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In Spotlight

Above, during his visit to India in January 2015, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon received a yoga lesson from Vijay Nambiar, the Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Myanmar. UN Photo/Mark Garten

In the lead up to International Day of Yoga, UNIC New Delhi launched the #UN4yoga campaign - inviting people to share selfies/photos/videos while in a Yoga stance and nominate others for the same throughout June. It is expected that the campaign will create a viral buzz around the Day and encourage people to take up Yoga. UNIC New Delhi also co-organized a conference in May to promote the discipline, with Guru Swami Ramdev demonstrating Yoga poses. Over 400 people from business, civil society, media and government attended the curtain raiser conference to promote Yoga as an instrument of wellness. World Yoga Day will be observed for the first time on 21 June 2015. The resolution to mark this day was accepted by over 170 Member States at the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.

¿Did you know?

A total of 80 million people in 75 countries were reached by WFP assistance in 2013 of which: 67.9 million are women and children, 4.2 million are refugees, 8.9 million are Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), 1.3 million are affected by HIV/AIDS.
<http://www.wfp.org/wfp-numbers>

Sights @ Work



Austria: The main library of the University of Vienna was the venue for the "Living Book Day" 2015. Students had the opportunity to borrow "living books" - people with successful careers - among them UNIS Vienna Director Martin Nesirky, to talk about their profession. (Photo credit: Klaus Ranger)



Algeria: The 7 bridges of Constantine still standing more than a hundred years after construction. Their silhouettes are the pride of Constantine, the city of Old Rock. They were the centre of "Constantine, the capital of Arab culture 2015"; inaugurated by UNESCO, in April 2015.



Nigeria: A panoramic view of Falomo roundabout and bridge. The roundabout is about 70 meters from the UNIC Lagos office. On the bridge are people clad in orange attire as part of UNIC's efforts to "Orange Your Neighbourhood" in support of elimination of violence against women.

Inspiring Youth On their way to Cape Town



As the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) reach their target date at the end of 2015 an obvious question has emerged: "What next?"

As the world ponders, the biggest constituent of Youth is responding by demanding a seat on the table where the Post 2015 agenda is decided.

For the post-2015 Development Agenda to succeed, youth involvement is key.

Realizing this fact, the Building Bridges duo Jilt van Schayik, Youth Ambassador of The Netherlands to the UN General Assembly and his partner Teun Meulepas, have decided to bridge the gap between youth and the United Nations, by riding bicycles across two continents - from Amsterdam, The Netherlands to Cape Town, South Africa, crossing 22 countries covering a distance of 17,000 kilometres, over a period of six months.

Along the way, they are meeting and engaging youth, sensitizing them to and raising awareness of their need to be involved in the decision making process of the post-2015 Development Agenda, so they can realize the future they want.

Having conquered weather elements, from snowy Europe starting in late February, to around 47 degree Celsius in the Sahel region of Africa, on the morning of Sunday 24 May 2015, the duo arrived in Togo by crossing the Ghana-Togo border on bicycles. They were welcomed by the UNIC Lome National Information Officer, the Togo Youth Ambassador and Administrative Adviser of the NGO Frères

Agriculteurs et Artisans pour le Développement (FAGAD). More than twenty young men and women - also on bicycles - wearing white T-shirts that read "Building Bridges Project Togo" were also there to meet them.

Explaining the rationale behind the journey, van Schayik pointed out that his team sought to involve young people in policy making and bridging the gap between young people and policy makers. The Building Bridges project; "connects, shares and inspires youths in Africa and Europe through youth consultations, debates and conferences to raise awareness for the urgent challenges that exist around the United Nations' post-2015 development agenda and gender equality."

Their four day visit to Togo was full of adventure. It included riding from Lomé to Kpalimé, 120 Km from the capital, where they visited an NGO: "Sainte Therese de L'Enfant Jesus" (STEJ) which specializes in protecting the environment by recycling plastic waste into bags and other useful goods. The delegation also got a chance to visit the UNIC Lome office for a briefing, and had a Consultative conference with Togolese Youth from local associations. Their stay in Togo ended with a brief visit to an ICT project for blind persons in Togoville - a village located 60 km from Lomé. Jilt and Teun then left Togo for Benin as they had done days before when leaving Ghana.

Interestingly, as the duo moves from one country to another, they are engaging and inspiring youths they meet and encourage them to aspire to greatness by participating in UN activities in their neighbourhoods.

The cyclists are leaving a footprint of excitement and a group of young people fired up to excel in life and support their communities. This is probably one of the reasons that when scores of young

Togolese welcomed them, one of them, Julio Atti, opted to accompany the two Dutch cyclists to Lagos, Nigeria.



Stopping over in Nigeria - the 13th country on their list including Western Sahara - on Monday, 1 June, the activists team, now three - two Dutch and one Togolese - were received by UNIC Lagos and the Embassy of the Netherlands. Fifteen Nigerian cyclists and over sixty other youths from three higher educational institutions and a secondary school were also on hand to welcome the 'cross-continent' cyclists whose triumphant entry to the UNIC premises received a spontaneous applause by the waiting audience.

In Nigeria, they also had a full programme, meeting youth and leaving their mark as they and their Nigerian counterparts rode on the busy Lagos roads and beyond.

The two Dutch cyclists are worthy of emulation. They are truly an inspiration and role model to many. After leaving Nigeria on 6 June, they had 7 more countries to cover.



Teams @ Work

Algeria



Promoting UN Values at a Student Exhibition

UNIC Algiers set up an information booth at the Algerian Student Exhibition held at the Le Meridian ORAN conventional centre, to promote the Algerian Model UN (AMNU), the values of the Organization and getting the general public interested in the process of how the UN bodies and agencies work. The event had over 3 000 visitors and grouped 57 presenters across Algeria, 9 – 11 May.



Cycle of Open Days on AMNU

UNIC Algiers launched a cycle of Open Days on the Algeria Model UN (AMNU), which aims to empower Algerian Youths in the country. The first Open Day was organized in the city of Batna, east of Algeria, where a partnership was made with Al Bayane Academy. The program cycle is a chance for the Algerian youth to be active citizens and learn more about the UN, and a way to develop their personal capacities in communication and international relations, 12 May.



Martial Arts Exhibition

As part of the celebration of the International Day of Sports for Development and Peace, UNIC Algiers in collaboration with the NGO Sports Union “El Biaroise”, organized a sports exhibition to recognize the potential of sport as a tool for education, development and peace in promoting universal values. The ceremony was enhanced by the presence of Mr. Rabah Madjer, Goodwill Ambassador of the UN Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) and several Algerian athletes of international fame.



Inter District Football Tournament for Youth

To mark the International Day of Sports for Development and Peace, UNIC Algiers organized an inter district football tournament in the southern suburbs of Algiers. The event highlighted the impact

of sports in creating a climate of tolerance, understanding and social inclusion. Sports can contribute to the education of young people, promote noble values such as team spirit, fairness, discipline, and respect for one’s opponent

Armenia



Honoring Peacekeepers: UN Peacekeepers Day

UNO Yerevan jointly with partner schools and Armenian peacekeepers, celebrated the International Day of UN Peacekeepers at the UN Armenia office. First grade school children sang songs on peace, recited poems, and honored the peacekeepers who were present. Ethnic Armenian children from Syria - who recently fled the war - were also present. At the end of the event doves were released symbolizing peace. A [video](#) clip on the Day is on the UNO’s YouTube Channel, 21 May.

Australia



Launch of the 2015 Economic and Social Survey in Canberra

UNIC Canberra with the support of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Bangkok, marked the Australian launch of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2015

with an event in Canberra, in partnership with the Australian National University Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs.

The event was well-attended, with over 70 participants including Ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic community, representatives of government agencies, students and NGOs, 14 May.

Austria



45th International Peace Institute Vienna Seminar on “The UN at 70”

The 45th International Peace Institute Vienna Seminar took place at the Austrian Foreign Ministry seeking to address the question; if the UN is still “Fit for Purpose”. More than 100 diplomats, military officers, representatives of inter-governmental organizations, students, and journalists took part in six sessions on a wide range of topics connected to the theme of how to make the UN more “Fit for Purpose”. UNIS Vienna Director chaired session one on “A World Ahead: Adapting to Contemporary Challenges”, 6-7 May.



Conference to Commemorate UN70

A conference to commemorate 70 years of the UN,- and 60 years of Hungarian

membership - at the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Budapest, UNIS Vienna Director Martin Nesirky made a speech in which he noted the Secretary-General had signed a poster on a visit to Vienna with some important words in English and the languages of the countries UNIS Vienna serves - German, Slovak, Slovenian and Hungarian. Those words were “We the peoples”. Nesirky said this was a year for global action; a year for unity, solidarity and compassion, as “we the peoples” seek to build a future of dignity for all, 6-7 May.



Ciné ONU Film Screening of the Documentary “The Lithium Revolution”

As part of UNIS Vienna's monthly Ciné ONU screenings, UNIS Vienna showed the film 'The Lithium Revolution', followed by a discussion with Professor Reinhard Haas from the Vienna University of Technology, who specializes in energy, and Josef Waltl, a former Shell Executive Vice-President who joined the UN Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) initiative as a senior adviser in 2014. As the basis for an increasingly prevalent kind of battery technology, lithium could become a defining natural resource of the 21st century.

Austria



Exhibit on Conchita Wurst's visit to the Vienna International Centre

To coincide with the Eurovision Song Contest, UNIS Vienna's Visitors Service set up a temporary exhibit on Conchita Wurst's visit to the UN's Vienna International Centre (VIC) on 3 November 2014. The exhibit includes the actual dress, by designer Juergen Christian Hoerl, which the 2014 Eurovision winner wore during her visit to the VIC as well as photographs of her meeting the Secretary-General and her performance in the VIC's showcase Rotunda.

Bangladesh



Launch of the 2015 Economic and Social Survey in Dhaka

UNIC Dhaka and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office launched the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Economic and Social Survey Report 2015 in Dhaka through a press conference. UNIC moderated the session with senior journalists of print and electronic media

taking part in a question and answer session. Economists, researchers, representatives from government, civil society and youth groups were in attendance, 14 May.



High-level Meeting on South-South Cooperation held in Dhaka

A High-level meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation was organized by the Ministry of Finance, UN Office of South-South Cooperation, and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh. Delegates from different countries were in attendance. Sheikh Hasina, Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh inaugurated the conference as chief guest. The UN Resident Coordinator’s Office in cooperation with UNIC Dhaka organized a UN Exhibition booth with UN and UNIC publications and time-line display panels, 17-18 May.



Seminar: International Day of Families

To mark the International Day of Families, a seminar was organized by UNIC Dhaka, World Wide Family Love Movement, Dhaka Ahsania Mission and NGO Dhrobotara. Speakers focused on family bondage and the role of government institutions. Around one hundred participants attended, 16 May.

Belarus



“Revived Plants” Coin Presentation

On International Day of Biological Diversity, a coin featuring the "Botrychium simplex" plant, which was recently rediscovered in Belarus, was presented as part of the "Revived Plants" coin series. The presentation took place in the framework of the International Conference "New Approaches to Preserving Biological Diversity". The UN Resident Coordinator, representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the National Bank of Belarus took part in the event. The Revived Plants series is dedicated to rare plants that have been rediscovered during recent years in Belarus. The series was initiated by UNO Minsk and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) office in Minsk, 22 May.



Press Conference: 3rd UN Global Road Safety Week

To mark the 3rd UN Global Road Safety Week, UNO Minsk organized a press conference which was hosted at the National Press Centre. Representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO), UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Directorate of State Road Inspection of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the

National Research Centre of Traumatology and Orthopedics, participated in the press conference, 4 May.



Social Media Campaign: 3rd UN Global Road Safety Week

UNO Minsk joined the UN Global Road Safety Week under the #SaveKidsLives hashtag inviting all UN agencies in Belarus to support the campaign. During the week, photos of the participants were posted on the UNO’s social media platforms, 4 – 10 May.

Brazil



Seminar Dedicated to “The 70th Anniversary of the UN”

The American journalist Stephen Schlesinger, author of the “Act of Creation: The Founding of The United Nations” was the keynote speaker during a two-day seminar organized by UNIC Rio de Janeiro in partnership with the International Relations Institute of the Rio de Janeiro Catholic University (PUC) Rio. The seminar – dedicated to “The 70th anniversary of the UN - Achievements, challenges and Debates” – inaugurated the Brazilian calendar of activities planned for 2015 to celebrate UN70, 4 and 5 May.



“The Long Journey” Exhibition

After two successful months of exhibition in São Paulo and more than 1 200 visitors, “The Long Journey” exhibition project was launched in Brasilia. An initiative of UNIC Rio de Janeiro in partnership with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the exhibit - which shows through 40 photographs and five short documentaries from the agency’s archives, the story of the Palestinian refugees’ struggle since 1948 - was opened with the presence of UNRWA’s Commissioner-General, Pierre Krahenbuhl, and local government representative, 6 May.

Colombia



International Book Fair in Bogota

UNIC Bogota coordinated the participation of the UN System in Colombia at this year’s International Book Fair, where 13 Agencies, Funds and Programmes were represented in the UN stand which displayed latest information and publications under the UN70 theme. More than 12 000 people visited the stand. The Book Fair received more than 512 000 visitors, 22 April - 4 May.



University Academic Forum

More than 100 students and teachers gathered at Militar Nueva Granada University to discuss about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an academic forum. The forum was developed in the framework of the academic project led by UNIC Bogota and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, about SDGs, 15 May.



Conference on UN System and Peace Keeping Missions

UNIC Bogota organised a conference for 48 majors of the Police in Colombia to explain the work of the UN in the country and the importance of peacekeeping missions. UNIC also promoted the importance of UN70, 14 May.

Egypt



Press Briefing on Egypt’s First Urban Forum

UNIC Cairo held a press briefing on [Egypt’s First Urban Forum](#) to be held in Cairo on 14, 15 and 16 June 2015, in collaboration with the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Egypt’s office, the ministries of Housing and Urban Communities and of Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements. Introducing the briefing, the Acting Director of UNIC underlined the connections between urban development issues and the UN’s Millennium Development Goals as well as the post-2015 development agenda aiming at ensuring the right to decent housing within a rights-based development approach, 27 May.

India



Partnership to Raise Awareness on the SDGs through Animation

In an innovative move to spread awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UNIC New Delhi entered into a partnership with ERAM Animation Lab in Cochin, Kerala, to promote the SDGs through a series of animations, that over the next five years, would focus on annual themes beginning with Earth in 2015, and then taking up issues like Energy, Water, Oceans etc. The UNIC Director visited the animation Lab and met its senior management and addressed a well-attended press conference where they announced their partnership to promote the Secretary-General’s campaign to popularise the SDGs. UNIC also led a two-day workshop with the highly talented creative team of animators at ERAM to create a new animated character who would engage

with youth and students on various issues related to the SDGs, 19 May.



Panel Discussion: World Press Freedom Day

UNIC New Delhi collaborated with the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Prasar Bharti – India’s largest public broadcaster – to mark UNESCO’s World Press Freedom Day. “Let Journalism Thrive!” was the theme of this year’s observance. A panel discussion on “Television Reporting and Media Freedom: Checks and Balances” saw participation from eminent journalists and media persons on burning topics of paid news, ownership vs. editorship of media outlets and growing corruption in journalism, 3 May.



Celebrating the Convention on Persons with Disabilities

UNIC New Delhi collaborated with NGO “The Cradle” to mark the coming into force of the UN Convention on Persons with Disabilities in 2008. The event saw performances by wheelchair bound artistes who enthralled the audience with dance and acrobatics; the female dancers who are hearing and speech impaired. The stage reverberated with the sounds of dignity and a kaleidoscope of colour, lights and action, 2 May.



Promoting the International Day of Yoga

UNIC New Delhi’s National Information Officer enjoyed a performance presented by India’s iconic Yoga Guru Swami Ramdev. The Yoga demonstrations were part of a conference – co-organized by UNIC – to create awareness ahead of 21 June, International Day of Yoga. Over 400 business, civil society, media and government representatives attended the curtain raiser conference to promote Yoga as an instrument of wellness, 9 May.

Iran



UN Agencies in Iran at the 28th Tehran International Book Fair

UNIC Tehran for the twelfth year coordinated the participation of the UN System in Iran in the 28th Tehran International Book Fair, held at the Imam Khomeini Prayer Grounds in Tehran with participation of 65 countries. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani inaugurated

the opening ceremony. The fair was well attended by Iranian and foreign publishers - presenting nearly 300 000 and 165 000 book titles - respectively. A large number of people visited the UN booth and spoke with UN officials and volunteers about the work of the UN in Iran, 6 to 16 May.



Launch of the 2015 Economic and Social Survey in Tehran

UNIC Tehran in cooperation with the UN Development Programme (UNDP), organized a press conference to launch the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2015, with the participation of the Chief of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at the UN Office, 14 May.



Workshop: International Day of Families

The Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) in partnership with UNIC Tehran commemorated the International Day of Families by organizing a workshop and roundtable discussion for some 15 social workers and psychotherapists on domestic violence. The session began with the UN Secretary-General’s message on the Day which was delivered by UNIC, 17 May.

Italy



Pink Cloud Initiative

The Deputy Director of UNRIC Brussels spoke to 1 900 girls about how the “UN and young people leave a mark on the ground” at a Pink Cloud initiative event held at the Boccioni University in Italy. The event aimed at encouraging young women to undertake studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to inspire professional STEM careers. The Pink Cloud is a special initiative developed by Microsoft, aimed at closing the gender gap in STEM careers in order to create a society based on gender-equal opportunities, 19 to 21 May.



Training Programme in Conflict Management

The UNRIC Desk for Italy carried out training activities in the XIII edition of the Master’s program in Human Rights and Conflict Management with its long-lasting partner Scuola Sant’Anna in Pisa, one of Italy’s centres of academic excellence. The Desk has in particular developed a solid

cooperation with the Scuola’s International Training Programme for Conflict Management (ITPCM), which celebrated its twentieth anniversary this year. The event provided the Desk Officer with the opportunity to present UN70 and the UN priorities for this crucial year, 13 May.

Japan



Lecture Series on UN70

Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Kiyu Akasaka, gave a lecture titled “Post-2015 Development Agenda”, a third instalment in a series of seminars that commemorate UN70, at Meiji University. Mr. Akasaka discussed the progress the international community has made in the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the challenges and responsibilities we still face today that will shape the post-2015 Development Agenda, 25 May.



Tour and Presentation on the Work of the UN

UNIC Tokyo interns gave a tour of the UN University headquarters and a presentation about UNIC Tokyo’s work and the UN’s work fighting poverty and gender parity to a group of students from

Sendai Prefecture. The students were think about their own roles in combatting global issues, 13 and 19 May.

Lebanon



UNIC Spreads Water Awareness through Rally Paper by Bikes

UNIC Beirut together with a Club for Sports and Events and Makhzoumi Foundation (Lebanese NGO), launched a Rally Paper by Bike from downtown Beirut to raise awareness about the importance of water and the conservation of this vital resource, under the slogan “Imagine a World without Water?” Participants in the Rally Paper included the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Sigrid Kaag, leading a team from the UN, and nine other teams grouping famous actors, TV presenters and athletes, as well as enthusiasts and sports lovers, 17 May.

Madagascar



Conferences on World Press Freedom Day

UNIC Antananarivo co-hosted World Press Freedom Day with other UN agencies and the Ministry of Communications in Madagascar. The UN System representative pointed out that the celebration was consistent with the long-awaited transmission of the communication code draft to Parliament

for consideration and adoption at the parliamentary session which began the following day. This reflects the Government's desire to work for the advent in Madagascar of a free press, independent, in the service of unity and peace, guarantors of good governance and sustainable development. After the official opening, a series of conferences took place all day including on numerical press issues, gender issues in the media, Malagasy press history, the social roles and functions of the journalists along with an exhibition on media work, 2 May.



Conference on UN70

UNIC Antananarivo organized a conference on UN70 at the private university ESTIIM. It was an occasion to talk about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in continuity to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The audience was also invited to vote on the MyWorld Survey, 19 May.



Second Training Session on Public Speaking

The National Information Officer for UNIC Antananarivo gave a second training session on "Speaking in Public" to the UN Club, UN Associations members, university students in communication and interns. She spoke on the basics of communication and presentation, and gave each participant a chance to apply

the theories in a brief speech, role playing as Master of Ceremony, 20 May.

Nigeria



Women Empowerment Workshop

UNIC Lagos and Brightlight Studios hosted 152 women empowerment workshop titled "A Better Me", the theme of the Homemakers Lifestyle and Empowerment Workshop organized as part of activities marking UN70, the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 3 - "Gender Equality and Empowerment" and the Post-2015 development agenda. The workshop reached a climax during the head-gear (Gele) tying lessons as all participants brought out their 'Gele' for practice.



Lecture on UN Peacekeeping Operations

The Director of UNIC Lagos commended Nigeria for its role as a troop contributing country to UN peace operations around the world since the 1960s. He presented a lecture on the "United Nations Peace Operations: Organisation and Roles" at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College in Jaji, Kaduna, Northern Nigeria, 29 May.

Morocco



Information Sessions on UN70

As part of its activities on UN70, UNIC Rabat organized two information sessions for 42 students from the Institute of Applied Engineering (IGA). The sessions focused on the UN, its structure and major achievements, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 15 May.

Pakistan



Launch of the 2015 Economic and Social Survey in Islamabad

UNIC Islamabad launched the 2015 Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and National University of Science and Technology (NUST), in Islamabad. The UNIC Director opened the session with a brief introduction on the annual flagship publication and introduced the presenters of the survey to the participants, 14 May.

Paraguay



Planting trees on Earth Day

To mark Earth Day, the National Information Officer for UNIC Asuncion joined students and volunteers from a local NGO - A todo Pulmón -for a tree planting exercise at Parque Caballero park, 22 April.



Interview on the issue of Sexually Abused Children in Paraguay

UNIC Asuncion organised a television interview for the UN Resident Coordinator, Cecilia Ugaz, with Channel 13 station on the issue of sexually abused children in Paraguay.



Debate on Corruption and Journalism on World Press Freedom Day

UNIC Asuncion organised a debate for journalism students on "Corruption and journalism", at the Universidad Autónoma de Asunción, to mark World Press Freedom Day. UNIC also organized an exhibition in memory of Santiago Leguizamón and Pablo Medina, two Paraguayan journalists killed by drug traffickers in Paraguay, 3 May.

Philippines



Exhibition on UN70

UNIC Manila's highly successful "The Philippines and the UN: Celebrating 70 Years of Partnership in Peacekeeping" exhibit which was launched last 26 May at the Department of Foreign Affairs to open the Philippine government's 2015 observance of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. It was very well received by the uniformed services - the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Department of Foreign Affairs-UN and International Organizations Division. The latter lauded it as a "walk through time." You may download and view the [exhibit panels](#). You may also view [photos](#) from the launch. The exhibit is now at the PNP headquarters building.

Russian Federation



A First for E-Accessibility in Moscow

M-Enabling Russia, an international conference for accessible and assistive mobile applications for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, was organized in Moscow by E.J. Krause Associates and the UN-affiliated Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (G3ict). It was actively supported by a number of advocates of e-Accessibility, including UNIC Moscow and the Ministry of Communications and Mass Media, among others. Participants discussed the best international experience and Russia's prospects for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the role of legislation in removing barriers in the ICT sphere and creating an enabling environment for persons with special needs, 13 May.



Launch of the 2015 Economic and Social Survey in Moscow

UNIC Moscow together with the Centre for Asian-Pacific Studies, launched the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) flagship publication - Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2015 - to a representative group of government officials, members of the academic community, think tanks, the private sector and the media. The participants concentrated on the Survey's focus on inclusive growth as the key to creating new sources of economic dynamism amidst the persisting global uncertainty. They also suggested that more attention be given in future reports to topical issues, such as green economy, biotechnology, business sustainability, 14 May.

Sudan



Visit by Rashida Manjoo to Sudan

UNIC Khartoum coordinated press conferences and media activities for Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences, who visited Sudan, 13 - 24 May.

Turkey



Launch of the 2015 Economic and Social Survey in Ankara

The launch of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) publication - Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2015 in Turkey was organized by UNIC Ankara in cooperation with TEPAV, with the participation of Sudip Ranjan Basu, ESCAP expert and Prof. Güven Sak, Managing Director of the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV). Representatives from government agencies, embassies, academia, NGOs and media attended the meeting,, 14 May.



Turgut Özal University MUN meeting in Ankara

The Information Officer of UNIC Ankara presented a keynote speech at the Model UN (MUN) meeting at Turgut Özal University. The event was part of the Turgut Özal University MUN activities to recruit more members in the club. More than 300 students attended the event and also the Deputy Dean and academicians from Turgut Özal University attended, 15 May.

Togo



World Press Freedom Day in Togo

The National Information Officer for UNIC Lome read the UN Secretary-General's message on World Press Freedom Day during an official celebration chaired by the Ministry of Communication, Culture, Arts and Civic Training and attended by the President of the High Authority of Audiovisual and Communication (HAAC), representatives of media associations and around 60 journalists. A report on the media situation in Togo during 2014 was presented by the President of the Togolese Media Observatory (OTM), 6 May.



Promoting Youth Involvement in the Post-2015 Agenda

To promote youth development within the framework of the post-2015 agenda, Jilt Van Schayik and Teun Meulepas of the Building Bridges Project, have decided to ride a bicycle from Amsterdam to Cape Town, speaking to youth and encouraging them to be part of the development process.

They arrived at the Ghana and Togo border on the morning of 24 May and were met by the UNIC Lomé National Information Officer (NIO) and the Youth Ambassador Togo, Administrative Adviser of the NGO Frères Agriculteurs et Artisans pour le Développement (FAGAD). The delegation paid a visit to the UNIC office where the NIO presented the main activities of the Centre, 25 May.

Trinidad and Tobago



Town Hall Meeting with Amina Mohammed

UNIC Port of Spain hosted a town-hall meeting with Ms. Amina Mohammed, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Post-2015 Development Planning. The vibrant session included participants from Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago - including UN staff as well as members of

academia, media, politics and other stakeholders - who were connected with the aid of video conferencing software, 7 May.



SIDS Photo Competition Prize-giving

Late last year the UN System in Trinidad and Tobago (UNTT) launched a photo competition to mark the International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The theme was “My Island, Our Caribbean” and participants were challenged to capture representations of contemporary life in SIDS, from a human rights perspective. An award ceremony for the three winners was held at UNIC on 21 May.

Tunisia



Briefing on Human Rights for High School Students

As part of its UN70 activities, UNIC Tunis arranged for 70 students from Soliman (70 km from Tunis) to visit the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) premises for a briefing on Human rights. After the briefing, the students received UN publications including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Charter, 15 May.



UNICEF Briefing for Primary School Children

As part of its UN70 activities, UNIC Tunis arranged for students from a primary school in Cherifat (70km away from Tunis), to visit the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) premises, where they were briefed on the work done by UNICEF. After the briefing, the students received UN publications including the convention on the rights of the child, 20 May.

Ukraine



“Juniour-2015” Model UN

UNO Kyiv provided information support to the II Regional Model UN Conference “Junior-2015” which was held by the Kyiv Business Lyceum. 75 school pupils of 6-8 grades from 15 schools attended the event aimed at modelling the UN General Assembly and its committees. During the conference, participants expressed concern for humanity's problems and suggested ways of solving many problems, including poverty, refugees, drinking water, access to education and quality public health care system.



UN Youth Advisory Panel (UNYAP) in Ukraine

UNO Kyiv jointly with the Resident Coordinators office and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), initiated the establishment of the UN Youth Advisory Panel (UNYAP) in Ukraine. More than 80 representatives of youth organization expressed their interest in the panel, of which 12 have now become participants in the Panel and will represent various Ukrainian youth organizations. The UNO representative briefed the group about UN70 and encouraged them to include events related to the UN70 to the UNYAP work plan.

Creativity @ Work

Algeria

As part of the celebration of the International Day of the Sports for Development and Peace, UNIC Algiers produced:

A UN70 Trophy in recognition of the NGO Sports Union El Biaraise for their successful partnership with UNIC.



A UN70 cake to honor the guests present at the sports ceremony.



In addition to caps, sweaters and balloons, UNIC Algiers also reproduced a Banner for the Day



Armenia



UNO Yerevan has produced the following products:

Coasters/magnets and penholders with the UN70 logo for distribution as gifts during education outreach activities.

A [brochure](#) on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) Synopsis/illustrate with the UN70 logo on the back cover.



An Armenian flyer on peacekeepers and a short [film](#) shared on YouTube to commemorate Peacekeepers Day.

Bangladesh



UNIC Dhaka jointly with Dhaka Ahsania Mission, World Wide Family Love Movement and Dhrubotara, organized a seminar in Dhaka to mark the International Day of Families. A digital poster was designed in connection with the Day, 16 May.

Brazil



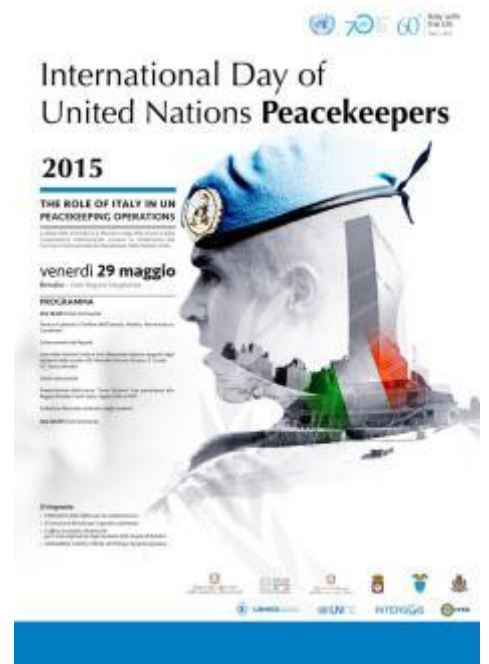
UNIC Rio de Janeiro has produced the Portuguese version of the logo on the International Decade for People of African Descent. The logo is already being used in UNIC's activities and has been published on its official [website](#).

Congo (Republic of)



UNIC Brazzaville has produced and displayed a UN70 banner facing a very popular crossroad.

Italy



To mark UN Peacekeepers Day, the Brindisi-based UN Global Support Center created a banner and a poster featuring both the UNRIC Brussels and UN70 logos alongside the logo celebrating Italy's 60th Anniversary in the UN.

Japan



UNIC Tokyo has produced the following products:

Together with Nihon TV, a [website](#) promoting a campaign to commemorate International Day of Families. The site features an introduction of the Day, including a Japanese translation of the Secretary-General’s commemoration message. These messages were also introduced at various times on three different programmes broadcast on Nihon TV to welcome the launch of a campaign on families, alongside with some additional text for Japan only, 9-15 May.

A [webpage](#) to commemorate UN70, which includes links to comprehensive information of the campaign “2015: Time for Global Action”, UN 70 Seminar Series, a timeline of the UN’s history, the eight Secretary-Generals, the exhibition “70 Years, 70 Documents”, and various videos and photos promoting the anniversary.

Pakistan

Aiming at enhancing the affected population’s resilience, restoring the community livelihoods and improving their food security, UNIC Islamabad led a project in collaboration with the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) and World Food Programme (WFP) and produced a [short film](#) *On the Road to Recovery* in the Chail Valley that was hit hardest by the floods in 2010.

The 3-5 minute edited story is to be highlighted through digital communications channels (website and social media) and at ah-hoc events. The video features human stories of the people who directly benefited from the

project and shares key information through info-graphics.

Russian Federation



UNIC Moscow has produced a special UN70 banner intended for its outreach activities. The banner features the UN70 logo with two key phrases reading: “The UN has Addressed Global Challenges Since 1945” and “Strong UN. Better World.”

South Africa



UNIC Pretoria has designed and produced UN70 branded materials, including a media wall, pull-up banners and a building banner, for use during outreach activities/joint UN in SA events. The UN70

building banner has been placed in a busy intersection in Pretoria outside the UN Building and is visible to hundreds of people passing by every day.



Above is the UN4U poster in Sotho

UNIC has also translated the UN4U poster into three South African local languages - Zulu, Sotho, and Setswana.

Zimbabwe



UDHR Shona translation

UNIC Harare has printed Shona and Ndebele versions of the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).



UDHR Ndebele version

Social Media @ Work

Armenia

UNO Yerevan together with partner NGOs have announced the [“Let’s live in Peace with our Neighbors”](#): painting contest within the framework of “Friends of UN – Armenia” network. Best 50 paintings will be exhibited in the UN House in September around Peace Day. The first place winner’s work will be printed as a postcard, two others will receive awards. The initiative is dedicated to 70th anniversary of UN

Brazil

At the request of the UN Country Team in Brazil, UNIC Rio de Janeiro coordinated a [campaign](#) with the aim of mobilizing the Brazilian society vis-à-vis some changes proposed in the local legislation which will – if approved –alter the age of criminal responsibility from 18 to 16 years. The social media campaign reached 800 thousand people on Facebook, Twitter and Google+. One of the [posts](#) on Facebook was shared more than 3 200 times.

Namibia



To create awareness amongst the general public about UN70, UNIC Windhoek launched a social media competition on its [Facebook Fan Page](#). [The winner will receive a High Definition Video Camera.](#)

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