**United Nations
Dag Hammarskjöld Library
Overview of Services**

**for the IFLA Section, Libraries &
Research Services for Parliaments**

Dag Hammarskjold Library people

UN libraries

* Dag Hammarskjöld Library is the library of UN Headquarters in New York, with its own specific mandate

* The UN Secretariat also has regional centres in Geneva, Vienna, Santiago, Addis Ababa, Beirut and Bangkok, each with its own autonomous library service.

* Many of the other organisations in the UN system also have autonomous library services

UN Headquarters library

* Library services existed from the origins of the UN in 1945
* It is seen as a parliamentary library
* A new library building was opened in 1961 and was named after Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General who had led the development of the plans and had died in service just before the opening
* The Library service also took his name
* The service is now much smaller in scale

Selected
UN Information Resources

✓ The UN website: www.un.org

✓ Treaty Collection: https://treaties.un.org/

Resources wholly/partly maintained by the Library

✓ Research Guides: http://research.un.org/en/docs

✓ Ask Dag: http://ask.un.org/

✓ UN Member States on the Record:
  http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/unms/about.shtml

✓ ODS: http://documents.un.org

✓ Library database(UNBISNET): http://unbisnet.un.org/

UN Website

✓ Provides wide coverage of information on main thematic issues.

✓ Good start for a general research

✓ Provides links to the main thematic pages and websites

✓ Has an index: http://www.un.org/en/siteindex/

✓ Maintained by the Department of Public Information

Treaty Collection

* http://treaties.un.org/
  * Database of multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General in full text;
  * Database of treaties of the League of Nations
  * Maintained by the Office of Legal Affairs

UN Library
Research Guides

http://research.un.org/en
(Selected guides also in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish)

* Starting point to understand UN documents;

* Information on principal organs and their documents;

* Access to list of resolutions and actions taken by the Security Council

* Guides to main subject areas such as International Law, Human Rights, Environment, etc..

* New topical research guides

* Exhibit for the UN 70th anniversary: 70 Years, 70 Documents

UN Research Guides

BY SUBJECT | ALL GUIDES

Africa	3	Humanitarian Affairs	3
Development	10	International Law	8
Disarmament	2	Member States	3
Economic Affairs	1	Peace & Security	7
Environment	5	Social Affairs	3
Health	2	UN Documents	16
Human Rights	5	United Nations	19

Official Documents System (ODS)

http://ods.un.org/
- ✓ Main database for UN Official and mast-head documents.
- ✓ Searchable through symbol, title, session, subject or agenda item.
- ✓ Since 1993 most documents digital and so are in ODS
- ✓ Library has hard-copy of pre-1993 documents

Digitisation
- ✓ All Security Council documents and resolutions completed
- ✓ Around 10% of the most important 1945-93 documents so far
- ✓ Items may be digitised on request

UNBISNET

- ✓ http://unbisnet.un.org/
- ✓ Library online catalogue - including UN documents.
- ✓ Coverage from 1979+
- ✓ Links to ODS for digital official documents
- ✓ Good source for speeches and voting information

UN Member States on the Record

http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unms/

* Direct access to digital UN documents reflecting the actions of individual United Nations Member States, including:
  * Documents related to entry to the United Nations;
  * Statements made at General Assembly debates;
  * Draft resolutions sponsored by a country.

UN Dag Digital Library

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* The digital repository (currently online in pilot version at http://repository.un.org) makes available and preserves the digital Library collection of UN content.
  * Public documents
  * Publications
  * Eventually, other digital content outside traditional categories
* The DAG Digital Library project covers all Library online services

Social media

http://twitter.com/#!/UNLibrary

http://www.facebook.com/UnitedNationsLibrary

(http://un-library.tumblr.com/)

Online Tutorials

* Videos and basic explanation on how to find UN Documents

  http://research.un.org/en/docs/find

UN Depository Libraries

* Since 1946, a global network of partner libraries, either free or subscription members.
* Receive UN publications and documents (scope & depth of collection varies).
* Currently 362 depository libraries in over 136 countries
* Must provide free public access to the UN content
* Physical distribution almost entirely terminated in 2012
* Parliamentary libraries have conditional right to free membership

http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/index.html

Questions and Client Services

* **Contact UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library Help desk for assistance:**

  * Phone: 212 963 3000
  * Email: Library-ny@un.org
  * Web: Ask.un.org