

UN Reference Library

UN Reference Library is housed on the first floor of the UN Office in Armenia. It was established in 1995 by the UN Department of Public Information. The UN resident agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR, WHO, UNFPA, UNAIDS) took an active part in the further developing of this important component.

The main stock of the Library collection consists of the materials and information documents of the UN system. Electronic database of the UN Reference Library exceeds 5,000 titles of books, periodicals and other printed materials, videocassettes, audiotapes, CDs and DVDs in UN working languages and in Armenian. It is always updated by new materials received from the UN Headquarters and new local publications of the UN agencies. The stock of the library also includes a wide range of books and materials of various international organizations, local governmental and non-governmental institutions as well as special donations.

The UN Reference library serves as a necessary reference not only for the UN staff but also for the public. Groups of school children and students as well as teachers and different specialists have an opportunity to visit the library, get acquainted with the latest information about the UN, and receive necessary advice on current UN events.

The main bibliography can be found on-line at the virtual library: www.intra.un.am.

Opening hours

For the UN Staff: Monday-Friday, 9:00 - 18:00
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Department of Public Information United Nations Information Office in Yerevan

United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) is one of the founding bodies of the UN Armenia Office, which was established soon after Armenia's membership to the United Nations in 1992. As a UN Secretariat Department, DPI is the main source of disseminating information on United Nations in the country. It provides the local diverse audiences with new information on the activities and objectives of the UN political, economic, social and humanitarian mandates.

UN DPI around the World

The UN Department of Public Information is one of the major Departments of the Secretariat. It was established in 1946 during the first General Assembly session by the resolution #13(I) of February 1946. The main objective of DPI is to ensure up to date public awareness about the United Nations and its activities to people living in all parts of the world.

The Department of Public Information is one of the specialized departments of the Secretariat – one of the main bodies of the UN. The global network of the UN Information Centers is the main link between the people of the world and the Headquarters. Being located in 63 countries these offices help the local public obtain fresh information about the Organization and its activities.

DPI Mandate

Information dissemination and preparation of publications in mother languages

The UN DPI major mandate ranges from dissemination of information on basic facts about the United Nations to circulating information on special events and observances. It is also delegated with the task of providing latest news to mass media, researchers, teachers and NGOs. One of the main aims of UN Information Office in Yerevan is issuing of local publications and reference papers in Armenian referring to the latest UN news and global thematic priorities.

DPI has also prepared the quarterly Bulletin of UN Armenia Office, annual calendars, posters and other information materials. DPI organizes thematic exhibitions of different materials, as well as press conferences and press briefings.

Cooperation with

- **Mass media**

Issues press releases, organizes press conferences, provides newspapers with articles, gives interviews to radio and TV programmes, and organizes thematic presentations and lectures about various fields of United Nations. Depending upon opportunities it assists the journalists to participate in global events and conferences. Department of Public Information is the official source of UN information for the mass media.

- **Civil Society**

DPI collaborates actively with the members of civil society and NGOs who have committed themselves to the achievement of UN goals and objectives. It assists them in organizing seminars, workshops, exhibitions and celebration of UN Observances. DPI is cooperating with NGOs since 1947. In Armenia there are 4 NGOs associated with DPI, two of which have consultative status with ECOSOC as well. UN DPI has its contribution in the establishment and further operation of the Armenian UN Association.

- **Youth and Educational Institutions**

One of the major objectives of DPI is the constant contact with youth and their education on UN and Human Rights issues. UN Information Office in Yerevan organizes different educational outreach for teachers and students, provides information support to the organizers of Model UN Conferences simulating UN General Assembly, Security Council and other committees. Senior undergraduate students pass their internship or work as volunteers in UN DPI Office.

- **Government and other international organizations**

Although the main mandate of DPI is cooperation with the public, it also collaborates with several of Government entities especially in organizing joint events and supplying appropriate information. The same refers to DPI cooperation with other international and regional organizations.

- **UN Family**

As a member of the UN Country Team in the Armenia, DPI actively cooperates with the UN Resident Agencies. DPI is the specialized component of UN Information.

Website

UN HQ has a multilingual website available in the six official languages of the organization (www.un.org) while DPI Yerevan Office is responsible for the contents and updating of the UN Armenia Office official website available in two languages (www.un.am). The visitors of this website can find not only fresh information on United Nations events and activities in Armenia, but also facts about the UN, core documents of International Law, etc.