Sources and Resources

The United Nations hosts a website which includes general information about the United Nations system, structure and mission. Access to databases, statistics, documents, news and press releases is also available at:

http://www.un.org/

Since 1990, The United Nations held a series of international conferences and summits. The World Summit for Social Development Declaration and Programme of Action and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action are available on-line at:

http://socialwatch.org/

In January 2000, the United Nations Population Division and the Dep. of Economic and Social Affairs launched the publication Charting the Progress of Populations. The report provides information on 12 key socio-economic indicators related to the goals of the conferences.

For orders or request for more information on the report please contact:

e-mail: population@un.org

http://www.un.org/popin/

ECA

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

For more information about ECA, contact:

Communication Team Economic Commission for Africa

e-mail: ecainfo@uneca.org

http://www.uneca.org/

ESCAP

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The United Nations Building

e-mail: webmaster@unescap.org

http://www.unescap.org/

ECLAC

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Publications for sale may be obtained directly from: Unidad de Distribución/Distribution Unit

e-mail: publications@eclac.cl

http://www.eclac.cl/

FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The International Conference on Financing for Development will held in Mexico in the first quarter of 2002 at the highest political level, including at the Summit level. The conference will consider national, international and systemic issues relating to financing for development in a holistic manner in the context of globalisation and interdependence. The conference will provide an historic opportunity to address development through the perspective of finance, as well as the mobilization of financial resources for the full implementation of the action plans agreed to at major United Nations conferences of the 1990s. It is an initiative promoted by the United Nations in collaboration with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Trade Organization (WTO), to find innovative ways to address the many issues affecting the financing of development.

Find more info at:

http://www.un.org/esa/fdf/

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.

For further information, please contact:

e-mail: bibl@ilo.org

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

e-mail: ngls@un.org, ngls@undp.org

http://ngls.tad.ch

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

To order publications please contact:

sales@oecd.org

A joint report signed by the heads of the OECD, the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations titled A Better World for All report was launched in June 2000 in Geneva. See the report on-line at:

http://www.paris21.org/betterworld

DAW

Grounded in the vision of equality of the United Nations Charter, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), as part of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations Secretariat, advocates the improvement of the status of the women of the world and the achievement of their equality with men. It aims to ensure the participation of women as equal partners with men in all aspects of human endeavor. It promotes women as equal participants and beneficiaries of sustainable development, peace and security, governance and human rights. It strives to stimulate the mainstreaming of a gender perspective both within and outside the United Nations system.

United Nations

Division for the Advancement of Women

e-mail: daw@un.org

http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw

UNDP

Since 1990, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has annually published a Human Development Report which contains the Human Development Index (HDI). The HDI attempts to measure the relative socio-economic progress of nations. Human Development Report 2001 looks at human rights as an intrinsic part of development—and at development as a means to realizing human rights. It shows how human rights bring principles of accountability and social justice to the process of human development.

More information on the HDR at:


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 are available at:

http://www.undp.org/

UN Division for Social Policy and Development

The main objective of the Division for Social Policy and Development is to maximize the effectiveness of the United Nations in contributing to the creation of an international community that enables the building of secure, just, free and harmonious societies offering opportunities and higher standards of living for all. Key activities of the Division relate to the implementation of the
processes of economic, social and environmental
change affect different social groups”. (UNRISD: 30 years of research for Social Development, 1993)
UNRISD has set up an e-mail distribution list through which messages including information on
what is new on the Web site as well as other news from the Institute are distributed.
UNRISD Reference Centre
e-mail: info@unrisd.org
http://www.unrisd.org/

WOMEN WATCH
WomenWatch is a joint UN project to create a
core Internet space on global women’s issues. It
was created to monitor the results of the Fourth
World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in
1995.
It was founded in March 1997 by the Division
for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the United
Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
and the International Research and Training
Institute for the Advancement of Women
(INSTRAW).
e-mail: womenwatch@un.org
http://www.un.org/womenwatch

WORLD BANK
The World Bank publishes annually its World
Development Report.
According to the World Bank’s latest World
Major reductions in poverty major reductions in
poverty are possible but achieving these will
require a more comprehensive approach that
directly addresses the needs of poor people in
three important areas: opportunity, empowerment,
and security.
The new study - the World Bank’s most detailed
ever investigation of global poverty - adds that
economic growth is crucial but often not sufficient
to create conditions in which the world’s poorest
people can improve their lives.
The report is available on-line at:
http://www.worldbank.org/wdr
To order the book contact:
books@worldbank.org
Information about specific Bank projects or Bank
policies can be requested from:
The World Bank
e-mail: pic@worldbank.org
http://www.worldbank.org/

SOME GLOBAL NGO RESOURCES
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 report by country report
is available from:
Amnesty International Publications

ATD Fourth World is an international non-
governmental organisation dedicated to
overcoming extreme poverty. Its goal is to explo-
e all possibilities of partnership with families living
in chronic poverty and to encourage more priva-
citizens and public officials to join this effort.
e-mail : information@atd-fourthworld.org
http://www.atd-quartmonde.org

CLADEM (Comité de América Latina y el Caribe
para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer) is a
feminist network of women NGOs from Latin
America and the Caribbean aiming at joining
efforts achieve and effective defense of women’s
rights in the region.
e-mail: cladem@chavin.rcp.net.pe
http://www.derechos.org/cladem/

CIDSE is an alliance of 16 Catholic development
organisations from Europe, North America and
New Zealand. Since 1986, CIDSE member
organisations share a common strategy on
development projects and programmes,
development education and advocacy.
Secretariat:
ea-mail:postmaster@cidse.be

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:
ea-mail: dawn@is.com.fj
http://www.dawn.org.fj/

Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice
A project of Canadian churches working together
for a just, moral and sustainable "economy of
hope".
ea-mail: ecoj@accesssv.com

EURODAD (European Network on Debt and
Development) is a network of NGOs in 16
European countries. It aims to coordinate the
activities of NGOs working on the issues of Third
World debt, structural adjustment, and financial
markets in order to ensure that their views be
brought to bear on decision-makers in Europe, the
Breton Woods Institutions and other relevant
players.
EUROSTEP (European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People) is a network of 22 major NGOs from 15 European countries and collectively work in around 100 countries. Eurostep was established in 1990 to coordinate activities of its members at the European level.

e-mail: admin@eurostep.org
http://www.oneworld.org/eurostep/

The Institute for Development Studies (IDS) is an internationally renowned centre for research and teaching on development, established in 1966. IDS also hosts many innovative information and knowledge management services.

e-mail ids@ids.ac.uk
http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids

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.

e-mail: ipsrom@gn.apc.org , online@ips.org
http://www.ips.org/

JUBILEE + is a programme of the New Economics Foundation, London, building on the achievements of Jubilee 2000 UK and providing support to economic justice campaigns worldwide.

e-mail info@jubileeplus.org
http://www.jubileeplus.org/

Mani Tese is a non governmental development organization operating at national and international level to further justice, solidarity and respect among peoples.

e-mail info@manitese.it
http://www.manitese.it/

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.

e-mail: ngonet@chasque.apc.org
http://www.chasque.apc.org/ngonet;
www.choike.org

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) is Britain’s leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues.

e-mail: odi@odi.org.uk
http://www.oxford.un.org/odi

Oxfam International founded in 1995, is an international group of 11 autonomous non-governmental organisations. Member organizations are of diverse cultures, history, and language, but share the commitment to working for an end to the waste and injustice of poverty - both in longer-term development work and in times of urgent humanitarian need.

Oxfam International Secretariat
e-mail: information@oxfaminternational.org
http://www.oxfaminternational.org

Oxfam International Advocacy
e-mail: advocacy@oxfaminternational.org
http://www.oxfaminternational.org

‘The Reality of Aid’ 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. The Reality Aid Report 2001 Failing to deliver on poverty and equity wants to do a modest reality check - to begin addressing some key questions in a way that will highlight the limitations on aid - whilst pointing to ways in which a reformed aid regime could become a catalyst for wider change.

e-mail: roa@devinit.org
http://www.realityofaid.org

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e-mail: earthinfo@earthscan.co.uk
http://www.earthscan.co.uk

REPEM (Women’s Popular Education Network) is a Latinamerican and Caribbean regional network aiming at strengthening strategic links on gender, education and economy. Among its activities, the network monitors the Copenhagen Summit, Hamburg and Beijing Conferences.

e-mail: repem@chasque.apc.org
http://www.realityofaid.org

SAPRIN is a worldwide network of civil society organizations challenging the imposition of structural adjustment programs (SAPs). The Network is working with citizens’ groups in 12-15 countries to organize public processes to determine the real impact of World Bank and IMF-supported economic-reform programs and to chart a new course for the future. It is collaborating with the Bank and governments in 8-10 countries (SAPPR) and with parliamentarians and various institutions elsewhere. The Network contends that structural adjustment programs have had disastrous consequences for the large majority of citizens in the 80-plus countries in which they have been implemented.

e-mail: dgp@lgc.org
http://www.igc.org/dgsp/saprin

The SUNS, South-North Development Monitor is a daily feature service monitoring international
Third World Network is an independent non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, the Third World and North-South issues.

Its objectives are to conduct research on economic, social and environmental issues pertaining to the South; to publish books and magazines; to organize and participate in seminars; and to provide a platform representing broadly Southern interests and perspectives at international fora such as the UN conferences and processes.

Its recent and current activities include the publication of the daily SUNS (South - North Development Monitor) bulletin from Geneva, Switzerland, the fortnightly Third World Economics and the monthly Third World Resurgence; the publication of Third World Network Features; the publication of books on environmental and economic issues; the organizing of various seminars and workshops.

They can be ordered from TWN’s secretariat:

- TWNNET e-mail: twn@igc.apc.org
  http://www.twnside.org.np

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

- e-mail: redtm@chasque.apc.org

TWN Africa publishes African Agenda:

- e-mail: twnafrica@ghana.com

World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches, now 357 in more than 120 countries in all continents from virtually all Christian traditions.

For orders and requests please contact: NWenet-ITBM

Third World Network

Third World Network-Latin America

Third World Network-Latin America: Red del Tercer Mundo

Third World Network-Latin America: CEDD/IIRP

Third World Network-Latin America: CEED/IIRP

Third World Network-Latin America: CEED/IIRP

TOBIN TAX

The Tobin Tax is a proposal to tax currency transactions on foreign exchange markets, through multilateral cooperation, and to utilize the revenue for basic environmental and human needs. Such a tax will tame currency market volatility and restore national economic sovereignty. (The name Tobin Tax derives from James Tobin, a Nobel-laureate economist at Yale University.)

Some relevant links:

- Halifax Initiative
  e-mail: halifax@web.net
  http://www.web.net/halifax/

- Tobin Tax Initiative
  CEDD/IIRP
  e-mail: cecilr@humboldt1.com
  http://www.ceedweb.org/iirp/

- 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.

- E-mail: wedo@wedologo.org
  http://www.wedologo.org/

World Guide 2001-2002 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 21st 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. CD-ROM and web edition is also available in Danish.

For further information please contact:

- E-mail: guiadmundo.org.uy/

World Social Forum

Under the slogan “Another world is possible”, the World Social Forum aims at becoming a new international arena for the consideration of alternatives to prioritize human development and the separation of the markets in each country and in the international relationships by all those who are opposed to the neoliberal policies.

The first Forum took place in January, Porto Aleg (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil). The World Social Forum Initiative aspires to take place every year during the same period as the World Economic Forum, which happens in Davo Switzerland, at the end of January.

For further information at:

http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br

WTO Watch is a global information center on trade, the WTO, and sustainable development issues. It also provides multimedia resources.

For more info at:

http://www.wtowatch.org/

World Watch 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 environmental support systems. It publishes The State of the World.

From the thinning of the Arctic sea ice to the invasion of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, State of the World 2001 shows how the economy of the last decade has damaged natural systems. The increasingly visible evidence of environmental deterioration is only the tip of a much more dangerous problem: the growing inequalities in wealth and income between countries within countries, inequalities that will generate enormous social unrest and pressure for change.

For further information please contact:

- E-mail: worldwatch@worldwatch.org

The State of the World 2001 Report is available on-line at:

http://www.worldwatch.org/

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

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  or visit Social Watch home page in the Internet:
  http://www.socialwatch.org/