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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - The annual United Nations forum aimed at advancing the rights of the estimated 370 million indigenous persons around the world opened with a call to turn those rights into a practical reality.

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today underlined the role of information and communications technologies (ICTs) in accelerating socio-economic development, highlighting their potential to enable the delivery of basic social services to even the remotest areas of the world.

HEALTH - The head of the United Nations World Health Organization today outlined her vision for the agency for the current century, emphasizing the need to help Africa and other regions meet their health needs and ensuring that development aid is used to help countries move towards self-reliance.

AFRICA

KENYA - Kenya ranks 13th on the UN World Health Organization's list of 22 high-burden TB countries globally, and has the fifth-highest burden in Africa. According to WHO, the country has more than 130,000 new TB cases every year.

YEMEN - An estimated 2,555 women in Yemen die annually during childbirth because they do not have access to proper health facilities or experienced medical professionals.

ASIA & PACIFIC

CAMBODIA - As Cambodia enters its dengue season, with outbreaks in four out of 24 provinces, the NDCP is warning that a repeat of the 2007 epidemic - when about 40,000 people were hospitalized, more than 10,000 in one week - may be imminent.

KYRGYZSTAN is making significant progress towards key economic and social development targets but needs to do much more to tackle the spread of HIV/AIDS, the head of the United Nations Development Programme said.

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