their daily efforts to make a difference. I also call upon young people everywhere to consider dedicating themselves to the noble cause of public service as we strive to build a future of dignity of all", Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his message for the day.

For more information:

[UN Public Service Forum, Day and Award Ceremony](#)

Global Dialogue on Development

Building on MDGs progress towards new development agenda



The High-level Segment of ECOSOC will take place from 6 to 10 July at UN Headquarters in New York. With 2015 as the MDG target date, the event will address the significance and impact of the MDGs and look forward to the unified, universal and

integrated post-2015 development agenda, to be adopted in September, with poverty eradication and sustainable as its core objectives.

The High-level Segment will include the ministerial portion of the high-level political forum (HLPF) on sustainable development, under the auspices of the Council, on 6-8 July, and the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) of ECOSOC on 9-10 July.

Ministerial Segment of the HLPF (6 – 8 July)

The Ministerial segment of the HLPF will address the challenges to realizing a transformative agenda, with its work organized around the theme, “Strengthening integration, implementation and review – the HLPF after 2015”. The first morning will be dedicated to taking stock of the discussions during the previous five days. Time will also be devoted to reflect on new and emerging issues.

Annual Ministerial Review (9 – 10 July)

The Annual Ministerial Review will focus on the 2015 ECOSOC theme, “Managing the transition from the MDGs to the sustainable development goals: what it will take”.

The meeting will feature high-level keynote addresses in the afternoon of Wednesday, 8 July. The interactive sessions that follow on 9 and 10 July will include: (i) lessons learned from the MDGs for the future; (ii) analysis of the headwinds in the global economy with the international trade and financial institutions; (iii) approaches to the transition at the regional level; and (iv) a thematic discussion on the role of institutions in implementing the

post-2015 development agenda. Reports of the Secretary-General on the ECOSOC main theme and the theme of the thematic discussion were prepared in support of the deliberations.

The AMR will also include a review of implementation of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, giving a particular focus to LDCs and their specific needs for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. The High-level Segment will also feature the AMR National Voluntary Presentations. Four countries – Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Philippines and Zambia – will make voluntary presentations on their progress in implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs, and the transition to the SDGs.

For more information:

[United Nations Economic and Social Council](#)

Choosing cooperatives, choosing equality



Equality counts among the six guiding values for cooperative enterprises and it will take centre stage at the International Day of Cooperatives this year, as DSPD Focal Point on Cooperatives in partnership with the

Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC) will organize a panel discussion on “Choose cooperatives, choose equality” on 8 July at UN Headquarters in New York.

Cooperative enterprises also have a “one member, one vote” system, which ensures that decision making powers are equally shared among their members. Being people-centred enterprises, cooperatives focus on the needs of their members and of the communities in which they operate, rather than on financial returns alone.

2015 represents an important year for equality. In terms of gender equality and women’s empowerment, 2015 marks 20 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action for gender equality and women’s empowerment.

This year will also see the adoption of a post-2015 development agenda by UN Member States, in order to take up the work begun by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The proposed agenda currently contains seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including specific goals to achieve gender equality and reduce inequality within and among countries.

For more information: [International Day of Cooperatives](#)

Trends and Analysis

Global ageing and the data revolution



Population ageing has profound implications for many facets of human life. An ageing population will affect everything from economies, labor markets to health and social care. This prospect requires a better understanding of the implications and

possibilities posed by population ageing as well as the situation of older persons themselves. While the older population is growing at an accelerated speed, many gaps in ageing related statistics and data exist, affecting the ability to develop targeted policies and programmes that address ageing related challenges.

Recently, demand for evidence based data and statistics on older persons has been generated by the negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. In order to implement a comprehensive Post-2015 Development Agenda, efforts to define a strategic framework for statistics under the so-called ‘transformative agenda for statistics’, point at integrating and broadening the scope of statistics and data collection. The agenda introduces innovations to incorporate non-traditional sources that so far have not been utilized in official statistics. These developments provide an opportunity for addressing the gaps and needs posed by ageing.

In this context, the Focal Point on Ageing is organizing an Expert Group Meeting on “Global ageing and the data revolution – the way forward in the post-2015 environment” in New York on 7-9 July 2015. The meeting aims at exploring how and which new and non-traditional data sources can support the policy and programme development on ageing issues. The outcome of the EGM seeks responds to the need for sound ageing related statistics and data as well as the needs that will arise from the targets contained in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 environment.

One week later, on 14-16 July, the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, which was established by the General Assembly in 2010, will meet to continue its consideration of existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and identify possible gaps and how best to address them, including by considering, as appropriate, the feasibility of further instruments and measures.

For more information:

[Expert Group Meeting on “Global ageing and the data revolution – the way forward in the post-2015 environment”](#)

[Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing](#)

Preparing for WSIS+10



In December 2015, the UN General Assembly will convene a high-level meeting,

as requested by the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society and endorsed by the General Assembly.

It will take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and address potential ICT gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as addressing challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harnessing ICTs for development. In that light, UN DESA was involved in two events that took place this month at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Advancing Sustainable Information Society for All

UN DESA, in cooperation with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), organized an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on “Advancing a Sustainable Information Society for All”, on 8-9 June. The meeting brought together international experts to discuss ICT-related issues in the context of two policy milestones: the emerging post-2015 sustainable development agenda and the General Assembly’s Overall Review of the WSIS outcomes.

Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Mr. Lenni Montiel, opened and moderated the opening session. He stressed that “sustainable development goals must be informed and supported by the best available sound technologies. ICTs are already having a profound impact on the pace and scale of development.”

In the same session, the co-facilitators of the General Assembly’s overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS, H.E. Jānis Mažeiks, Permanent Representative of Latvia and H.E. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, delivered remarks on the overall review process.

Also present in the meeting were representatives of UN agencies, including UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNU, and representatives of civil society, the private sector and Member States — totalling more than 60 participants. The EGM discussions underlined the progress that has been made in the context of WSIS, as well as challenges.

Stocktaking Session

UN DESA also provided Secretariat support to the initial stocktaking meeting that took place on 10-11 June, in preparation for the overall review by the General Assembly. The stocktaking meeting was organized by the Co-facilitators and had two sessions.

The first session featured presentations by Switzerland and Tunisia, the two hosts of the WSIS, and briefings by UNCTAD, ITU and UNESCO on WSIS+10 reviews that have taken place to date. At this meeting, a preliminary road map for the next 6 months of the upcoming meetings and events pertaining to the review process was also presented.

In the second session, Member States had the opportunity to provide their comments and views on the proposed road map, as well as relevant inputs on the whole process.

For more information:

[WSIS+10](#)

[Expert Group Meeting on “Advancing a Sustainable Information Society for All”](#)

Capacity development

Developing statistics to monitor sustainable development



UN DESA's Statistics Division is organizing a sub-regional workshop for the East African Community (EAC) countries, entitled "Environment Statistics in support of the Implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013)" led by the Division, in collaboration with the EAC Secretariat. It will take place in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania from 6 to 10 July 2015, with hosting and on-ground support being provided by the EAC Secretariat and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Several other international and inter-governmental organizations will be participating in the Workshop, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

The Workshop is one of the activities of the United Nations Development Account project "Supporting Member States in developing and strengthening environment statistics and integrated environmental-economic accounting for improved monitoring of sustainable development", of which Module A focuses on strengthening environment statistics at the EAC Secretariat and its five member states, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania. A similar Workshop was held in Mauritius from 26 to 29 January 2015 for the non-EAC member states that belong to the COMESA region.

This Workshop follows the United Nations Statistical Commission's endorsement in 2013 of the revised FDES 2013 as the framework for strengthening environment statistics programmes in countries. The Commission also recognized the FDES 2013 as a useful tool in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The FDES 2013 is a multi-purpose conceptual and statistical framework which marks out the scope of environment statistics. It provides an organizing structure to guide the collection and compilation of environment statistics at the national level and is very relevant for policy analysis and decision making.

The Workshop will focus on, inter alia, building national capacities for the implementation of the FDES 2013. It aims at providing statisticians from National Statistical Offices and experts from Ministries of Environment (or equivalent institutions) with detailed knowledge and understanding of contemporary approaches to environment statistics, thus allowing them to identify gaps and deficiencies in environmental data, and contribute to the production of regular, accurate and reliable environment statistics.

Key elements of the Workshop include: in-depth presentation on and discussion about the FDES 2013, including its components, sub-components, topics and Basic/Core Sets of Environment Statistics; application of the Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT); definition of key concepts and terminology in the field of environment statistics spanning topics such as water, waste, biodiversity, agriculture, emissions of greenhouse gases, extreme events and disasters, and environmental health; use of various data sources such as geospatial information systems, remote sensing, scientific research, administrative data; and an introduction to the methodological Manual for the Basic Set of Environment Statistics currently under development.

The Workshop content is very relevant to the SDGs since many of the environment statistics to be discussed and analysed are necessary for the measurement of countries' progress toward achieving the Goals. The implementation of the FDES 2013 will help countries address the increasing demand for integrated information in support of integrated policies in the follow-up to Rio+20 and the Post-2015 Development Agenda through the strengthening of environmental statistics and indicators. The Workshop will also discuss the development of a regional programme on environment statistics for the EAC member states.

For more information: [Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics \(FDES\)](#)

Publications and Websites

Technical reports



Launch of the Millennium Development Goals Report 2015

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015 will be launched in Oslo, Norway by the Secretary-General on 6 July. This report provides a final assessment of global and regional progress towards the MDGs. It documents the 15-year effort to achieve the aspirational goals set out in the Millennium Declaration and

highlights the many successes across the globe, but acknowledges the gaps that remain.

In addition to final assessment of the progress, this year's report features a special section discussing sustainable data for sustainable development. The report is based on comprehensive official statistics compiled by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on MDG indicators led by UN DESA's Statistics Division. The report launch will take place on 6 July at 10:15 am EDT and it will be streamed live via [UN Web TV](#).

- [For more information](#)

Forthcoming release of World Population Prospects: 2015 Revision

On 22 July, the United Nations will release the twenty-fourth round of official United Nations population estimates and projections, which have been prepared by UN DESA's Population Division. The 2015 Revision will build on the previous revision by incorporating the findings of new population censuses and specialized demographic surveys, which have been published since the previous revision. This comprehensive review of worldwide demographic trends and future prospects is essential for assessing the degree of progress made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to guide policies aimed at achieving the new post-2015 development agenda, which Member States will adopt this fall.

The full results of the 2015 revision will be made available on-line in the form of a two volume report and a comprehensive data depository containing more than 100 Excel files that will contain a

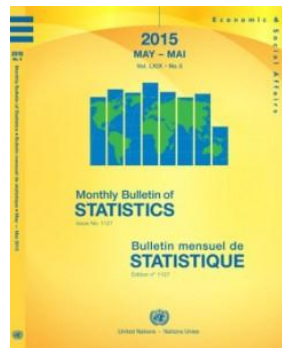
wealth of new information on the size and distribution of the world's population, current and projected levels of fertility, how many total births and deaths there are in the world today, the number of young people on the planet versus the number of older people and how that ratio is changing over time, changes in life expectancy, and so forth.

“This latest update of World Population Prospects comes at an important time,” said Mr. Wilmoth, Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. “As Member States embark on a new development agenda, this report will highlight the demographic trends that shape our world, from rapid population growth in some countries, to population ageing in many others, and sometimes population decline.”

- [For more information](#)

Statistical compilations

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics and MBS Online



The Monthly Bulletin of Statistics presents current economic and social statistics for more than 200 countries and territories of the world. It contains over 50 tables of monthly and/or bimonthly, quarterly and annual data on a variety of subjects illustrating important economic trends and developments, including population, prices, employment and earnings, energy, manufacturing,

transport, construction, international merchandise trade and finance.

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In addition to the regular recurrent monthly tables, this issue includes quarterly tables: Earnings in manufacturing, by sex; Total exports and imports by regions: quantum and unit value indices and terms of trade in US dollars.

- [For more information](#)

Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook 2012 Vol. I & II



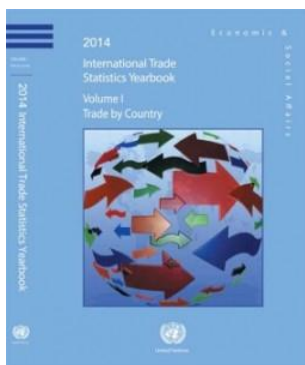
The Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook provides statistics on the production of about 600 major industrial commodities. Data are provided for the ten-year period of 2003-2012 for approximately 200 countries and territories. The commodities have been selected on the basis of their importance in world production and trade.

The Yearbook provides data on the quantities and values of industrial production for the major industrial commodities. The Yearbook is therefore organized in two volumes: Volume I: Physical Quantity Data and Volume II: Monetary Value Data.

The publication contains three annexes to assist the user: an index of commodities in alphabetical order; a table of correspondence among the CPC-based commodity codes and the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Revs. 4 and 3.1, the Harmonized System (HS) 2007 and 2002 and Prodcod 2008 and 2002; and information on all the classifications used in this publication.

- [For more information](#)

2014 International Trade Statistics Yearbook, Volume I Trade by Country

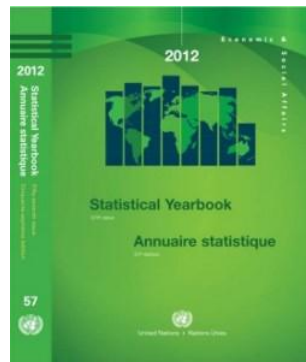


The 2014 International Trade Statistics Yearbook, Volume I—Trade by Country—provides a condensed and integrated analytical view of the international merchandise trade and trade in services up to the year 2014 by means of brief descriptive text, concise data tables and charts. The information presented in the publication gives an insight into the latest trends of trade in goods and services of around 175 countries (or areas) in the world.

The publication is aimed at both specialist trade data users and common audience at large. The presented data, charts and analyses will benefit policy makers, government agencies, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, journalists, academics, researchers, students, businesses and anyone who is interested in trade issues. The information and analyses are presented in a way which can be comprehended by non-expert users of statistics.

The yearbook is also made available online [here](#). For more detailed data, users are requested to go to [UN Comtrade](#) and [UN Service Trade](#) which are the sources of the information presented in the yearbook, and which are continuously updated.

Statistical Yearbook, 57th Edition



The Statistical Yearbook is an annual compilation of a wide range of international economic, social and environmental statistics on over 200 countries and areas, compiled from sources including UN agencies and other international, national and specialized organizations.

The 57th edition contains data available to the Statistics Division as of 31 December 2013 and presents them in 62 tables on topics such as: agriculture, forestry and fishing; communication; development assistance; education; energy; environment; finance; gender; international merchandise trade; international tourism; labour force; manufacturing; national accounts; population; prices; and science and technology.

The number of years of data shown in the tables varies from one to ten, with most tables covering the period up to 2011 or 2012. Accompanying the tables are technical notes providing brief descriptions of major statistical concepts, definitions and classifications.

- [For more information](#)

Outreach material

Sustainable Development in Action, Volume 3, Issue 6

The June issue features information on the zero draft of the outcome document to adopt the post-2015 development agenda, the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development and the recommendations for advancing sustainable transport to be issued by Secretary-General's High-Level Group on Sustainable Transportation. The online newsletter is published by UN DESA's Division for Sustainable Development and it aims to feature the work carried out by Member States, United Nations system, Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders in implementing sustainable development and leading the way to the Future We Want.

- [Read full issue](#)

Youth Flash Newsletter

The latest issue released in June, includes a feature story which provides reflections on World Environment Day. It also spotlights the Building Bridges team in Cameroon where young people had their say and shared their key priorities for the world they want: quality education, job opportunities and access to clean water and sanitation. The newsletter is a service of the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) Focal Point on Youth to help keep the public informed about the work of the UN on youth issues. It is prepared with input from UN offices, agencies, funds and programmes, and from youth organizations all over the world.

- [Read full issue](#)

Enable Newsletter

Prepared by the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SCRPD) within UN DESA's Division for Social Policy and Development, April-May issue is now available. It gives an update on the status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), provides news from UN Headquarters and UN agencies and other news of relevance for the work to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

- [Read full issue](#)

DESA NGO News

Published by UN DESA's NGO Branch, the latest issue includes information on the 2015 Resumed session of the Committee on NGOs which took place from 26 May to 3 June. During this session, a total of 160 applications were recommended for consultative status with ECOSOC. The newsletter provides the most up-to-date information on news and upcoming events of interest to civil society at UN headquarters in New York, Geneva and elsewhere.

- [Read full issue](#)

Discussion papers

Monthly Briefing on the World Economic Situation and Prospects No. 79

Prepared by UN DESA's Development Policy and Analysis Division, the June issue is available online with the following summary:

- Global economy grows at a modest pace
- Recovery in Western Europe gradually becoming more broadly based, but still fragile
- Economic growth downgraded for commodity exporters, while more diversified economies benefit from lower commodity prices

- [To download](#)

Websites

World Summit on Information Society+10 (WSIS10)



The new website on the WSIS+10 United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting will play a key role as the online platform for the Preparatory Process which starts in June and

culminates in a GA High-Level Meeting in December. The website contains news, WSIS+10 related documents, information on the preparatory process, the High-Level Meeting as well as information on upcoming stakeholder consultation within the UN System.

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Comings and Goings

Comings

The following staff members were promoted in June:

Bo Min Baek, Budget Assistant, Capacity Development Office

Maren Jimenez, Social Affairs Officer, Division for Social Policy and Development

Ronaele Odina, Administrative Assistant, Division for Sustainable Development

Maria Vazquez, Programme Assistant, Division for Sustainable Development

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