

Human Security Activities in 2016

December: Policy Brief on HS and El Niño: The HSU and FAO released a new [policy brief](#) on applying human security to develop a new response framework for recurring and extreme weather events.

19 July: A [high-level event](#) featuring the H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General and H.E. Ms. Mary Robinson, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for El Niño and Climate was held in New York as a part of the UNTFHS-funded programme “Advocacy and Awareness-Raising on addressing the impact of El Niño and Climate Change through a Human Security Approach” led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The event brought together affected States with key humanitarian and development partners to review the multifaceted impacts of El Niño and to consider integrated strategies to mitigate risks, build resilience and ensure that attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals is not derailed by future episodes.

1-31 July: Science Po University in Paris convened its Summer School on Human Security. The course covered the human security approach, various issues related to human security, and its application by a range of actors, including by international organizations, especially United Nations, and by States as a foreign policy tool. The interactive course uses concrete examples, case studies and participatory exercises in order to contextualize the approaches and tools, and highlight linkages between theory and practice.

1 July: The UNTFHS-funded programme “Human security through inclusive socio-economic development in Upper Egypt” published Issue 6 of the Project Newsletter highlighting key achievements of their capacity building efforts for improved community development with local institutions as well as health and agriculture activities in the region.

31 May: The [Advisory Board on Human Security](#) and the **Human Security Unit presented at the Asia-Pacific Regional Human Security Conference**. The event, organized by the Government of Thailand as the Chair of the Human Security Network, brought together policy-makers, practitioners, private sector, civil society as well as regional and international organizations and the United Nations system to Bangkok, Thailand, to share their views and experiences on the application of the human security approach at the national, regional and international levels and how it contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

23 May: The UN Aral Sea Joint Programme, supported by the UNTFHS, released the second of three [blog posts](#) to highlight the main results and their sustainability. Building off the first post which focused on economic and social resilience of communities, the new post describes how the joint UN team worked together to mitigate the impacts of desertification and improve the well-being of local communities.

2 May: The UN Human Security Unit (HSU) co-organized an event titled [“Health, Resilience, and the Added Value of the Human Security Approach to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal \(SDGs\)”](#) in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Japan and Thailand. Drawing on findings from a global report by the PAHO/WHO and JCIE, the event focused on concrete contributions of the human security approach towards health, resilience and the achievement of the SDGs, in particular those related to “ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages” (SDG3). The event brought together nearly 100 practitioners and policymakers to hear findings of the joint JCIE-PAHO report on “Health, Resilience, and Human Security” and to share experiences and lessons learned from across the globe, including efforts to integrate the human security approach in health ministries of several Latin American countries.

27 April: The Human Security Unit [presented at the event titled “The Human Security Dimensions of Migration”](#). The event hosted by the Permanent Mission of Mexico brings together

stakeholders and experts to discuss and identify common ground to advance a coherent agenda in support of the Secretary-General's roadmap to large movements of migrants and refugees.

29 March: The Human Security Unit and the Food & Agricultural Organisation prepared **a policy brief in view of the Arria-Formula Meeting on “Food Security, Nutrition and Peace”** co-chaired by Ambassador Ismael Gaspar Martins (Angola) and Ambassador Román Oyarzun (Spain). The policy brief focuses on the short, medium and long-term consequences of conflict on food and human security; as well as how human security, in combination with food security, can contribute to the prevention of conflicts, while improving peace, stability and longer-term development.

14 March: The **Human Security Unit presented** at the **High-Level Side Event on the occasion of the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**. The event organized by the United Nations Population Fund, in collaboration with the Government of Spain, brings together Member States and non-governmental organizations to discuss peacekeeping efforts, including the development of capacities of peacekeeping forces and other stakeholders in implementing the “Women, Peace and Security Agenda”.