United Nations Resources

GUIDES TO UN RESEARCH


GlobaLex -- Selected UN Resources and Research Tools. by Wiltrud Harms.


United National Studies -- United Nations Scholars’ Workstation at Yale University
http://www.library.yale.edu:80/un/.

INDEXES, DATABASES AND INTERNET

AccessUN (1945-2007):
Index to United Nations documents in Library’s Level 2 Microfiche collection. Selective items in full text online.

Official Document System (ODS) English:
1993 – present, with older documents regularly added.

Official Web Site Locator for the United Nations System of Organizations


Research Gateway – UN Resources:
UN Agency Library Catalogs – Finding UN Documents at Yale.
UN Wire
Access past articles covering the UN and global affairs.

UNBISnet (United Nations Bibliographic Information System):

UN-I-QUE: United Nations Info Quest:

United Nations Publications New York:


LEXISNEXIS AND WESTLAW RESOURCES
Comparatively small amounts of UN materials are found in these commercial databases. Use news accounts for information about recent events, or perhaps, recent documents if they are newsworthy.

GENERAL WORKS:


Click Foreign & International Law Resources Database > Part I International Yearbooks and Periodicals > scroll to Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law.


TREATIES:


DOCUMENT SYMBOLS

Each UN document has a unique identifier which is the same for all language versions of a document. The first component generally reflects the parent organ issuing the document or to which the document is being submitted.

UN Documentation: Research Guide

A/- General Assembly  CRC/C/- Committee on the Rights of the Child
S/- Security Council  DP/- UN Development Programme
E/- Economic and Social Council  TD/- UN Conference on Trade & Development
ST/- Secretariat  UNEP/- UN Environment Programme

Secondary and tertiary components indicate subsidiary bodies:

-/AC. .../- Ad hoc committee
-/C. .../- Standing/permanent/main committee
-/CN. .../- Commission
-/CONF. .../- Conference
-/GC. .../- Governing council
-/PC. .../- Preparatory committee
-/SC. .../- Subcommittee
-/Sub. .../- Subcommission
-/WG. .../- Working group

Special components reflect the nature of the document.

-/INF/- Information series (e.g., lists of participants)
-/L. ... Limited distribution (i.e., generally draft documents)
-/NGO/- Statements by non-governmental organizations
-/PET/- Petitions
-/PRST/- Statements by the President of the Security Council
-/PV. ... Verbatim records of meetings (i.e., process-verbaux)
-/R. ... Restricted distribution
-/RES/-Resolutions
-/SR. ... Summary records of meetings
-/WP. ... Working papers