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In Spotlight

UNIC New Delhi's creative 2017 *Calendar on the Go!* is designed to be attached to bags and briefcases, showcasing the Sustainable Development Goals through photographs. Each Goal is illustrated by a related Indian image by student-photographer Aryaman Prasad.

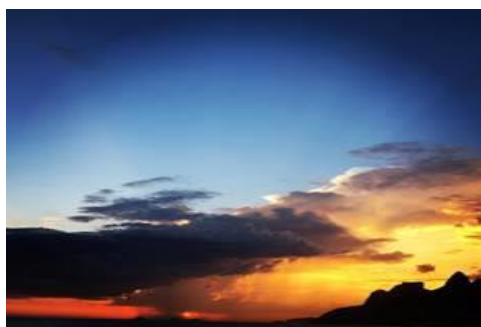
¿Did you know?

About 44% of World Health Organization Member States report to have less than 1 physician per 1000 population.

Sights @ Work



Belgium: The Sustainable Development Goals icons prominently on display at the European Union Charlemagne Building, helping raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda.



Brazil: The Arpoador beach is located between the Copacabana Fort and the corner of Francisco Otaviano St. and Vieira Souto St. in Ipanema. It is famous for its rock formations, called Pedra do Arpoador. In midsummer, it is possible to see the sun setting over the sea from Arpoador, a rare event on the eastward-facing Brazilian coast. Crowds gather and cheer when the sun disappears.



Republic of the Congo: "The mitre" or the "bishop hill", is a famous tourist attraction. The name comes from the fact that the top of the hill is like a mitre on the head of a bishop.

In Focus

Francophone UNICs discuss local promotion of SDGs



The UN Information Centre (UNIC) in Dakar, Senegal was unusually busy during a week last December. Information staff from nine UNICs in Francophone countries in Africa gathered to participate in two successive workshops – one to strengthen the capacity of UNICs to promote the SDGs at the local level, and a seminar on the issue of “Communicating as One”, organized by the UN System Staff College.

The workshop on the SDG promotion, coordinated by DPI and UNIC Dakar with the financial support of the UN Foundation, enabled participants to share best practices, successes, as well as challenges and needs. They consulted with UN experts from OHCHR, UNFPA and OCHA in the region, as well as with colleagues from UNHQ, UNIS Geneva, UNRIC Brussels, MONUSCO and MINUSMA via WebEx. The briefings focused on the SDGs, human rights, youth, peacekeeping and humanitarian affairs.



Participants also had the opportunity to speak, via WebEx, with DPI Under-Secretary-General Cristina Gallach on the Department's overall priorities. She stressed the importance of coordination among the Francophone centres and with DPI's French teams at HQ and the need for strategic partnerships to amplify the UN message, in French, for greater impact.

The workshop resulted in recommendations for both UNICs and HQ colleagues to strengthen outreach to local audiences so that the relevance of the SDGs and the work of the UN to people's daily lives is better understood. They recognized that multimedia platforms help UNICs to better target a wider audience, especially young people, on the local, regional and global themes of the 17 SDGs.

UNIC staff and colleagues from various UN agencies and offices in the region also participated in the training on “Communicating as One”, flowing from UN efforts to better coordinate inter-agency messaging. UNICs spearhead the UN joint communication with the UN Country Teams and Communications Groups.



The meetings had special significance for the group. Some of the information officers of the nine participating UNICs had never met each other before. Colleagues from UNICs Algiers, Antananarivo, Brazzaville, Bujumbura, Dakar, Lomé, Ouagadougou, Tunis and Yaounde agreed to strengthen their network around their shared language and culture and sustain their renewed esprit de corps in the months ahead.

Teams @ Work

Highlights of our activities

Armenia



“Youth Speak” Forums

UNO Yerevan and AIESEC Armenia branch, in collaboration with seven partner universities, organized a series of “Youth Speak” forums engaging Armenian youth in the Sustainable Development Goals movement. Over 300 students participated in these [#Youth4Sustainable Development Goals](#) events and about [18 keynote speakers](#) made their presentations, October to November.



Exhibition-sale of Handicrafts

UNO Yerevan initiated an exhibition-sale of handicrafts made by people with disabilities at the UN House in Armenia. Partners were the UN Development Programme, UN Children’s Fund and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. Eight organizations dealing with issues related to people with disabilities participated in this event, 2 to 6 December.



Educational Outreach and Presentation on Human Rights and Disabilities

Educational outreach and presentation of the newly published booklet and flyers took place at UN Armenia, combining the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the Human Rights Declaration. Children participants of the global UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights paintings contest in early 2016 whose pictures were carried in the human rights booklet were invited. Children from two nearby regional schools were also invited by UNO Yerevan. The school children were involved in group work and stood up for the rights of people with disabilities, 6 December.

Australia



International Migrants Day

In celebration of International Migrants Day and as part of the United Nations global “Together, Respect Safety and Dignity for all” – campaign, UNIC Canberra, jointly with the International Organization for Migration, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees presented a public screening of

the new Australian documentary, *Constance On the Edge*, followed by a lively panel discussion. The film’s Director also participated in an interview with UNIC as part of the Centre’s “Together” Campaign audio series, 15 December.

Austria



Students Art and Short Film Competition Award Ceremony

“The Future is Ours to See” was the theme of the Students Art and Short Film Competition on Human Rights 2016, organised by *this human world* Film Festival under the auspices of UNIS Vienna and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Austria to mark Human Rights Day. The contributions of young people from Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia looked at the topic of refugees and asylum, 5 December.



“Together: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All” Campaign

UNIS Vienna organised two events to showcase the UN-system-wide campaign “Together: Respect, Safety and Dignity for all”. These included a visit by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to a

unique Vienna restaurant to engage with its staff – a team of refugees and Austrians working together to serve Arab-Austrian fusion cuisine, and a Ciné-ONU Vienna film series dedicated to the campaign with the screening of the documentary *The Crossing* on refugees and integration in Europe.

Bangladesh



UN “Together” campaign Launched in Bangladesh

The “Together: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All” campaign was launched in Bangladesh by UNIC Dhaka and the International Organization for Migration Bangladesh, through a panel discussion by the former Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General for the Summit on Refugees and Migrants, the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh, and the UN Resident Coordinator addressing 200 participants, 12 December.



UNIC Dhaka Commemorated Human Rights Day

UNIC Dhaka and Daffodil International University jointly commemorated Human Rights Day through a seminar, poetry session and drama. The Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh was Chief Guest while the Vice-Chancellor of the University presided

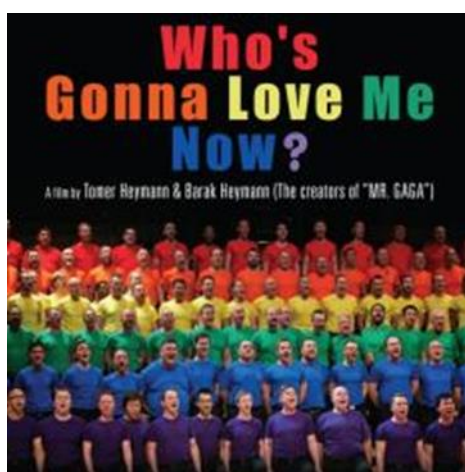
over the events. Renowned poets recited poems and a drama was staged on human rights, 10 December.

Belgium



Webinar on “Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in your Business”

The Deputy Director of the UN Regional Information Centre spoke at a webinar organised by Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Europe titled “Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in your Business”. Over 30 businesses tuned in to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals, and to find out more about the resources available to them. CSR Europe acts as a platform for 10,000 businesses looking to enhance sustainable growth and positively contribute to society. This webinar was part of its new campaign - the Sustainable Business Exchange, 1 December.



Ciné-ONU Screening of *Who's Gonna Love Me Now*

UNRIC Brussels' Ciné-ONU partnered with the Israeli Mission to the European Union and the UN Population Fund to mark World AIDS Day and bring Heymann Brothers Belgian premiere of *Who's Gonna Love Me Now* to Brussels, 1 December.

Health and Well-being Day for UN Colleagues



In the run up to Christmas, the UN Regional Information Centre hosted a health and well-being day for all staff and interns – fitting to Sustainable Development Goal #3 - Good Health and Well-being. The Centre's conference room was transformed into a “Village bien-etre”, with coaches in meditation, sleep-cycle, ergonomics and capital energy, 9 December,



The UN Regional Information Centre Team gets Festive with Operation Shoe-Box

In the run up to Christmas UN colleagues at the UN Regional Information Centre joined an initiative in Brussels started by the NGO, The Samaritans, called Operation Shoe-box. Over 50 shoe-boxes were filled with food and treats such as salads,

waffles, and fruit for those in need, 16 December.



Celebrating Human Rights Day

A celebration for Human Rights Day was organised by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNRIC Brussels' Ciné-ONU and the European Union at Bozar, Brussels' Centre for Fine Arts. The UNRIC Deputy Director and an OHCHR Regional Representative for Europe gave presentations, 13 December.

Brazil



Talk on Career Opportunities at the UN

The Officer-in-Charge for UNIC Rio de Janeiro attended a roundtable at Centro Federal de Educação Tecnológica Celso Suckow da Fonseca during an event promoted by Línguas Estrangeiras Aplicadas às Negociações Internacionais to speak about career opportunities at the UN, 1 December.

Burkina Faso



Exhibition to Mark Human Rights Day

To mark Human Rights Day, UNIC Ouagadougou organized a photos, books and brochures exhibition to inform and sensitize visitors on the theme of the observance. The exhibition received over 5,200 visitors including government officials, members of the civil society, students, researchers, diplomats and media, 10 December.



Lecture on the Sustainable Development Goals

In the framework of its Sustainable Development Goals briefing activities, UNIC Ouagadougou gave a lecture about the Goals at a school to 180 students, 22 December.

Republic of Congo



Day-Long Human Rights Day Event at a Middle School

To mark Human Rights Day UNIC Brazzaville organized an exhibition attended by about 1,000 students. The documents distributed included various human rights publications, the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights UDHR. Activities included a reading session of the thirty articles of the UDHR, a quiz contest and a theatre performance, 10 December.



Presentation on Prevention, Treatment and Care to Reduce the Impact of HIV/AIDS

UNIC Brazzaville's National Information Officer as the UN Cares Team Coordinator gave a presentation on the ten Minimum Standards designed to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS in the UN workplace by supporting access to prevention, treatment, care and support for all personnel and their families. This address was to 300 UN staff members and dependents, 9 December.



Discussion on End of Refugee Status of Rwandans in Republic of Congo

UNIC Brazzaville organized and moderated a press conference in which the Ambassador of Rwanda, a Government Official and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees Representative spoke about the end of refugee status for Rwandan Nationals on 31 December 2017. UNIC also arranged for two TV stations to have a refugee-sensitizing spots on the topic produced and broadcast from 29 December 2016 to 31 January 2017.

Finland



Maasai Warriors take a Stand for Women's Rights

The UN Regional Information Centre's Nordic Desk screened the documentary *Warriors* in Helsinki, highlighting men as agents for change as young Maasai warriors help put an end to Female Genital Mutilation in their communities, 12 December.

France



Screening and Debate on Haiti

The UN Regional Information Centre French Desk and the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) communication team co-organised a screening and debate on Haiti at La Sorbonne. Around 200 people gathered to watch Lambert Wilson's documentary on community violence reduction. The Desk Officer moderated the debate, 7 December.

Germany



Radio Interview on Human Rights Day

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, the UN Regional Information Centre's Desk Officer for Germany was interviewed during a special two hour radio programme in Cologne, 10 December.



Sustainable Development Goals Action Campaign in Bonn

The UN Regional Information Centre Bonn staff assisted with organizing a "behind-the-scenes-tour" of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Action Campaign in Bonn, ahead of its official launch in March 2017. The interactive tour included virtual reality film screenings, as well as an SDGs photo exhibit and data analytics visualizations, 15 December.

Greece



Model UN on Human Rights

More than 450 high school students from all over Greece took part in the first-ever Model UN on human rights – "Students as Diplomats", organized by the Greek NGO "Roes", with the support of the UN Regional Information Centre. The students, as members of the various UN human rights Committees, had the opportunity to defend the human rights records of their "countries," and discuss, negotiate and adopt resolutions on important human rights issues, 16 to 18 December.

Hungary



Film screening of *Bring the Sun Home*

With the support of UNIS Vienna, the International Diplomatic Student Association in Hungary organised a screening of the movie *"Bring the Sun Home"*, followed by a roundtable discussion with invited experts. Around 30 participants took part in the event and engaged in a lively discussion on sustainable energy and women's empowerment with representatives from the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest and the Food and Agriculture Organization's Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, 12 December.

India



Commemorating Human Rights Day in New Delhi

UNIC New Delhi joined India's National Human Rights Commission in observing Human Rights Day. The UNIC National Information Officer delivered the Secretary-General's message to the guests who included legal luminaries, government officials and human rights defenders, 10 December.



Awarding Student Projects to Fight Air Pollution in Delhi

To address the issue of air pollution in New Delhi, UNIC brought together students from 36 schools from the

National Progressive Schools Conference to prepare science models, slogans, posters, paintings and sculptures, during a two-month long science and art project, aimed at encouraging young people to provide solutions for mitigating air pollution, as a way to address climate, 21 December.

Iran



International Day of Persons with Disabilities commemorated

The Director of UNIC Tehran delivered the UN Secretary-General's Ban Ki-moon's message on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities for some 100 diplomats, government officials, disabled persons and their families during a ceremony organized by the NGO Disability Association of Tavana and the Ministry of Foreign, 4 December.



Workshop on International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

International Studies Journal in cooperation with UNIC Tehran commemorated the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People by

holding a workshop and simulation on UN Partition Plan for Palestine at the UN Building. The UNIC Director delivered the UN Secretary-General's message on International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People for some 25 participating graduate and post graduate students from across Iran, 8 December.



Commemoration of Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day was commemorated with a ceremony organized by the Islamic Human Rights. The ceremony began by the Head of IHRC welcoming remarks followed by the UN Secretary-General's message delivered to the participants by the UNIC National Information Officer. The ceremony continued by speeches from human rights activists as well as representatives of religious and ethnic minorities, 12 December.

Japan



Commemorative Ceremony of the 60th Anniversary of Japan's Accession to the UN

In commemoration of Japan's accession to the UN on 19 December 60 years ago, the Japanese Government organized a ceremony at UN University attended by His Highness the Crown Prince and Princess of Japan and the Prime Minister. Following their respective addresses and other speeches, video messages from UN representatives were screened followed by a panel discussion by key former Japanese ambassadors to the UN on future partnership between the UN and Japan.



Photo Panel and Video Exhibition to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Japan's Accession to the UN

UNIC Tokyo, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other UN offices in Japan, participated in a photo panel and video exhibition as a side event to the Commemorative Ceremony of the 60th Anniversary of Japan's Accession to the UN. Seventy panels, information, both recent and historic, about Japan's relations with the UN were presented, 12 December.



International Conference in Nagasaki towards a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

UNIC Tokyo supported a special film screening of *Nagasaki: Memories of My*

Son about a family affected by the atomic bombing in Nagasaki as part of the Youth Forum during the International Conference for Nuclear Disarmament, organized by the Japanese Government and UNRCPD in Nagasaki, 11 December.

Italy



Presentation on Peace, Security and UN Careers

The UN Regional Information Centre Desk for Italy gave a two-hour presentation for Masters Degree students in international public affairs. Peace, security and UN careers were at the core of the presentation, 7 December.



Marking International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The UN Regional Information Centre Desk for Italy was invited by the Palestinian Embassy to Italy to take part in the official ceremony that marked the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The Officer delivered the Secretary-General's message to 200 Italian central and local public authorities, the Rome-based Arab diplomatic corps, NGOs and civil society's representatives, dignitaries and media, 6 December.



Focus on Sustainable Development Goal 16

The UN Regional Information Centre Director and Desk for Italy joined the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the Italian Foreign Ministry and a wide range of partners, to highlight the centrality of Sustainable Development Goal 16. Two-hundred representatives of institutions, UN agencies, diplomatic corps, academia, private sector and NGOs took part in the international Partnership Forum, showcasing UNICRI's cross-thematic and system-wide approach to addressing the Goals, 14 December.

Kenya



UN Nairobi Staff Run to Mark World AIDS Day

More than 100 UN staff members ran to mark World AIDS Day at the UN Office at Nairobi to raise awareness about HIV, celebrate the milestones achieved so far and to remember those who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS. The proceeds from the event were donated to children orphaned by HIV, 1 December.



International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People marked in Nairobi

UNIC Nairobi, the Embassy of Palestine and the Mission of the Arab League, organized a commemorative event to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People at UN premises. An exhibition was hosted and more than 50 representatives from the UN, members of the diplomatic corps and the Kenya Government attended, 2 December.

Lebanon



Media Institutions and Schools in Lebanon Stand Up for Human Rights

As part of an initiative by UNIC Beirut, Lebanese TV stations marked Human Rights Day by highlighting several rights that, according to them, are still missing in Lebanon. The initiative which was under the Human Rights Day slogan for this year, "Stand Up for Someone's Rights Today", also entailed a symbolic action by school students who stood up in solidarity with a number of human rights mentioned in the Declaration. TV stations participated by airing during their evening news bulletins, specific rights they identified, such as rights for freedom and education, rights of

women and people with disabilities, among others, 10 December.

Luxemburg



Conference on Human Trafficking

The UN Regional Information Centre Benelux Desk Officer participated in a conference on human trafficking, organized by the Benelux Parliament at the Neumunster Abbey in Luxembourg. The conference was the first of future collaborations between the Benelux Desk and the Benelux Union. On behalf of the UN, the Belgian UN Goodwill Ambassador on Human Trafficking, Ozark Henry, delivered a keynote speech, sharing his experience after one year of ambassadorship, 2 December.

Madagascar



Educating Youth on Gender-Based Violence

UNIC Antananarivo organized outreach activities within the framework of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in four schools with UN clubs. The activities focused on an exhibition and information on the different forms of violence as well as the measures to be taken. UN club members prepared

exhibitions, including poems and drawings on the fight against violence on women, 6, 7 and 8 December.



"Stand up for Someone's Rights Today" Contest

UNIC Antananarivo co-organized the celebration of Human Rights Day, with a poetry contest for youth on the theme "Stand up for someone's right today". Winners were awarded prizes during the ceremony and had the opportunity to perform before diplomats, government officials and the media, 8 December.



Workshop on the Role of the Media in Peacebuilding

UNIC Antananarivo provided communication support to the workshop on the role of the media in peacebuilding, under the leadership of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Media ethics, information sources and processing were discussed to ensure an unbiased media, 14 and 15 December.

Nigeria



Students Make Pledge to Respect Human Rights

UNIC Lagos Director led over 150 students make a pledge to respect human rights during the observance of the International Human Rights Day organised by UNIC and the National Human Rights Commission, South-West Zone. A second observance the following day involved a rally by over 80 people, 9 and 10 December.

Pakistan



“Zero Hunger” Arts Exhibition Opened in Peshawar

An exhibition showcasing the winning pieces of the “We the Peoples, We the Arts” competition was opened in Peshawar, Pakistan. The competition aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goal #2, Zero Hunger, through visual arts. The event was organized by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and the Embassy of Switzerland, in partnership with UNIC Islamabad and the Department of Tourism and Culture Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 20 December.



Spreading the Message of Human Rights through Cinematography

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, the documentary *A Girl in the River* was screened at COMSATS University in Islamabad. After the movie, more than 200 students participated in an interactive debate with the Federal Minister of Human Rights, the Director of the International Film Festival of Human Rights Geneva, the UN Resident Coordinator and the EU Ambassador. The event marked the closing of the “Human Rights Through Cinematography 2016” film festival, organized by the UNIC Islamabad and several of its partners, 10 December.



Rights of Transgender People Voiced by the UN and High Commission of Canada

In the run up to Human Rights Day, UNIC Islamabad and the High Commission of Canada organized an event with over 100 participants, including transgender activists, government and community representatives, diplomats and UN experts who gathered to voice the rights of transgender people in Pakistan. Topics such as stigma, discrimination, access to healthcare, education and decent employment were discussed by the panelists and the audience, 8 December.



Networking Lunch Hosted for Persons with Disabilities

UNIC Islamabad, in partnership with UN Women and the Royal Norwegian Embassy, held a lunch to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event provided community representatives, diplomats and UN colleagues with an opportunity to discuss the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in Pakistan and voice their proposals for the future. Representatives from several community organizations participated in the event including the head of Pakistan’s Para Climbing Club and the first Pakistani woman with disability to become coordinator for the Commonwealth Young Disabled People’s Forum.

Poland



Speech on “Why Sustainable Development Goals are Important for Youth”

UNIC Warsaw Officer-in-Charge gave a speech on “Why Sustainable Development Goals are Important for Youth” at a seminar dedicated to global education, organized by the Centre of Education for Development. About 50 people took part in the event including government representatives, local education

coordinators and global education leaders from all over Poland, 9 December.

Russian Federation



Day of Persons with Disabilities

UNIC Moscow, jointly with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Moscow Office, organized a roundtable dedicated to the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The central element of the roundtable was a presentation on the “UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Russian Sign Language” – a project of the All-Russian Society of the Deaf, supported by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Moscow Programme. Among the participants were representatives of the relevant government structures, organizations working with people with disabilities, civil society and mass media, among others, 2 December.



Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

UNIC Moscow joined the Foreign Ministry, the Embassy of Palestine and the Mission of the Arab League, in organizing a commemorative meeting to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The event was well attended with participants representing the Foreign Ministry and other Russian official structures, ambassadors of Arab and African countries, scholars, students and members of the local civil society. The

gala evening, capped by a concert by a Palestinian folk group, provided a good opportunity to send across the UN message on the latest developments in the Middle East, 7 December.



Launch of “Together” Campaign in Moscow

UNIC Moscow joined hands with the International Organization for Migration in organizing a migration film festival. The event was held under the auspices of the “Together” campaign, which is intended to promote global action in support of respect, safety and dignity of migrants and refugees, 14 December.



New Human Development Report on Sustainable Development Goals Launched in Moscow

UNIC Moscow contributed to the launch of a report on human development on the SDGs in Russia in 2016 organized by its collective author, the Analytical Center, under the Russian Government. The discussion proved substantive, thought-provoking and, as such, enriched the presentation. The report itself received broad coverage in the Russian media, 15 December.

Senegal



Seminar of Francophone Africa UNICs in Dakar

UNIC Dakar hosted the meeting of the French-speaking African UNICs. UNICs Algiers, Antananarivo, Brazzaville, Bujumbura, Dakar, Lomé, Ouagadougou, Tunis and Yaoundé attended, while UNIC Rabat joined the seminar via video conference. Participants stressed the importance of their ability to communicate in French and increase the role of UNICs in the French-speaking world. Speaking to the participants via WebEx, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information stressed the importance of strengthening UNICs. The meeting was held with the support of the UN Foundation, 12 - 13 December.



"Communicating as One" Course in Dakar

UNIC Dakar hosted the "Communicating as One" course of the UN System Staff College. This was the first time this course was taught in French. It was attended by both participants of the seminar of Francophone Africa UNICs present in Dakar and colleagues from various agencies and offices. A total of 25

participants took the course, 14 to 16 December.

Spain



Launch of Credit Andorra - commitment with the Sustainable Development Goals

The UN Regional Information Centre Desk Officer for Spain and Andorra attended the launch of Credit Andorra (CA) Banking House commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals in the capital of the Principality. CA also joined the UN Global Compact Principles and expressed its commitment to corporate social responsibility and work on the goals related to good health and wellbeing, quality education, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, responsible consumption and production and climate action, 30 November.

Switzerland



First-ever Facebook Live Session with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

A collaboration between the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNIS Geneva, UNTV, enabled the first-ever

Facebook Live session with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on Human Rights Day. The UNTV team was mobilized in the lead-up to and throughout the hour-long broadcast live from the studios at the Palais des Nations. The video had nearly 90,000 views, reaching more than 9,000 reactions, comments and shares on the UN Human Rights Facebook page, 10 December.



Global Migration Film Festival Screenings

As part of the TOGETHER campaign, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNIS Geneva organized a Global Migration Film Festival at the Palais des Nations. A second Geneva Mix and Match event was held at the Brasserie les Halles de l'île, bringing together approximately 650 general public participants, who learned about the TOGETHER campaign and the work of UN High Commissioner for Refugees, IOM and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights from representatives of those organizations. 5 to 18 December.



Art Workshop for Human Rights Day

At UN Geneva, 40 local schoolchildren attended an art workshop by Spanish artist Cristóbal Gabarrón, for Human Rights Day, under the umbrella of the TOGETHER campaign. After learning about the importance of standing up for

people's rights from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the children produced artwork inspired by the artist's sculpture "Enlightened Universe", created for the UN's 70th anniversary and promoting respect for all human rights. The sculpture was on display at the lakeside in Geneva until mid-December.

Tanzania



Least Developed Countries Report Launch

UNIC Dar es Salaam launched the Least Developed Countries report 2016, which was held at the International Labor Organization Conference Hall.



Commemorating the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

UNIC Dar es Salaam, together with high school students, commemorated the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, 7 December.



Outreach to Tanga and Morogoro

UNIC Da es Salaam held outreach activities in Tanga, and Morogoro with youth groups to promote the Sustainable Development Goals, 13 December.

Togo



Promoting Women's Rights with the Screening of the Film *Sonita*

UNIC Lome celebrated the Human Rights Day with a briefing to members of the National Federation of the Club of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The focus was on the promotion and protection of women's rights, with the screening of the film titled *Sonita*, 21 December.



Promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals

UNIC Lome conducted educational outreach activities on the Sustainable Development Goals at the University of Kara, and at four secondary schools in Kara, northern Togo. UNIC also made a donation of documents to the University's Library to promote the UN and its work. More than 1,000 people were reached by the activities, 21 to 26 November.

The Netherlands



Briefing on UN Career Opportunities

During the Social Sciences Career Week at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the UN Regional Information Centre Desk Officer for Benelux briefed a group of Dutch and international masters students on job opportunities at the UN. During the interactive part, the Officer gave his experience of working in Africa, Afghanistan and Belgium, 12 December.

Tunisia



Marking International Volunteer Day with Schoolchildren

UNIC Tunis joined forces with the UN Volunteers programme to mark the International Volunteer Day. More than 70 young participants, including schoolchildren, took part in the Sustainable Development Goals - themed full-day event that took place in downtown Tunis and in Le Kram suburb. The event's highlights were captured in a UNIC Tunis [video](#) that was [shared](#) on social platforms as a contribution to the #GlobalApplause campaign, 3 December.



"Hands Up for HIV Prevention" Campaign

On World Aids Day, UNIC Tunis issued a call for contributions to the global UNAIDS awareness-raising campaign entitled "Hands Up for HIV prevention". The public and several UN colleagues responded by sending photos and selfies with pro-prevention and anti-discrimination messages written on their palms. The photo album posted on UNIC's Facebook page was notably shared by the prominent newspaper *Jeune Afrique* on their [own page](#), 1 December.

Turkey



Briefing for Young Jurists

UNIC National Information Officer made a presentation on the UN with an emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals at the Young Jurists Association of Atılım University. The event was attended by around 150 law school students. The UNIC Information Officer briefed the students on the structure, priorities and ideals of

the UN, including UN reform, 16 December.



Enhancing Cooperation and Engagement with Students

A group of students from Osmangazi University Model UN (MUN) in Eskişehir visited the UN House in Ankara to discuss how to enhance cooperation on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UNIC National Information Officer made a presentation with an emphasis on the SDGs and will also assist the Osmangazi University MUN in organizing a conference in 2017. The students took part in 16 Days of Activism to end violence against women, 6 December.

United States



Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons

UNIC Washington hosted and moderated a press conference and meeting with civil society for the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons. The Rapporteur gave her conclusions of her nine-day visit to the United States during which time she travelled across the country meeting with victims of trafficking, government officials, civil society and businesses.

Creativity @ Work

New information materials

Armenia

A booklet with translations of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights factsheets on reader friendly versions of the Covenants titled "[On Human Rights Covenants in Brief](#)", illustrated with paintings of the children/participants of the global contest "Our Freedoms, Our Rights, Always", was published with the support of UNO Yerevan.

UNO supported the translation, launch and publication of a flyer in Armenian, "[Human Rights in your pocket](#)" from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

A flyer on the [Sustainable Development Goals targets and indicators on disability issues and inclusiveness](#) was compiled and published with the support of UNO Yerevan.



UNO Yerevan supported the production of an animated film on the Sustainable Development Goals with a local context titled "[Towards 2030](#)", in Armenian with English subtitles. The film will be launched during an educational outreach in 2017.



Over 7,500 pieces of promotional materials and publications (banners, posters, folders, flyers, booklets, notepads, pens, bags, stickers, mugs, T-shirts, coasters) featuring the Sustainable Development Goals icons were prepared and published. More than half the promotional materials have already been disseminated.

UNO Yerevan created several video clips using a flip cam covering the latest events and activities organized by UNIC.

[Youth Speak Forums](#) on Sustainable Development Goals.

[Exhibition - sale](#) of handicraft of people with disabilities.

[Educational Outreach](#) on International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Human Rights Day.

Austria



UNIS Vienna's Visitors Service coordinated an initiative of the UN Communications Group Vienna to produce large-scale Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) icons to brand the main entrance of the Vienna International Centre and SDGs-themed backdrops for a selfie corner in the visitors waiting area, with the support of the City of Vienna. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon unveiled the new SDGs branding on 7 December 2016 during his last trip to Austria. Every visit to the UN in Vienna now begins and ends with a view of the SDGs.

Brazil



To promote the Human Rights Day and the campaign “Stand up for Human Rights Today”, UNIC Rio de Janeiro prepared a set of features, which included a special webpage and two videos – one about the penitentiary system in Brazil, with assistance from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The longer video had shorter versions, and 7 videos reached over 90,000 users.

UNIC also prepared eight cards using content and logo of the campaign, which were extensively used on its social media platforms and also partnered with site “SoNotíciaBoa”, which disseminated the data with UN material and shared the content with “Catraca Livre”, a website which has a fanpage with over eight million likes. All the material used the hashtags:

#Standup4Rights #HumanRightsDay

Burkina Faso

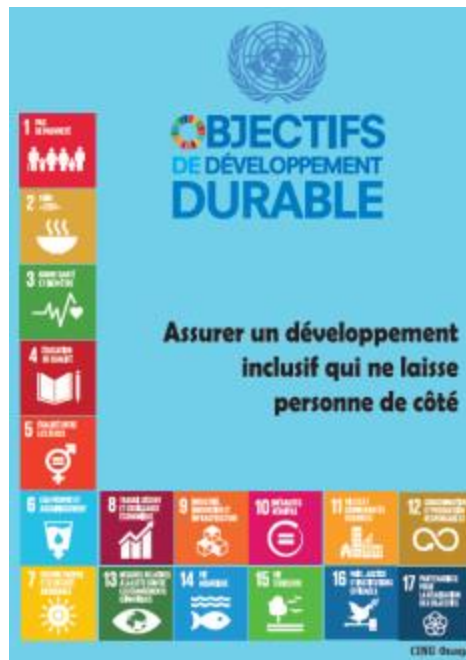
UNIC Ouagadougou produced several Sustainable Development Goals promotional products including: cardboard folders, leaflets and a calendar.



Cardboard folders



Leaflets



Iran



UNIC Tehran produced 5000 copies of Sustainable Development Goal's posters in Persian and 500 copies in English for distribution in Iran.

Japan



UNIC Tokyo organized the shooting of a video message by the Governor of Tokyo Metropolitan Government, which was streamed at the New York Headquarter event, “Accessible Cities for All”, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The mayor emphasized the importance of cities and their leaders partnering as “ambassadors” of cities that are accessible, inclusive and sustainable, in promotion of Sustainable Development Goal 11. (2 December)



UNIC Tokyo created a Japanese translation of the TOGETHER campaign, particularly the dedicated website page. The introductory message was uploaded to UNIC's [website](#) along with subtitled video clips, photos and hyperlinks. (7 December)



For Human Rights Day, UNIC Tokyo provided an introduction to the "Stand Up for someone's rights today" campaign and the special interactive features of the campaign's dedicated microsite. (10 December)



UNIC Tokyo collaborated with NHK, Japanese public broadcaster to produce

[UNIC Blog: Article 3](#) which focused on the winner of the Sustainable Development Goals photo contest. UNIC also wrote and uploaded three blog posts in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals photo contest award ceremony held on UN Day.



Volume 10 of the blog series "My United Nations", which introduces Japanese people who show the UN values within their area of expertise, was uploaded to the [UNIC Blog](#) and [Huffington Post](#) to coincide with International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December). The article features an interview with the first Japanese independent expert to be elected to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The interview was also featured on the [UN News Centre](#) website.



The 7th episode of the blog series "Behind the Scenes of the UN" to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Japan's accession

to the UN features a former staff member, who has over 30 years of experience working at the UN including Chief of Staff for peacekeeping operations in Timor Leste. [UNIC Tokyo Blog](#), (16 December)



UNIC Tokyo Director wrote a reflective blog post sharing her insights from the international conference for nuclear disarmament which she attended in Nagasaki. [UNIC Tokyo Blog](#) and [Huffington Post](#), (19 December).

UNIC produced Japanese subtitles for 13 videos including the following:



The Secretary-General's video message marking the 60th anniversary of Japan's accession to the UN [Youtube](#) (21 December)



Human dignity will be "The core of my work," says UN Secretary-General-

designate António Guterres [Youtube](#) (25 December)



António Guterres speaking at the commemorative ceremony of Japan's accession to the UN held in Tokyo on 19 December.



A group of people on a stage during a side event held on 12 December.

UNIC Tokyo provided written and photographic insight into the commemorative ceremony of Japan's accession to the UN held in Tokyo on 19 December and uploaded it to the [UNIC Blog](#), as well as the side event held on 12 December [UNIC Blog](#).

Peru

UNIC Lima prepared a [gif](#) in commemoration of the **International Anti-Corruption Day**.

UNIC Lima prepared a [gif](#) in commemoration of **World AIDS Day**.

UNIC Lima made [photographic coverage](#) of the race in commemoration of Human Rights Day "Race for Human Rights and Against Discrimination" and include it in a [gif](#) for social media.

UNIC Lima created a [banner](#) to mark Human Rights Day

UNIC Lima [interviewed](#) Peruvian artist Nicolás Monteverde, the winner of UNIC Tokyo's contest "My View on Sustainable Development Goals".

Switzerland



As part of the #YouNeedToKnow airport campaign to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals, led by UN Geneva's Perception Change Project (PCP), UNTV produced a video screened before Christmas at the Dufry Duty Free area at all terminals at Heathrow airport. The significant exposure to the goals message, thanks to very high foot traffic at the site, brings UNIS closer to the goal of making 2 billion people aware of the goals by 2017.

Social Media @ Work

Social Media Initiatives

Switzerland



A UNTV news video from the UN Geneva press briefing, featuring a UN Human Rights Office spokesperson commenting on the Philippines, has become the most-viewed video in the history of UN

Geneva's social media outreach activities. The video has reached over 515,000 people and had more than 150,000 views on the @UNGeneva Facebook page as well as more than 6,500 reactions, comments and shares.

Experiences @ Work

Staff views and experiences



Inspiring the Youth: A UNO Yerevan Internship Testimonial

by Nataly Minnetian

This year UNO Yerevan had an interesting combination of interns from different walks of life. We came together to collaborate within the reputable UN Information Office in Yerevan, combining our unique skills in spreading the word about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Working here has been an unprecedented and fulfilling experience for me personally. This internship was offered to me by Birthright Armenia, which is a diasporan organization based in Armenia with the mission to "strengthen ties between the homeland and diaspora youth development through work, study and volunteer involvement".

Personally I come from Canada and I speak four of the UN official languages plus Armenian. Collaborating at the UN, having responsibilities of shooting, editing and producing videos and photos of the various SDGs sensitization events, were very gratifying tasks. In fact, the effort of propagating the global goals amongst the

Armenian youth was one of UNO's main objectives. Interning at UNO was very enriching and fulfilling for me; I acquired many new skills namely in photography and videography, skills that will be valuable assets professionally and in my daily life.

Spreading the word about the SDGs has been perfect as it aligns with my philosophy of life; for example one of the goals that I find very valuable is Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, as I have always been conscientious about consumption. UNO Armenia's active effort has influenced Armenian youth to become more diligent citizens. Furthermore, the SDGs have inspired another intern Anna to pursue her PhD in sustainable development.

In conclusion, I am fortunate to have been part of an international organization with noble objectives such as global peace and security, sustainable development and protection of human rights.

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