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Security Council Updated on Conflicts Causing Severe Hunger



Analysis by [Jaya Ramachandran](#)

BERLIN | ROME (IDN) - The UN Security Council is faced with a critical if not an unprecedented situation: it has been warned that "protracted conflicts affecting 17 countries" have now driven more than 56 million people into either "crisis" or "emergency" levels of food insecurity and are hindering global efforts to eradicate

malnutrition.

At the same time, according to a [recent report](#) by UNEP and the World Resources Institute (WRI), about one-third of all food produced worldwide, worth around US\$1 trillion, gets lost or wasted in food production and consumption systems. (P23) [GERMAN](#) | [INDONESIAN](#) | [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#) | [SPANISH](#) | [SWAHILI](#) | [TURKISH](#)

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Reforestation in Oxapampa: Peru's Challenges and Priorities



By [Fernando Torres Morán](#)

LIMA (IDN) – Oxapampa is a province in the Pasco Region, in the high jungle area of Peru, which is home to the Oxapampa-Asháninka-Yanesha Biosphere Reserve that was recognised by UNESCO in 2010.

The reserve houses a number of protected natural areas such as the Yanachaga Chemillen National Park, with an area of 122 thousand hectares (spread over the districts of Huancabamba, Oxapampa, Villa Rica and Pozuzo) and the San Matías-San Carlos Protection Forest, with an area of 145,818 hectares (spread over the districts of Palcazu, Puerto Bermudez and Villa Rica).

Over the decades, the area has suffered forest depredation, and Peru's non-governmental [Pronaturaleza](#) foundation for the conservation of nature has recently condemned the illegal felling of trees in the Yanachaga Chemillen National Park, including the extraction of one hundred thousand planks of wood from trees such as thyme, cedar and fig. (P22) [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION](#)

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Youth Empowerment Crucial in Achieving SDGs



By Rodney Reynolds

UNITED NATIONS (IDN) – The United Nations formally launched on July 11 its global campaign to help ensure the implementation of its **17 Sustainable**

Development Goals (SDGs) aimed at achieving social, economic and environmental advancement for over 7.0 billion people worldwide.

But the lingering question before the 10-day High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs was whether or not the international community will reach its targets, including the elimination of poverty and economic inequalities by 2030, as envisaged by world leaders in September 2015?

Reiterating the primary theme of the SDG Forum – “Ensuring that no one is left behind” – UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the successful implementation of SDGs will depend on its inclusiveness. (P21) [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#) | [KOREAN TEXT VERSION PDF](#)

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UN Internal Oversight Criticises Gender Imbalance – and More



By Ramesh Jaura

BERLIN | NEW YORK (IDN) - The **Department of Political Affairs** plays a central role in the United Nations efforts to prevent and resolve deadly conflicts around the world. But it will not be on the radar screen of the Security Council when it

opens on July 21 the first round of unofficial ‘straw polls’ to agree on one of the 12 candidates for the post of the Secretary-General.

A candidate who is acceptable to the five permanent members – USA, Russia, China, Britain and France – and is elected later by the General Assembly to succeed Ban Ki-moon, whose second five-year term expires on December 31, 2016, will however have to pay heed to the Evaluation of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (DPA). (P20) [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#)

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UN Agenda 2030: Civil Society Holds Governments Accountable



Analysis by J Nastranis

NEW YORK (IDN) - As the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development started its first review of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) July 11-20, civil society coalitions

from around the world brought to New York their own findings, calling on member states to take note of these.

Because the Forum is the UN’s central platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda adopted by world leaders on September 25, 2015. It is slated to adopt a **Ministerial Declaration** to provide political leadership, guidance and

to adopt a Ministerial Declaration to provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on the 2030 Agenda's implementation and follow-up; keep track of progress of the SDGs; spur coherent policies informed by evidence, science and country experiences; as well as address new and emerging issues. (P19) [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#)

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UN Fighting to Fend Off 'The Little Boy' and 'The Little Girl'



By Jutta Wolf

BERLIN | ROME (IDN) - Three Rome-based UN agencies are keen to avert further havoc wreaked by the twins with euphemistic names – 'The Little Boy' and 'The Little Girl' – and are calling for governments and the international community to ramp up efforts to safeguard livelihoods of some 100 million people around the world.

"The new pattern of climate events (better known by their Spanish designations, El Niño and La Niña) is exposing weaknesses in our preparedness, in international and government systems and in community infrastructure," says the newly-appointed United Nations Special Envoy on El Niño & Climate Ambassador Macharia Kamau. (P18) [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#)

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New Partnership to Implement Paris Climate Change Agreement



By Jutta Wolf

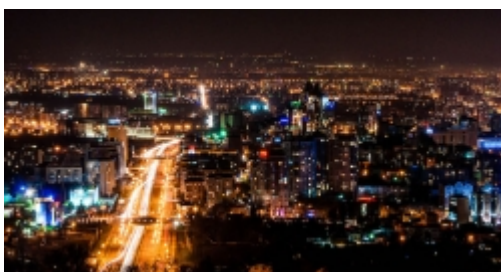
BERLIN (IDN) - Many developing countries have made their first ever commitment to complying with climate targets with the adoption of the Paris Agreement endorsed in December 2015. A new partnership – initiated jointly by the German Ministry for the Environment and that for Economic Cooperation and Development together with

the [World Resources Institute \(WRI\)](#) – now aims to help them transform these targets into specific strategies and measures.

The initiative aims at supporting developing countries in specifying and implementing their nationally determined contributions and help them unify existing climate and development goals with a view to achieving greater harmonisation of various donor programmes. The partnership will be officially launched at the Marrakesh climate conference (COP22) in November.

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UN Spurs Sustainable Development in North and Central Asia



By Devinder Kumar

NEW DELHI (IDN) - Within days of being elected as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for two years beginning January 1, Kazakhstan has affirmed its "commitment to work in partnership to address the critical social and economic

development needs of the people of North and Central Asia".

An agreement for the purpose was signed on July 11 in Bangkok between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ([ESCAP](#)) and the Government Kazakhstan.

Under the Agreement, which supplements the Host Country Agreement, the Government of Kazakhstan has committed to provide the premises for the ESCAP's [Subregional office for North and Central Asia \(SONCA\)](#), along with a recurring annual grant for operational and programme costs of the office.

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Waiting for Effective Solutions from UN Summit on Refugees



By J C Suresh

TORONTO (IDN) - Governments, civil society organisations and more than 65 million people who are uprooted from their homes are looking forward to the United Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants

on September 19 at UN headquarters in New York.

The high-level meeting being organised by the UN General Assembly will address large movements of refugees and migrants, with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach.

Addressing an event at the world body's headquarters on July 19 in New York, UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson stressed the need for "a discourse about making migration safe, orderly and responsible", as spelled out in one of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) under [Agenda 2030](#).

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University Scholarships for Refugees Worldwide



BERLIN (IDN) - Germany is supporting the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) at the [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) by providing 2500 additional scholarships, according to the Federal Foreign Office. The

DAFI programme enables those recognised as refugees to access university education in their country of first admission.

It is particularly Syrian refugees in Syria's neighbouring countries who stand to benefit from the new student grants. Up to 1000 scholarships will be awarded in Turkey, a further 700 will be available for refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and northern Iraq.

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