

## SOME USEFUL RESOURCES

### ILO

Since its creation in 1919, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has always attached particular importance to its standard-setting activities. Its 174 Conventions, and 181 Recommendations cover areas that include basic human rights, employment, social policy, labour relations, labour administration, working conditions and social protection.

- Information can be obtained through:  
Mr. R. Harari, Official Relations Branch, ILO, 4 route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland
- For further information, please contact:  
Bureau of Public Information (PRESSE)  
Tel: +41 22 799-7940 - Fax: +41 22 799-8577  
<http://www.ilo.org/public/>

### NGLS

The United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) is an unit that specialises in development education and information work on North-South development issues that facilitate dialogue and co-operation between development NGOs and the UN. They publish newsletters and other documents that can be requested from their offices:

- UN-NGLS, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland. Fax: +41 22 788-7366
- UN-NGLS, Rm. 6015, 866 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA. Fax: +1 212 963-8712. E-mail: [npls@igc.apc.org](mailto:npls@igc.apc.org)

### UNDP

Since 1990, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has annually published a Human Development Report which contains the Human Development Index (HDI), which attempts to measure the relative socio-economic progress of nations. The 1998 issue focuses on consumption patterns and its harmful trends to human development, insofar the environmental resource base is being undermined, inequalities are being exacerbated and the dynamics of the consumption-poverty-inequality-environment nexus are accelerating. As from 1995, the eradication of poverty has been first priority for UNDP programmes. Amongst the many publications issued on the subject we would like to point out «Progress against Poverty: a report on Activities since Copenhagen», which aims at capturing the impact of the Social Summit on poverty alleviation and eradication, and «New Commitments, New Opportunities», a guide for NGOs published jointly by UNDP and NGLS. Focusing on the Social Summit for

Social Development and on the issue of poverty eradication, it aims at promoting NGO participation in the implementation of the WSSD agreements.

**On October 17th, 1998, UNDP launched the poverty report «Overcoming Human Poverty». The report looks at the progress made since 1995, when the international community committed itself to eradicate poverty. The global survey covered 130 countries and reports on the implementation of national poverty plans, the existence of information on poverty and the set up of targets for poverty eradication. The publication is available in English and in Spanish.**

- Distributions and Sales:  
United Nations Publications, New York, New York 10017, USA

Much of the UNDP's public information, as well as UN conference documents is available through the Internet: [gopher.undp.org](http://gopher.undp.org) or <http://www.undp.org/>

Substantive information about UN initiatives on poverty alleviation may be obtained from:

- Department for Policy Co-ordination and Sustainable Development, United Nations, Room DC2-1362, New York, NY 10017, USA  
Fax: +1 212 963-3062. E-mail: [kan@un.org](mailto:kan@un.org)

### UNICEF

The «Children's Summit», held in New York in 1990, yielded an impressive action programme with very concrete objectives to improve the position of children in developing countries. UNICEF publishes annual reports on the progress made by each country in implementing the agreements.

«The State of the World's Children» 1999 report highlights the lack of the political will and the requisite resources to extend the educational benefits to all the world's children. The report can be requested from:

- UNICEF House, 3 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA
- It also can be accessed on-line at:  
<http://www.unicef.org/sowc99/>

In addition UNICEF annually publishes a report named: «The Progress of Nations», which ranks the nations of the world according to their performance in child health, nutrition, education, family planning, and progress for women. (UNICEF: ISBN: 92-806-3170-5)

## UNRISD

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) is an independent research agency subsidised by governments, development organisations and other organisations. The institute carries out research, publishes studies, and organises seminars on a broad range of social problems in developing countries, e.g. on: «how development policies and processes of economic, social and environmental change affect different social groups». (UNRISD: 30 years of research for Social Development, 1993) Of particular interest for WSSD follow-up: «After the Social Summit: implementing the Programme of Action», an UNRISD report on a round-table seminar on the Summit's follow-up.

This report and the UNRISD publications catalogue, can be obtained from:

- UNRISD Reference Centre, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 22 798-8400 - Fax: +41 22 740-0791

## WORLD BANK

The World Bank publishes numerous reports, evaluations and studies, that can be requested from their publications office:

- The World Bank, Box 7247-8619, Philadelphia, PA 19170-8619  
E-mail: BOOKS@worldbank.org

The World Bank publishes annually its World Development Report. This year's World Development Report, the twenty-first in this annual series, examines the role of knowledge in advancing economic and social well-being. Because knowledge is at the heart of economic growth and sustainable development, understanding how people and societies acquire and use it-and why they sometimes fail to do so-is essential to improving people's lives, especially the lives of the poor.

- The report is available on-line at:  
<http://www.worldbank.org/wdr/wdr98/>
- Mail order to:  
The World Bank, P.O. Box 960, Herndon, VA 20172-0960, USA  
Or fax order to: +1 703 661-1501  
Or call: +1 703 661-1580

Transmit your pre-paid order via electronic mail on the INTERNET to: [books@worldbank.org](mailto:books@worldbank.org)

Information about specific Bank projects or Bank policies can be requested from:

- The World Bank, Public Information Centre, 1818 H Street,

NW, Washington DC 20433, USA  
Fax: +1 202 522-500  
E-mail: [pic@worldbank.org](mailto:pic@worldbank.org)

or through the Internet accessing the Bank's gopher ([gopher.worldbank.org](http://gopher.worldbank.org))  
or the Bank's home page: <http://www.worldbank.org/>

## OECD

Since «there is a pressing need for an agreed system for tracking progress in achieving the basic development objectives, and also to avoid adding to reporting burdens on partner countries», a working set of core indicators was worked out by the DAC (Development Assistance Committee of the OECD). An initial collection of those indicators is now available on the Internet at: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/indicators>

## SOME GLOBAL NGO RESOURCES

**THE «HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES YEARBOOK»**, compiled by human rights institutes in Norway, Austria, the Netherlands, and Sweden, reports annually on the human rights (including social and economic rights) situation in a number of developing countries with which an aid relationship exists. The reports are developed by researchers who carry out their studies in the country in question. These reports provide valuable factual information about social economic development. Edited by: Peter Baehr, Hilde Hey, Jacqueline Smith, Theresa Swinehart. Published by Kluwer Law International, The Hague/London/Boston

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL** is «a world-wide movement of people acting on the conviction that governments must not deny individuals their basic human rights». AI's yearly country by country report is available from:

- Amnesty International Publications, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ, UK. ● Tel: +44 171 413-5500

**«THE REALITY OF AID» REPORT** is an Independent review of international aid. This report is published annually by ICVA, Eurostep and Action Aid. NGOs from 21 OECD countries work together to provide a detailed appraisal of current aid levels, recent changes in aid policies, and the prospects for the future. Country by country they look at the quality of aid.

Published by: Earthscan Publication Ltd, 120 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JN, UK. E-mail: [earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk](mailto:earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk)  
<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/>

**THE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IDS)** in Sussex and the

**Overseas Development Institute (ODI)** in London, do a great deal of research on social development.

- Publications: Brighton BN1 9RE, UK  
Tel: + 44 27 360-6261

**INTER PRESS SERVICE (IPS)** is an international NGO which «promotes a new global communication strategy by increasing two-way communication as the key to widening democratic participation in social action». IPS' independent global news wire carries news, features and special services on a variety of development issues.

- Inter Press Service, Via Panisperna 207, Rome, ITALY 00184  
Fax: +39 6 481-7877. E-mail: ipsrom@gn.apc.org

**THIRD WORLD NETWORK** is «an international network of groups and individuals who seek greater articulation of the needs and rights of the peoples of the Third World, especially marginalized social groups; a fair distribution of the world's resources, and forms of development which are ecologically sustainable and fulfil human needs». TWN publishes regularly news features and books, as well as the monthly magazine «Resurgence» and the fortnightly newsletter on global macroeconomics «Third World Economics». They can be ordered from TWN's secretariat:

- Third World Network, 228, Macalister Road, 10400 Penang, Malaysia. Tel: +604 229-3511, 229-3612 & 229-3713  
Fax: +604 229-8106  
E-mail: twn@igc.apc.org/twnpen@twn.po.my
- TWN-Africa publishes «African Agenda»: TWN-Africa, P.O. Box 8604, Accra-North, Ghana  
Fax: +233 21 23-1687. E-mail: isodec@ncs.com.gh

Third World Network-Latin America publishes the monthly magazine «Revista del Sur» and the fortnightly «Tercer Mundo Económico»:

- Red del Tercer Mundo, Juan D. Jackson 1136, 11200, Montevideo, Uruguay. Fax: +598 2 401-9222  
E-mail: redtm@chasque.apc.org

TWN features are available electronically through the APC networks in the conference <twm.features>, and in Spanish in the conference <redtm.analisis>. Through the Internet, they can be found at: [gopher.chasque.apc.org:70/4](http://gopher.chasque.apc.org:70/4) and <http://www.chasque.apc.org/redtm/>

**THE SUNS, SOUTH-NORTH DEVELOPMENT MONITOR** is a daily feature service monitoring international negotiations from Geneva.

- Chief Editor and Geneva TWN representative: Chakravarti Raghavan, Room c504, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

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**THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WELFARE (ICSW)** is an international non governmental organisation operating throughout the world for the cause of social welfare, social justice and social development. It publishes «Social Development Review» which focuses on the monitoring of governmental and non-governmental action referred to the World Summit on Social Development.

- More information may be obtained from: ICSW General Secretariat, 380 St-Antoine St. West, Suite 3200, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 3X7, Canada. Fax: +1 514 987-1557  
E-mail: [icswintl@ebe.net](mailto:icswintl@ebe.net)

**WEDO THE WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION** is a global organization actively working to increase women's visibility, roles and leadership in public policy-making through peace, gender, human rights, environmental and economic justice campaigns; through advocacy nationally, regionally, at the United Nations and in international financial institutions; and through local actions.

WEDO has been monitoring UN Conference agreements. With regard to progress made in advancing the Beijing Platform, in March 1998 WEDO published «Mapping Progress» the fifth in a series of WEDO global reports. According to it, there has been an incremental progress by governments in implementing the Beijing agenda and the growing political strength of women's movements across the world. Over 70% of the world's 187 countries have drawn up national action plans or drafts as required by the Beijing Platform. WEDO's in-depth report covers 90 of these 187 countries.

- For further information please contact: Women's Environment & Development Organisation (WEDO) 845 Third Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10022, USA  
Tel: +1 212 759-7982 - Fax: +1 212 759-8647  
E-mail: [wedo@igc.apc.org](mailto:wedo@igc.apc.org)
- Information is also available in Internet at: [gopher.igc.apc.org:70/00/orgs/wedo/about](http://gopher.igc.apc.org:70/00/orgs/wedo/about)  
<http://www.wedo.org/>

**DAWN (DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES WITH WOMEN FOR A NEW ERA)** aims at spotting the causes of gender, class and race inequalities, through research, analysis, education and international relations, and works towards the building of alternative views and strategies.

- For further information please contact: DAWN, c/o Women and Development Unit (WAND) UWI School of Continuing Studies, Pinelands, St. Michael Barbados.  
Fax: +1 809 426-3006

**NGONET** is an information service for NGOs on global negotiation processes. It distributes document collections on the major recent UN conferences in diskettes and makes information available on-line through the APC networks and the Internet:

[gopher.chasque.apc.org](http://gopher.chasque.apc.org)

<http://www.chasque.apc.org/ngonet/>

NGONET and the Third World Network are pleased to announce the next release of a CD-ROM containing all the documents published by South-North Development Monitor SUNS, from 1982 up to date with regard to all the GATT Uruguay Round and its follow-up, including the WTO and the MAI.

The design will allow the user a quick search by issues, by chronological order, as well as by keywords or phrases (up to 186 words). In a parallel process, an Internet site is being developed, which will make the cd-rom a daily updated newspaper.

The CD-ROM will be available in February 1999. For orders and requests please contact:

- **NGONET-ITEM**  
Juan D. Jackson 1136, 11200 Montevideo, Uruguay  
Fax: +598 2 401-9222. E-mail: [ngonet@chasque.apc.org](mailto:ngonet@chasque.apc.org)  
<http://www.chasque.apc.org/ngonet/>

**WORLD GUIDE 1999-2000** is a reference book updated every two years including the history, maps and statistics from all the countries and regions of the world. The last edition contains an assessment of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with regard to the main global issues from the social development and environmental viewpoint.

The printed version is available in Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian. The CD-ROM includes the Social Watch national reports as well as the Amnesty national reports, both in English and Spanish. The on-line publication available through its Website includes the book and a weekly update in Spanish.

- For further information please contact:  
[item@chasque.apc.org](mailto:item@chasque.apc.org)  
or visit the Website at:  
<http://guiadelmundo.org.uy/>

**WORLDWATCH INSTITUTE** is a nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to informing policymakers and the general public about emerging global problems and trends, and the complex links between the world economy and its environmental support systems.

**State of the World 1999** «presents evidence of the birth of an entirely new economy, an Environmental Revolution that may be as sweeping as the Industrial Revolution that put us on our present unsustainable course. The authors argue that, far from being too costly to consider, the transition to an environmentally sustainable economy represents the greatest investment opportunity in history». The State of the World 1999 Report is available on-line at:

<http://www.worldwatch.org/pubs/sow/sow99/index.html>

- Published by:  
Worldwatch Institute, Gaby Young, Earthscan Publications Ltd  
Pentonville Road, London N1 9JN, UK  
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**Social Development Indicators on-line Database.** Instituto del Tercer Mundo, host organization of the Social Watch secretariat hosts a system based on the WWW for visualizing social indicators. This system, linked to the «Internet gateway» of the UN Secretariat's Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) is accessible to the public at large, as well as to citizens and NGOs active on social development issues.

The information available through the database focuses, at this stage, on indicators related to the WSSD commitments, originated from sources of the UN system, as well as some other basic indicators in order to allow an appreciation of the context in which social indicators evolve.

- The above mentioned database is available at:  
<http://www.socwatch.org/indicators/>

Help Social Watch to identify more relevant resources! Please write to:

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E-mail: [socwatch@chasque.apc.org](mailto:socwatch@chasque.apc.org)

- Or visit the Social Watch «home page» in the Internet:  
<http://www.socwatch.org/>