

Summary

UN Secretary-General: Message on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism (21 August 2019)

On the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism, UN Secretary-General António Guterres emphasized that terrorism in all its forms remains a global problem, while its victims need a long-term and comprehensive support. In this regard, he underlined the importance of the recently adopted GA Resolution on victims of terrorism and mentioned that the first-ever United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism is to be held next year.

UNIC-UNIDO / Ekaterinburg hosted GMIS 2019 Summit and INNOPROM Trade Fair

On 9-11 July 2019, the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS) was held in the city of Ekaterinburg under the auspices of UNIDO, with the support of the UAE Ministry of Energy and Industry and the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade. Nature-like technologies and their effective implication in the production were in focus of discussions. At the event, delegates from some 64 countries elaborated a roadmap on innovations, skills and capacity building for achieving 17 SDGs. GMIS was attended by President Vladimir Putin and UNIDO Director-General Li Yong who mostly spoke on the Fourth Industrial Revolution, its trends, needs and challenges. In the meantime, the International Industrial Trade Fair INNOPROM, which showcased innovative industrial machinery, equipment and services, wrapped up its work.

OHCHR / SDGs as key subject at Summer School in Russia

On 24-28 June 2019, Perm State National Research University in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights organized an annual Summer School on Human Rights. The program covered three main topics: human rights and SDGs in entrepreneurship, digitalization and the rights of children. In the course of the program, its participants attended lectures delivered by some experts from the Consortium of Russian Universities and EIUC for Human Rights and Democratization, UN agencies, NGOs, etc. The attendees also worked out national action plans for human rights, whereby they came up with new ways of the SDGs implementation. All the School participants emphasized great value of such initiatives for young people.

ILO / Decent work, skills and opportunities for youth

On 23 September 2019, the Russian Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Foreign Ministry jointly with the ILO organized a high-level meeting on the margins of the 74th General Assembly. At the meeting, government representatives, businesspeople and other relevant stakeholders discussed the role of social dialogue and public-private partnerships in providing better employment opportunities for youth. ILO Director-General Guy Ryder emphasized Russia's contribution to tackling unemployment among young people. For his part, Russian Ambassador to the UN Vasily Nebenzya pointed out that Russia shares ILO strategic objectives and effectively implements various projects on youth employment, including an ILO project with the Russian "Lukoil" company.

UNAIDS / Vinay Saldanha: "I have no doubts we can defeat the AIDS epidemic by 2030"

In an interview, Vinay Saldanha, UNAIDS Regional Director for Eastern Europe & Central Asia, elaborates on how attitudes towards HIV/AIDS in Russia changed over the past years. He also dwells on Russia's contribution to eradicating the epidemic, current priorities of the Regional Office, and perspectives on tackling AIDS globally by 2030. As his final remark, V. Saldanha points out that the most urgent task is to address HIV as soon as possible.

UNIC / Digital economy: global trends, challenges and dilemmas

On 4 September 2019, the UNCTAD Digital Economy Report 2019 was launched in Moscow, along with other world capitals. Hosting the event, Sergey Bodrunov, President of the International Union of Economists and Russian Free Economic Society, emphasized the importance of digitalization for Russia's economic development. UNIC Director Vladimir Kuznetsov singled out the challenge of global digital divide. The UNCTAD report was introduced by Anna Abramova from MGIMO University. The participants had a comprehensive discussion on some key trends of digital economy, covering a number of related topics, such as the future of jobs, digital divide and possibilities of Russia succeeding in the digital age.

UNESCO / International Educational Rehabilitation Forum "Vladivostok 2019"

On 23-28 September 2019, All-Russian Labour Association of the Blind, the Cultural and Sports Rehabilitation complex of the Association, Foundation for the Support of Creative Initiatives of Persons with Disabilities "In the Name of Good" and the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education organized an international educational rehabilitation forum titled "Vladivostok 2019" on the premises of Far Eastern Federal University. The Forum brought together more than 100 participants from Russia, China and India who were elaborating ways of improvement of rehabilitation conditions for persons with visual disabilities, exchanging best practices and building new partnerships. The event also included roundtable discussions, workshops as well as creative and sports competitions.

WHO / Moscow joined the WHO "Regions for Health" Network

On 5 September 2019, WHO Regional Director for Europe, a.i. Piroška Ostlin and Moscow Deputy Mayor Pyotr Biryukov signed an agreement on cooperation in the field of environment, healthcare, social and economic health determinants. The deal is intended for reducing the level of diseases due to environmental factors, improving the indicators of health, along with well-being and quality of life, including due to "non-medical" health factors. P. Ostlin said that she had positive expectations regarding Moscow's contribution to the WHO "Regions for Health" Network. For his part, P. Biryukov underlined that Moscow had significant experience in maintaining health in an urban environment.

WHO / Towards progress in fighting TB and HIV in Russia

On 27-28 August 2019, the WHO Office jointly with the Russian Ministry of Health conducted a series of meetings in the framework of the High-Level Working Groups (HLWG) on Tuberculosis and HIV. At the meetings, such issues as resistant forms of TB, tuberculosis in combination with the HIV infection, TB among vulnerable groups were discussed. The meetings helped to formulate current priorities for joint activities involving the Ministry of Health, WHO and HLWG, as well as to prepare a set of questions for future meetings of the HLWG on TB and HIV, which are expected to be held in Moscow by the end of 2019.

UNIDO / Meeting of the heads of UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Offices

On the margins of GMIS 2019, an annual meeting of the heads of UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Offices was held in Ekaterinburg. The key themes included financially attractive projects in the context of public-private partnerships, investment promotion, organizational values and promotion of UNIDO values in countries with ITPOs. In the framework of the event, the heads of ITPOs also visited the Ural Federal University and Ural Locomotives LLC.

UN-HABITAT / Tatyana Khabarova: "I love cities and I love to travel"

Tatyana Khabarova serves as the head of UN-Habitat Project Coordination Office for Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States. In an interview, she elaborates on the work of UN-Habitat Project Office in Moscow, cooperation with the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), smart cities, World Cities Day 2019 in Ekaterinburg as well as on her hobbies and career.