



Research Institutes in the UN System

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Research Institutes in Alphabetical Order

| Objective of the organization | Thematic areas of focus | Publications available at: |
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| Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) | | |
| <p>Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) – Rome is a research network of fifteen international agricultural research centers aiming to apply agricultural science to promote sustainable agriculture for food security in developing countries.</p> <p>http://www.ifad.org/partners/network/index.htm</p> | <p>Food crops; Forestry; Livestock; Irrigation management; Aquatic resources and policy;</p> <p>http://www.ifad.org/operations/index.htm</p> | <p>http://www.ifad.org/doc/index.htm</p> |
| International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) | | |
| <p>International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) – Lyon is to coordinate and conduct research on the causes of human cancer, the mechanisms of carcinogenesis, and the development of scientific strategies for cancer control.</p> <p>http://www.iarc.fr/</p> | <p>Epidemiological research; Laboratory research;</p> <p>http://www.iarc.fr/ENG/Structure/organizationA.html</p> | <p>http://www.iarc.fr/Papers/index.php</p> |
| International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) | | |

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| <p>International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) – Trieste is an international organization dedicated to advanced research and training in molecular biology and biotechnology, with special regard to the needs of the developing world.</p> <p>http://www.icgeb.org/index.htm</p> | <p>Bacteriology; Biotechnology development; Human molecular genetics; Leukocyte biology; Microbiology; Molecular biology; Molecular immunology; Molecular medicine; Molecular pathology; Molecular virology; Mouse molecular genetics; Muscle molecular biology; Protein structure and bioinformatics; Proteomics; Tumor;</p> <p>http://www.icgeb.org/RESEARCH/TS/tsrsprg.htm</p> | <p>http://www.icgeb.org/RESEARCH/Publications.htm</p> |
| International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) | | |
| <p>International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) – Trieste is to foster advanced studies and research, especially in developing countries.</p> <p>http://www.ictp.it/</p> | <p>Applied physics; Condensed matter and statistical physics (CMSP); Earth system physics (ESP); High energy, cosmology and astroparticle physics (HECAP); Mathematics (Math);</p> <p>http://www.ictp.it/pages/research.html</p> | <p>http://www.ictp.it/pages/organization/publications</p> |
| International Labour Organization (ILO) | | |

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| <p>International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS) – Rome is established as an autonomous facility of the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote research, public debate and knowledge sharing on emerging-issues of concern to the ILO and its constituents – government, business and labor.</p> <p>http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inst/about/index.htm</p> | <p>Economic, political and social developments including the impact on social and economic progress of new developments in the global economy; New or more effective instruments to promote a fairer globalization; The roles and possible contributions of different actors in global markets.</p> <p>http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inst/about/index.htm</p> | <p>http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inst/about/index.htm</p> |
| International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) | | |
| <p>International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) – Santo Domingo undertakes research and training programmes which contribute to the advancement of women and gender equality worldwide.</p> <p>http://www.un-instraw.org/en/</p> | <p>Gender and security sector reform; financing for development; Gender, migration and remittances;</p> <p>http://www.un-instraw.org/en/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=35&Itemid=70</p> | <p>http://www.un-instraw.org/en/index.php?option=content&task=blogcategory&id=72&Itemid=104</p> |
| International Social Security Association (ISSA) | | |
| <p>International Social Security Association (ISSA) – Geneva is a forum for social security institutions on developing the social protection programmes, policies, research activities and etc to be adapted to the genuine needs of populations.</p> <p>http://www.issa.int/engl/homef.htm</p> | <p>Social security</p> <p>http://www.issa.int/engl/homef.htm</p> | <p>http://www.issa.int/engl/homef.htm</p> |
| Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), World Health Organization (WHO) | | |

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| <p>Caribbean Epidemiologic Centre (CAREC) – Trinidad aims at improving the health status of Caribbean people by advancing the capabilities of member countries in epidemiology, laboratory technology and related public health disciplines through technical cooperation, service, training, and research.</p> <p>http://www.carec.org/</p> | <p>Epidemiology and laboratory technology;</p> <p>http://www.carec.org/about/index.html</p> | <p>http://www.carec.org/publications/index.html</p> |
| <p>Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) – Kingston aims at co-operating technically with the Caribbean countries to strengthen their ability to analyze, manage and prevent key nutritional problems and to enhance the quality of life of the people through the promotion of good nutrition and healthy lifestyle behaviors.</p> <p>http://www.paho.org/english/cfni/home.htm</p> | <p>AIDS and STI; Communicable Diseases; Disasters and humanitarian assistance; Environmental health; Epidemiology/biostatistics; Equity & human development; Essential medicines and technology; Health promotion; Health systems and services; Mental health; Nutrition; Tobacco; Vaccines/Immunization; Veterinary public health;</p> <p>http://www.paho.org/Selection.asp?SEL=TP&LNG=ENG</p> | <p>http://www.paho.org/english/DD/PUB/pubHome.asp</p> |

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| <p>International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) – Paris aims at strengthening the capacity of countries to plan and manage their education systems, through research and training.</p> <p>http://www.unesco.org/iiep/</p> | <p>Monitors emerging trends likely to significantly affect the content and organization of education in the future; Analyzes new practices in educational planning and management ;</p> <p>http://www.unesco.org/iiep/eng/research/observ/observation.htm</p> | <p>http://www.unesco.org/iiep/eng/publications/pubs.htm</p> |
| <p>Institute for Statistics (UIS) – Montreal aims to gather a wide range of policy-relevant, timely, and reliable statistics to help Member States analyze the efficiency and effectiveness of their programmes and to inform their policy decisions.</p> <p>http://www.uis.unesco.org</p> | <p>Global and internationally comparable statistics on education, science, technology, culture and communication.</p> <p>http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev_en.php?ID=2867_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC</p> | <p>http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev.php?URL_ID=5226&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201</p> |
| <p>Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE) – Delft aims at strengthening the efforts made by other universities and research centres in increasing knowledge and skills of professionals working in the water sector.</p> <p>http://www.unesco-ihe.org/about/intro.htm</p> | <p>Water security; Environmental integrity; Urbanization; Water Management and governance; Information and communication systems;</p> <p>http://www.unesco-ihe.org/research/intro.htm</p> | <p>http://www.unesco-ihe.org/publications/dbase.htm</p> |
| <p>United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p> | | |
| <p>United Nations Environment</p> | <p>Protection of the ozone layer;</p> | <p>http://hq.unep.org/ozone/Publications/</p> |

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| <p>Programme (UNEP)/Ozone Secretariat – Nairobi is the Secretariat for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.</p> <p>http://ozone.unep.org/</p> | <p>Substances that deplete the ozone layer;</p> <p>http://ozone.unep.org/About the Secretariat/index.asp</p> | |
| United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) | | |
| <p>United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Innocenti Research Centre (IRC) – Florence undertakes research to improve international understanding of issues relating to children's rights.</p> <p>http://www.unicef-icdc.org/</p> | <p>Child poverty; Child protection; Child work and labour ; Children's participation; Conflict and displacement ; Education; Gender Issues ; Governance; Health ; Minorities; Rights of the child ; Urban child;</p> <p>http://www.unicef-icdc.org/research/</p> | <p>http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/</p> |
| United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) | | |

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| <p>United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) – Turin assists intergovernmental, governmental and nongovernmental organizations in their efforts to formulate and implement improved policies in the field of crime prevention and justice administration.</p> <p>http://www.unicri.it/index.php</p> | <p>Justice Reform; Security / Counter-Terrorism; Counter-Trafficking;</p> <p>http://www.unicri.it/wwd/wwd.php</p> | <p>http://www.unicri.it/wwk/publications/books/series.php</p> |
| United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) | | |
| <p>United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) – Geneva conducts research on disarmament and security with the aim of assisting the international community in their disarmament thinking, decisions and efforts.</p> <p>http://www.unidir.org/html/en/home.html</p> | <p>Global security; Regional security and disarmament; Human security and disarmament;</p> <p>http://www.unidir.org/html/en/activities.html</p> | <p>http://www.unidir.org/html/en/publications.php</p> <p>http://www.unidir.org/pdf/UNIDIRPub.pdf</p> |
| United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) | | |

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| <p>United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)/International Centre for Materials Evaluation Technology (ICMET) – Seoul as part of the Korean Research Institute of Standards and Science has the mission to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop international guidelines, codes of practice, standards on testing for new materials, which can be accepted across national boundaries. • Bridge the gap between research, development organizations, and the market place in developing countries to stimulate the trade and diffusion of new materials and processing technologies at the industrial scale. • Interact and link with established centers and other related initiatives of the developed countries <p>http://www.kriss.re.kr/kriss99/h-mec/icmet/index.htm</p> | <p>Strengthening technological capabilities and promoting international cooperation in the field of in testing and evaluation of new materials.</p> | <p>No publication available online.</p> |
| United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) | | |
| <p>United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – Geneva focuses on enhancing the effectiveness of the Organization through appropriate training and research.</p> <p>http://www.unitar.org/about_en.htm</p> | <p>Diplomacy and International Affairs; Economic and Social Development;</p> <p>http://www.unitar.org/programme_en.htm</p> | <p>http://www.unitar.org/training_materials_publication.htm</p> |
| United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) | | |

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| <p>United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) – Geneva engages in multidisciplinary research on the social dimensions of contemporary problems affecting development.</p> <p>http://www.unrisd.org/80256B3C005B128/(httpHomepages)/\$first?OpenDocument</p> | <p>Civil society and social movements; Democracy; Governance; Human rights; Identities, conflict and cohesion; Social policy and development ; Technology and society;</p> <p>http://www.unrisd.org/80256B3C005B128/(httpResearchHome)/\$first?opendocument&startyear=2000</p> | <p>http://www.unrisd.org/80256B3C005BCCF9/(httpPublicationsHome)/\$First?OpenDocument</p> |
| United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB) | | |
| <p>United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB) for Coordination – New York is the forum for the executive heads of all UN organizations to further coordination and cooperation on the whole range of substantive and management issues facing the United Nations system.</p> <p>http://ceb.unsystem.org/default.htm</p> | <p>Follow up to the Millennium Summit; Strengthening system-wide support for the sustainable development of Africa – focus on the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD); Review of the work of the High-Level Committees on Management ; Security and safety of staff;</p> <p>http://ceb.unsystem.org/work.programme.htm</p> | <p>http://ceb.unsystem.org/new.htm</p> |
| United Nations University (UNU) | | |

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| <p>United Nations University (UNU) – Tokyo is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolving the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States.</p> <p>http://www.unu.edu/unu.html</p> | <p>Peace and governance; Inter-State relations and international order; The UN System; Human security; Major armed conflicts; Human rights and ethics; Democracy and civil society; Leadership; Policy & Institutional Frameworks; http://www.unu.edu/png.html</p> | <p>http://www.unu.edu/pubtext.html</p> |
| <p>Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) – Bonn focuses on researching risks and vulnerabilities that are the consequence of complex – both acute and latent – environmental hazards.</p> <p>http://www.ehs.unu.edu</p> | <p>Vulnerability Assessment of Rural and Urban Communities to Floods</p> <p>Note: currently, socio-economic research on post-tsunami in Sri Lanka is being carried out.</p> <p>http://www.ehs.unu.edu/index.php?page=Research&menu=3</p> | <p>http://www.ehs.unu.edu/index.php?module=overview&cat=17&menu=36</p> |
| <p>Institute for New Technologies (UNU – INTECH) – Maastricht is the research and training centre of United Nations University (UNU) devoted to the economic and social implications of new technologies and innovation in the development process.</p> <p>http://www.intech.unu.edu/index2.php</p> | <p>Global governance of innovation; Designing the knowledge economy; Innovation for development ;</p> <p>http://www.intech.unu.edu/research/current_research/current_research.php</p> | <p>http://www.intech.unu.edu/publications/index.php</p> |

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| <p>International Institute for Software Technology (UNU – IIST) – Macao aims at helping developing countries strengthen their education and research in computer science and their ability to produce computer software.</p> <p>http://www.iist.unu.edu/</p> | <p>Software Technology, including: Formal methods; Design techniques; Models for software development; Software testing;</p> <p>http://www.iist.unu.edu/</p> | <p>http://www.iist.unu.edu</p> |
| <p>International Network on Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) – Ontario is the research and training centre of the United Nations University (UNU) focused on conducting applied science and capacity-building training programmes that enable water managers to better address both the root causes and current manifestations of the global water crisis.</p> <p>http://www.inweh.unu.edu/inweh/</p> | <p>River basin ecosystems; Coastal zone ecosystems; Dryland ecosystems; Health and water;</p> <p>http://www.inweh.unu.edu/inweh/projects.htm</p> | <p>http://www.inweh.unu.edu/inweh/publications.htm</p> |
| <p>United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) – Yokohama conducts research, postgraduate education and capacity development, both in-house and in cooperation with an interactive network of academic institutions and international organizations.</p> <p>http://www.ias.unu.edu/about/about.cfm</p> | <p>Biodiplomacy initiative on governance of biotechnology and biosafety; Science policy for sustainable development ; Ecosystems and people; Sustainable development governance; Education for sustainable development;</p> <p>http://www.ias.unu.edu/research/research.cfm</p> | <p>http://www.ias.unu.edu/publications/publications.cfm</p> |

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| <p>United Nations University CENTRE – Tokyo coordinates the overall research, capacity-building, dissemination and networking activities of the University and maintains close contacts with the United Nations system.</p> <p>http://www.unu.edu/ctr.html</p> | <p>Peace and governance; Environment and sustainable development; Capacity building;</p> <p>http://www.unu.edu/p&g/index.htm</p> | <p>http://www.unu.edu/pub.html</p> |
| <p>United Nations University – International Leadership Institute (UNU-ILI) – Amman aims to promote, encourage and facilitate leadership development for a secure, just and equitable, humane and democratic world.</p> <p>http://www.la.unu.edu/index.asp</p> | <p>Leadership relating to issues of global concern.</p> <p>http://www.la.unu.edu/publications.asp</p> | <p>http://www.la.unu.edu/publications_bienium.asp</p> |
| <p>World Institute of Development Economic Research (WIDER) – Helsinki aims to undertake multidisciplinary research and policy analysis on structural changes affecting the living conditions of the world's poorest people.</p> <p>http://www.wider.unu.edu/publications/publications.htm</p> | <p>Poverty, inequality and human development; Globalization, finance and growth; New initiatives in development economics;</p> <p>http://www.wider.unu.edu/research/research.htm</p> | <p>http://www.wider.unu.edu/publications/publications.htm</p> |

| University for Peace | | |
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| <p>University for Peace – San Jose is to provide education for peace with the aim of promoting a spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence in order to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations.</p> <p>www.upeace.org/</p> | <p>Environmental security and peace; Gender and peace building; International law and human rights; International law and the settlement of disputes; Media, conflict and peace studies; Natural resources and sustainable development; Peace education;</p> <p>www.upeace.org/</p> | <p>http://biblioteca.upeace.org/publications.cfm</p> |
| <p>University for Peace/Institute for Media, Peace and Security (IMPS) – Geneva aims to educate people in the many ways the media interact with issues of conflict, peace and security.</p> <p>http://www.mediapeace.org/resource/index.cfm</p> | <p>Security and international law; Conflict resolution; Democracy and peace-building;</p> <p>http://www.mediapeace.org/resource/research.cfm</p> | <p>http://www.mediapeace.org/resource/index.cfm</p> |

| World Maritime University (WMU) | | |
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| <p>World Maritime University (WMU) – Malmö is to provide the international maritime community the high level maritime training and the transfer of maritime technology from the developed to developing maritime nations and promote the achievement of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime safety, efficiency of navigation and the prevention and control of marine pollution.</p> <p>http://www.wmu.se/</p> | <p>Maritime safety and security; Human resource development in the maritime sector; Marine environment management and protection;</p> <p>http://www.wmu.se/Pages/PageTemplate_8.asp?SectionId=865</p> | <p>http://www.wmu.se/Pages/PageTemplate_1.asp?SectionId=828</p> |

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Secretariat - Departments and Offices

- OSG Office of the Secretary-General
- OIOS Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA Office of Legal Affairs
- DPA Department of Political Affairs
- DDA Department for Disarmament Affairs
- DPKO Department of Peacekeeping Operations
- OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- DESA Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACM Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DPI Department of Public Information
- DM Department of Management
- OHRRLLS Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- UNSECOORD Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator
- UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOG UN Office at Geneva
- UNOV UN Office at Vienna
- UNON UN Office at Nairobi

Economic and Social Council – Functional Commissions

- Statistical Commission
- Commission on Population and Development
- Commission for Social Development
- Commission on Human Rights
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Commission on Science and Technology for Development
- Commission on Sustainable Development
- United Nations Forum on Forests

Economic and Social Council – Regional Commissions

- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Economic and Social Council – Standing Committees

- Committee for Programme and Coordination
- Commission on Human Settlements
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies

International Court of Justice – Specialized Agencies

- ILO International Labour Organization
- FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- WHO World Health Organization
- World Bank Group
- IMF International Monetary Fund
- ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization
- IMO International Maritime Organization
- ITU International Telecommunication Union
- UPU Universal Postal Union
- WMO World Meteorological Organization
- WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization
- IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development
- UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- WTO World Tourism Organization
- WTO World Trade Organization

Programmes and Funds

- UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- ITC International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)
- UNDCP United Nations Drug Control Programme
- UNEP United Nations Environment Programme
- UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
- UNDP United Nations Development Programme
- UNIFEM United Nations Development Fund for Women
- UNV United Nations Volunteers
- UNCDF United Nations Capital Development Fund
- UNFPA United Nations Population Fund
- UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- WFP World Food Programme
- UNRWA United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHSP)

Research and Training Institutes

- UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- UNIDIR United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- INSTRAW International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Other UN Entities

- OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNU United Nations University
- UNSSC United Nations System Staff College
- UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency
- CTBTO Prep.com PrepCom for the Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty Organization
- OPCW Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical