



**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](mailto: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**

[Watch videos of testimonials](#)

**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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