

NEWS

(by the 23 Sep. 2017)

- UN-EU to launch partnership to end all forms of violence against women
The European Union, in partnership with the United Nations, are set to launch a global initiative to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG) - *the Spotlight Initiative*. Backed by a dedicated financial envelope from the EU of EUR 500 million, the new partnership will focus action on several areas of major concern such as trafficking in women and girls and sexual and economic (labour) exploitation; domestic and family violence; sexual and gender-based violence; as well as femicide. *The Spotlight Initiative* will deploy targeted, large-scale investments in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific and the Caribbean, aimed at achieving significant improvements in the lives of women and girls.

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30805-un-eu-to-launch-partnership-to-end-all-forms-of-violence-against-women>

- UNCCD COP13 in Ordos: more than 110 states aim to reverse land degradation
Land degradation is one of the planet's most pressing global challenges. A third of the world's land is degraded. At the end of the 13th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on 16 September in Ordos (China), 113 countries had agreed to specify concrete targets, with clear indicators, to reverse degradation. Furthermore, 80 Ministers signed the Ordos Declaration urging countries to step up efforts on all fronts to tackle desertification, which is seen as one of the planet's most pressing global challenge. To this global challenge are directly linked three new and emerging issues, which were also addressed at the Conference: drought, sand and dust storms and migration.

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30804-unccd-cop13-in-ordos-more-than-110-states-aim-to-reverse-land-degradation>

- Young talents helping to achieve sustainable development goals
UNLEASH is one of the world's leading labs and platforms for innovative, implementable and scalable solutions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Throughout the Nordic countries, the sustainable development goals have attracted more attention than usual this year, namely in the form of festivals – and even a sustainable walk in the woods. The first Agenda 2030 event was held in Denmark from 13 to 21 August, when the annual UNLEASH event took place in Aarhus. More than 1,000 young talents from 129 countries gathered for 9 days together, to come up with innovative solutions for the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The SDG-talents participated in happenings with inspirational speakers, case challenges with

innovative companies, and worked on their own ideas in small groups at 10 Danish Folk High Schools. The process culminated in an award show in Aarhus, where each team of talents presented a draft of an SDG solution.

Wednesday, 06 September 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30789-young-talents-helping-to-achieve-sustainable-development-goals>

- Deux Françaises parmi les finalistes du prix « Jeunes champions de la Terre »
ONU environnement a dévoilé les finalistes de son concours mondial « Jeunes champions de la Terre ». L'objectif est de recueillir, sous forme de projet, les solutions écologiques proposées par des individus exceptionnels âgés entre 18 et 30 ans. Le prix récompense les candidats aux idées les plus innovantes et les plus adaptables. Six jeunes champions pourront bénéficier d'un financement initial de 15 000 dollars chacun ainsi qu'un encadrement adapté afin de donner vie au projet proposé.

Lundi, 21 Août 2017

<http://www.unric.org/fr/actualite/4585-deux-francaises-parmi-les-finalistes-du-prix-l-jeunes-champions-de-la-terre-r>

- 'I have always felt I should be a humanitarian worker'
Every year on 19 August, World Humanitarian Day (WHD) brings the world together to rally support for people affected by humanitarian crisis and pay tribute to aid workers who help them. This year, we come together to reaffirm that civilians caught in conflict are #NotATarget, and demand global action to protect them. An interview with UNHCR field officer Adem Shaqiri who works in Yemen and his story. "The idea of being an aid worker came from that moment when you give something away to a person that needs it. You see their face, the satisfaction. "

Friday, 18 August 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30782-i-have-always-felt-i-should-be-a-humanitarian-worker>

- Many Languages, One World
Travelling is one of many instances that make you realise just how crucial a role languages play in society. Knowing the language of a country makes you feel included and a part of its culture. The Many Languages, One World contest promotes language learning and multilingualism, as it challenges university students around the globe to write essays in one of the six official UN languages, which can be neither the student's first language nor his/her primary language of instruction. This year's contest asked contestants to write essays on global citizenship and cultural understanding, and the role that multilingual ability can play in fostering these.

Tuesday, 25 July 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30756-many-languages-one-world>

- Ouverture d'une exposition permanente sur la « soupe de plastique » au parc animalier Beekse Bergen
Le 14 juillet 2017, le parc animalier néerlandais Beekse Bergen a inauguré une nouvelle

section dédiée à la protection et conservation de la faune marine comprenant notamment 10 hectares d'eau abritant sept otaries. En collaboration étroite avec la Plastic Soup Foundation et Stichting Wildlife, le parc a également développé une exposition permanente sur la soupe de plastique, en référence au plastique qui flotte dans nos mers et océans. L'installation interactive entend éduquer les visiteurs sur la manière dont on peut empêcher la présence de déchets plastiques dans nos océans. L'ouverture de cette exposition coïncidait avec la Conférence des Nations Unies sur les océans qui s'est tenue en juin à New York.

24 Juillet 2017

<http://www.unric.org/fr/actualite?start=20>

- Ciné-ONU: Peace be upon you, Neighbour
Imagine being forced to live in a refugee camp, leaving behind everything you have ever known, as a result of war in your home country? Most of us cannot imagine such a life, but the United Nations gave – Chris Temple and Zach Ingrasci– the rare opportunity to live among 85,000 uprooted refugees in Jordan's Za'atari camp. Their experience is documented in the film 'Salam Neighbor'. In light of World Refugee Day (20 June) and to highlight the UN Together Campaign for refugees, Ciné-ONU held a screening of 'Salam Neighbor' on 7 July 2017 at Cinema Galleries, Brussels. In the documentary, Zach and Chris plunge into the heart of one of the world's most pressing humanitarian crises. In doing so, the pair uncover inspiring stories of individuals uniting, against all odds, to rebuild their lives and those of their neighbours. The screening was followed by a panel discussion chaired by Deborah Seward (UNRIC), with three guest speakers: Chloé Overlau (co-founder of SINGA Belgium); Manal Hayatleh (Syrian refugee living in Brussels and former UNRWA employee), and Kristof Vadino (photojournalist behind the 'Refugee Odyssey to Europe' series).

Friday, 07 July 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30747-cine-ONU-peace-be-upon-you-neighbour>

- Cine-ONU in Italy
UNRIC's Cine-ONU began a new chapter in Italy, when the Italian film "Slaves - the routes of new forms of exploitation" was screened at the prestigious setting of the "Casa del Cinema" in Rome. Jointly organised by UNRIC and Cinemonitor, Rome University "La Sapienza" cinema portal, the "numero zero" of the Italian edition of UNRIC's successful initiative saw some 200 people watch the 62-minute film by director Stefano Mencherini, shedding light on how politics, the economy and media in Italy have approached migration, causing a deterioration of migrants' rights and ushering in a season of new slavery.

Wednesday, 05 July 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30746-cine-ONU-in-italy>

- Women's rights at a global crossroads
Women's rights are facing an alarming backlash in many parts of the world, and it is critically important to press on with further setting of standards on gender equality. The

experts restate their support for the repeal of all laws that discriminate against women on traditional, cultural or religious grounds and laws that exclusively or disproportionately criminalize action or behaviour by women and girls. Discriminatory practices frequently take place within families, where, for example, women and girls may be limited to certain roles, experience harmful practices and patriarchal oppression, and suffer other human rights abuses including domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Tuesday, 04 July 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30745-womens-rights-at-a-global-crossroads>

- We Are the Tropics

The tropics account for 40% of the total land area of the world, are host to 80% of the world's biodiversity and predicted to be the home of more than 50% of the global population by 2050. Today we celebrate the International Day of the Tropics, and highlight both the great challenges and the immense potential of this region. The Tropics are characterized by having a warm climate with largely unchanging temperatures regardless of what season it is, which makes it an ideal place for a range of plant and animal species. Unfortunately, the high level of biodiversity is accompanied by an equally high proportion of endangered lifeforms, including coral reefs, which 275 million people directly depend on for their livelihoods and sustenance. The region is already host to two-thirds of the world's poorest people and has the highest rates of people living in slum areas in the world. The region also faces water scarcity, in spite of the fact that 54% of all renewable water sources are found in this region. The tropical world's economy is growing 20% faster than the rest of the world, and many tropical nations are important contributors to world trade, politics and innovation. The Tropics is a region with immense potential.

Thursday, 29 June 2017

- Impact Journalism Day: Sharing solutions for the people and the planet

Every year, in June, more than 50 newspapers around the world publish a series of articles on local initiatives to improve the living conditions of people and to protect the planet. The initiative, which aims to share experiences and success stories around the globe, called "Impact Journalism Day," was launched five years ago by Sparknews, an organisation based in Paris. This year, Impact journalism day will be celebrated on 24 June and will promote the United Nations 2030 Agenda. Each article will be linked to one or more of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. This year, for the first time, the UN Department of Public Information will support and promote this initiative, which aims to connect people with solutions through a collective effort by engaged journalists around the world.

Wednesday, 21 June 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30603-impact-journalism-day-sharing-solutions-for-the-people-and-the-planet>

- la Journée mondiale des réfugiés - 20 juin 2017

"Imaginez devoir fuir à cause de la guerre, d'une catastrophe ou sous les persécutions.

Devoir tout quitter... De nos jours de plus en plus de personnes vivent ce cauchemar." António Guterres, à l'occasion de la Journée mondiale des réfugiés. « La Journée mondiale des réfugiés est également l'occasion de nous demander ce que chacun d'entre nous peut faire pour dépasser l'indifférence et la peur. En nous unissant #Aveclesréfugiés, nous sommes également unis pour le respect et la diversité » a déclaré Filippo Grandi, Haut-Commissaire des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés. Afin de changer les perceptions et attitudes négatives envers les réfugiés et migrants et de lutter contre le racisme et la xénophobie, les Nations Unies ont lancé la campagne ENSEMBLE (*Together* en anglais) en septembre dernier.

Mardi, 20 Juin 2017

<http://www.unric.org/fr/actualite/4528-tous-l-ensemble-r-pour-la-journee-mondiale-des-refugies>

- Celebrated on 5 June each year, World Environment Day is the largest global day for positive environmental action. Promoting awareness of the importance of functioning ecosystems and the services they provide, and safeguarding them for future generations, are critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. “Connecting People to Nature” is the theme for this year's World Environment Day celebrations, encouraging people to get outdoors and reconnect with nature, to appreciate its beauty and to take forward the call to protect the Earth we all share.

Monday, 05 June 2017

<http://www.unric.org/en/latest-un-buzz/30582-world-environment-day-connecting-people-to-nature-for-a-better-and-greener-future>

- On 26 April, 2017, UN House in Yerevan, Armenia hosted a closing ceremony for students and teachers who participated in Mission Possible Armenia this year. Mission Possible launched in five schools in Yerevan in September 2016. Since then, 84 Mission Possible students learned about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and applied project management training to design projects to address one of the SDGs, such as Quality Education (Goal 4), Responsible Consumption and Production (Goal 12), and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (Goal 16).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

<http://www.wfuna.org/news/students-share-projects-after-first-year-of-mission-possible-armenia>

- awareness of the **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**, which was proclaimed by the United Nations in 2013 and is celebrated annually on **April 6**, the first day of the first Olympic Games in 1896. => To organize a sport event with young people (schools) and invite a famous athlete to salute them - streetball, ping pong table, swimming, marathon etc.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

[an-evening-with-chess-grandmaster-karpov-at-un-headquarters](#)

- equip young people with information that will enable them **to take advantage of the United Nations**

- L'ONU lance un appel à la **reconnaissance des droits des personnes touchées par l'autisme**

Le Secrétaire général de l'ONU António Guterres lance un appel à la modification des comportements envers les autistes et désire une meilleure reconnaissance de leurs droits en tant que citoyens.

Vendredi, 31 Mars 2017

[lonu-lance-un-appel-a-la-reconnaissance-des-droits-des-personnes-touchees-par-lautisme](#)

- Simul'ONU à Lille : des lycéens et étudiants débattent de **la gestion de l'eau**
Dans la très belle université catholique de Lille, plus d'une centaine d'étudiants et deux groupes de lycéens, ont endossé pour une journée le rôle de représentants des Etats membres des Nations Unies pour une assemblée générale consacrée à la gestion de l'eau.

Vendredi, 24 Mars 2017

[simulonu-a-lille-des-lyceens-et-etudiants-debattent-de-la-gestion-de-leau](#)