

Quick Guide to UN Information:

If you have questions about the United Nations the UN website (www.un.org) provides many answers and much information. You can watch web casts of recent debates, find documents from past UN meetings, and learn about different UN programs and agencies. The site is enormous and complex, but here are some starting points. Good searching!



Basic Background on the UN

<http://www.un.org/aboutun/index.html>

This page includes an explanation of the UN system, current programs and history. For a simpler version see www.cyberschoolbus.un.org.

The Charter of the United Nations

<http://www.un.org/aboutun/charter/index.html>

This is the founding document of the United Nations; the preamble is especially powerful.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

<http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>

UN Documents

<http://www.un.org/documents/>

The Document Centre is expansive. You can browse by date, committee, key word and country. See <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/symbol.htm> for an overview of how documents are catalogued.

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS AT THE UN

Webcast

<http://www.un.org/webcast/index.asp>

Watch events online in real time.

UN News Center

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

The News Centre stories are written by UN staff, and provide links to further information.

UN MEMBER STATES

UN Mission Websites

<http://www.un.int/index-en/webs.html>

From here you can link to any member state's UN embassy.

ALPHABET SOUP: FINDING THE UN AGENCY FOR YOU

Here are websites for some UN agencies and offices organized by topic:

Children

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

<http://www.unicef.org/>

Special Rapporteur for Children and Armed Conflict

<http://www.un.org/special-rep/children-armed-conflict/>

Development

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

<http://www.undp.org>

Environment

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

<http://www.unep.org>

Health

World Health Organization (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/en>

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

<http://www.unaids.org/>

Human Rights

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/>

Poverty

UN Millennium Development Goals

www.un.org/millenniumgoals

www.millenniumcampaign.org

Refugees

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

<http://www.unhcr.ch/>

Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

<http://www.unifem.org/>

Commission on the Status of Women

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/>