What’s New at the UN Library

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• United Nations Digital Library
• New Research Guides:
  – UN Documentation: Trusteeship Council
  – UN Documentation: Decolonization
  – UN Documentation: Development
  – UN System Documentation
  – Coming soon: New UN Documentation: Regular Budget
• New UN Member States on the Record
UN Digital Library: What is it?

- One access point to find:
  - UN Documents
  - UN Open Access Publications
  - Voting Information
  - Speech records
  - Digitized maps
  - UN Oral History

- Only UN material
- Replaces UNBISnet
- https://digitallibrary.un.org
Simple Search

- Enter keywords and click Search
- Searches in the description of the resource (metadata)
  - Title, subject, summary, author, etc.
  - Metadata is in English only
  - Does not search in the full text initially
- Searches all types of records
  - Bibliographic, voting, speeches
- Options to refine search appear on results screen
Faceting

- Facet by
  - Resource type
  - UN Body
  - Date

- Location of the facets depends on browser settings
  - May appear under “Options”
  - May appear on the left side

- Facet choices appear in order of number of hits
  - To see more results, select show all
Faceting

The Facets used to narrow your search results will appear either on the left side or under the Options button, depending on how large the text is appearing on your browser.
Sorting

• Under Options, select how to sort results
• Default sort is “relevance”
• We recommend to sort by:
  – year, **descending**: to display most recent documents at the top
  – **Latest first** is not recommended because it reflects the latest documents added to the digital library, not the latest documents released. (Could display recently digitized old documents first.)
Under the options menu, you will find the sorting options. For best results, select "Year" and "Descending" to get the most recent results at the top.
Searching Within Collections

All records are part of a collection. You can select to search in a specific collection by:

• Resource type:
  – Meeting records,
  – Draft resolutions,
  – Letters and note verbales,
  – Voting data,
  – Speeches, etc.

• UN Body:
  – Security Council
  – ECOSOC
  – Human Rights Bodies
  – General Assembly, etc.
Searching Within Collections: By Resource Type

Voting Data

Fulltext Search:  
Off  On

UN Body:  
- General Assembly 1178
- Security Council 271

Vote:  
- Without Vote 905
- Vote 544

Subject:  
- PEACEKEEPING 109
- PEACE 68
- CYPRUS QUES... 54
- PEACEKEEPING 51
- UN PEACEKEEP... 46
- CENTRAL AME... 45
- OUTER SPACE--... 31

Search Tips: Advanced Search :: Authority Search

Search: Peace

1,449 records found

Security Council resolution 2413 (2018) [on peacebuilding and sustaining peace]
Yes: 015  |  No: 000  |  Abstentions: 000  |  Non-Voting: 000  |  Total voting membership: 015
A/RES/2413(2018) | 2018-03-26 | Voting Data

International Day of Peace: resolution / adopted by the General Assembly
ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE
A/RES/55/282 | 2001-09-07 | Voting Data

Culture of peace: resolution / adopted by the General Assembly
ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE
A/RES/52/12 | 1997-11-20 | Voting Data
Searching Within Collections: By UN Body

Security Council

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Security Council

Security Council, 74th year : 8512th meeting, Monday, 15 April 2019, New York

Security Council, 74th year

Don't forget to sort by Year, Descending to get the most recent results first.

Once you are in a particular collection, then you can filter by Resource type, year, etc.
Fulltext Searching

Full text searching:

• Run an initial search, then turn the Fulltext Search On in the results screen
• For example, “Sustaining Peace” in meeting records
• You can search for words in any of the official languages in the Fulltext search
**Fulltext Searching**

When the Fulltext Search results are "Off", you get 17 results.

When the Fulltext Search is on, you get 441 results.
Fulltext Searching

Using "quotation marks" makes a difference to your results. In this example, you are searching for the phrase "Sustaining Peace".

In this example, you are looking for the words Sustaining and Peace.
Advanced Search

• Advanced Search allows you to search within particular fields
• We recommend:
  – “All of the words” to find all words in any order
  – “Partial phrase” to find a group of words in order together
• We do not recommend
  – “Exact Phrase” (must match the whole field exactly)
• "Added/modified since" reflects the date added to the system; not necessarily the date published
• Voting and Speeches have custom Advanced Search options
Advanced Search: Speeches

Search

All of the words: Gutieres

AND

All of the words: speaker

AND

Added/modified since:

Added since: any day any month any year

dd/mm/yyyy

until:

any day any month any year

dd/mm/yyyy

Search

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Speeches

135 records found 1 - 50

Gutieres, António, 1949- (UN, Secretary-General)

AFRICA—REGIONAL SECURITY

A/73/PV.426 | 2019-02-04 | Speeches

Gutieres, António, 1949- (UN, Secretary-General)

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

A/73/PV.58 | 2018-12-18 | Speeches

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Additional Features

• Boolean Operators: AND, OR, NOT
• The asterisk (*) acts as a wildcard; the percentage sign (%) acts as truncation
• Expert searching, which allows you to do a very precise search on the metadata is also available. See the help guide for more information.
Personalization

When you log in with your own personal account, you are able to do a number of things, including:

• Creating alerts
• Saving your search history
To create an account, or to log into your account. Click on the 'login' link at the top right of the home page.
Personalization

United Nations Digital Library

Enter login information here.

Create an account here.
Personalization

Select "Your searches" to see your search history.

From your search history, you can repeat a search or set up an alert.

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Personalization

You can manage your alerts under "Your alerts."
For a more detailed explanation of the search functionality, refer to our help guide.

Or contact us.
# New Research Guides

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https://library.un.org/unms
New UN Member States on the Record

• Contains information such as:
  – UN (GA) Membership
  – Security Council Membership
  – Economic and Social Council Membership (NEW)
  – Human Rights Council Membership (NEW)

• Link to search results for:
  – General Debate Speeches
  – Index to Speeches
  – Draft Resolutions Sponsored
  – Diplomatic Relations between States (NEW)
Ask DAG

Type in your question

- You find the answer in the FAQ database
  OR
- You submit your question to the Library Helpdesk

Still haven't found what you're looking for? Submit Your Question

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