



Special issue on Innovation



Here at UNITAR, being "innovative" is encouraged in everything we do. Some of the examples include:

[New pilot projects on nanotechnologies](#) implemented by the [Chemical and Waste Management Programme](#) (CWM), [new learning and training wiki](#) is now available from the [Knowledge Systems and Innovation Unit](#) (KSI), and [HumaNav](#), a new integrated fleet tracking and navigation system from the [Operational Satellite Applications Programme](#) (UNOSAT).

Dear Reader,

We are happy to send you the Summer Newsletter of the [United Nations Institute for Training and Research](#) (UNITAR)! In this issue, you will read articles about our innovative projects and much more.



Your opinion counts. We are curious to know what you think about our e-Newsletter and it would be great if you could simply answer the [survey](#) or send us your comments at communications@unitar.org.

Happy reading!



Testimonials

"Our vision of the world has changed... We are glad and proud to have taken part in this training."

Young participants from Brazil in the Open Dojô Program

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Nanotechnologies, an exciting new field, but what are the benefits and risks?



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"Nanotechnology/Manufactured Nanomaterials" is an exciting new field that promises a broad array of benefits to humans and our environment. However, with these clear benefits come potential risks to the environment and human health - risks that, to-date, are not fully known.

ECOSOC acknowledges Progress and Growth at UNITAR

The [Economic and Social Council](#) of the United Nations adopted in June 2011 a resolution acknowledging the growth in beneficiary outreach.



The resolution followed the [presentation](#) of the [report of the Secretary-General](#) by the UNITAR Executive Director, Mr. Carlos Lopes.

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HumaNav, the latest technology in Fleet Management



[UNOSAT](#) is pleased to announce that [UNHCR](#) has requested its support to equip its fleet with the [HumaNav](#) solution.

Based on GPS technology, HumaNav is improving in real-time the safety, security and effectiveness of humanitarian transport missions by providing tracking, navigation and data capture for vehicle fleets of operational agencies.

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Open Dojô Programme – Creating a network of social innovators

Implemented by [UNITAR and OpenLab](#), the [Open Dojô](#) is an innovative leadership program designed for youth and young future entrepreneur leaders.



The [Chemicals and Waste Management Programme](#) (CWM) is embarking with its partner [OECD](#) to raise awareness in countries about this new topic - including what the implications for developing and transition countries will be as nano-based or nano-containing products are traded across borders, into jurisdictions where there is little or no capacity to address them.

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New Partnerships



In partnership with the city of Antwerp, Belgium, a new [UNITAR-affiliated centre](#), the Antwerp International Training Centre for Corporate Opportunities (ITCCO), opens to promote the [Global Compact](#) principles and advance the [Millennium Development Goals](#) (MDGs).

[Google, World Bank and UNOSAT confirm their engagement](#) in pursuing the collaborative effort to map important locations in South Sudan.

Announcements



[Click4it](#), a UNITAR learning & training wiki was launched in July on the UNITAR website. It provides a knowledge base of terms, definitions, tools and methods, training techniques and guidelines.

UNITAR and [FAO](#) are pleased to announce the course on [Innovative Collaboration for Development \(ICfD\)](#), an [e-Learning course on social media tools](#).

Registering for UNITAR courses and events is easier than ever! [Credit cards are now accepted](#) in the Online Catalogue.

Dojô is a Japanese term referring to a training or gathering place for students to progress by experimenting new ways of thinking, perceiving and working.

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Innovation honoured at the Americas Competitiveness Forum 2011

The Americas Award is a joint initiative of [CIFAL Atlanta](#) and UNITAR to honour outstanding government officials who have implemented innovative programmes towards the achievement of the [Millennium Development Goals](#).



The Americas Award is presented in the

framework of the [Americas Competitiveness Forum \(ACF\)](#), which is a unique event where representatives from countries throughout the region participate in a continental dialogue on competitiveness.

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