



## HIGHLIGHTS



### Monitoring food security in countries with conflict situations: A joint FAO/WFP update for the United Nations Security Council, January 2019 – Issue No.5

The report notes that the situation in Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and Yemen worsened in late 2018 largely due to conflict, while Somalia, Syria and the Lake Chad Basin saw some improvement in line with improved security.

(56 pp.) FAO & WFP

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## NEW BROCHURES



### GIEWS update – Southern Africa, January 2019 (4 pp.)



### Meeting the mandates set for liquid biofuels for transport in the Philippines (24 pp.) Bioenergy and food security (BEFS) case study



### Providing information to farmers in Niger through an Interactive Voice Response Platform (5 pp.) e-Agriculture case study E-KOKARI



### Stories of change: Maasai communities in Kenya adapting to climate change by adopting smart-agriculture practices (2 pp.) Food chain crisis – Emergency prevention system

## NEW BOOKS AND BRIEFS

### AGRICULTURE



### Perspectives de récolte et situation alimentaire, décembre 2018 – No. 4

According to this report, 40 countries, 31 of which in Africa, continue to be in need of external assistance for food. Among the main causes of severe food insecurity are conflicts and weather-induced declines in production, which affect food availability.

(40 pp., now available in French. Also available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))



### World reference base for soil resources 2014: International soil classification system for naming soils and creating legends for soil maps – Update 2015

This updated publication presents a comprehensive soil classification system to foster a more holistic approach in tackling environmental issues.

(200 pp., now available in Czech. Also available in [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#)) World soil resources reports – Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic (by arrangement with FAO)

## ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



### Évaluation pour action : Évaluer les capacités de surveillance des maladies animales – Sénégal

Among the recommendations set out in the document are developing a standardized plan to coordinate active and passive surveillance efforts for priority diseases in Senegal, and updating existing epidemiological supports for surveillance. (52 pp.)

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



### Agricultural transformation centres in Africa – Practical guidance to promote inclusive agro-industrial development

This study looks into the feasibility of agricultural transformation centres in Côte d'Ivoire, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, identifying an optimal mix of services and infrastructures based on the needs of the selected value chains and communities.

(200 pp.) FAO & the African Development Bank



### Analyse de la résilience au Tchad

This analysis reveals that the rural sector is underdeveloped, as is social protection, and argues that focusing on social protection is essential to support households in improving food security.

(52 pp., available only in French) Resilience analysis and policy report



### Crop receipts: A new financing instrument for Africa

This paper explores mechanisms for the introduction of crop receipts – an agricultural finance innovation developed in Brazil that enables smallholder farmers to access pre-harvest finance – in selected sub-Saharan African countries.

(108 pp.) IFC & FAO



### Empowering youth to engage in responsible investment in agriculture and food systems: Challenges, opportunities and lessons learned from six African countries

This paper identifies challenges (such as limited information and outreach) that need to be addressed to encourage youth to invest in agriculture. It suggests developing and adapting incentive schemes and improving the efficiency of processes.

(40 pp.)



### FAO + Italy: Partnering for food security and prosperity

This report covers key achievements and collaboration, including the Committee on World Food Security, of which Italy is Vice Chair for the 2018–19 biennium, and the International Plant Protection Convention, where Italy is a contracting party.

(60 pp.)



### Las zonas de reserva campesina: Retos y experiencias significativas en su implementación

Through a review of the historical and legal context, this paper examines governance challenges, including institutional and organizational actors in the context of rural development policies.

(Bogotá, 544 pp., available only in Spanish) FAO & Agencia Nacional de Tierras

## FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



### Report of the second meeting of the Part 6 Working Group established by the Parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, 5–6 July 2018, Rome, Italy

Among topics discussed were funding mechanisms to assist developing states in implementing the Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA), and a capacity development portal hosted by FAO.

(28 pp.) FAO fisheries and aquaculture report

## FORESTRY



### **Analyse de la situation foncière en vue de la préparation de la stratégie REDD+ en Tunisie**

This assessment provides up-to-date data on the country's forest tenure. It suggests a review of the current legal framework, and the implementation of forest inventory through digitalization and geomatization.

(128 pp., available only in French) FAO, ONU-REDD & Ministère de l'agriculture, des ressources hydrauliques et de la pêche

### **REDD+ EN GUINEA ECUATORIAL – Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería, Bosques y Medio Ambiente & FAO**

This set of documents describes the implementation phases of the REDD+ project in Equatorial Guinea, including the historical background and strategic objectives.



### **Análisis histórico de la deforestación y degradación forestal en Guinea Ecuatorial 2004–2014**

(60 pp., available only in Spanish)



### **Estrategia nacional de REDD+ de Guinea Ecuatorial** (76 pp., available only in Spanish)

## RECENT RELEASES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND IGOs

### **UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES – UNHCR**



### **Desperate Journeys, January–December 2018**

The report notes a sharp rise in the death rate of refugees and migrants attempting the journey to Europe by boat in the past year, with an estimated 2 275 people who perished in the Mediterranean Sea in 2018.

(Geneva, 36 pp.)

### **UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION – UNESCO**



### **Unesco Courier, January–March 2019**

This issue devoted to the International Year of Indigenous Languages looks at the importance of indigenous knowledge in addressing contemporary global challenges, including climate change.

(Paris, 60 pp., also available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#))

### **WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION – WIPO**



### **WIPO technology trends 2019: Artificial Intelligence**

This report analyses data in patent applications and scientific publications to better understand the latest trends in the field.

(Geneva, 160 pp.)