

Summary

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UN Secretary-General: Message on the occasion of International Youth Day (12 August 2018)

On the occasion of the International Youth Day, UN Secretary-General António Guterres stressed that the hopes of the world depend on the power of youth. He called for investment so that young people have access to education, training and decent jobs to achieve their full potential. The Secretary-General noted that millions of young people living amidst armed conflict or organized violence face infringements of their rights. He added that young people need safe spaces, where they can freely express views and pursue dreams. In making the world safe for youth, we make it better for all, he said.

UNIC / UNCTAD's Trade and Development Report 2018: Power, Platforms and The Free Trade Delusion

UNCTAD's Trade and Development Report 2018 was launched in Moscow on 26 September. The report focuses not only on global economic indicators over the past year, but also on future prospects for emerging risks. During the launch, the experts discussed the importance of correct infrastructure and the need for urgent structural changes. One of the conclusions made was, despite the complexity of the situation, the solution exists.

ILO / International Labour Organization deputy head Deborah Greenfield: "Alarming gender equality gaps persist across the globe"

The 2nd Eurasian Women's Forum, the world's largest platform for discussing the role of women in contemporary society, took place on 9-12 September 2018 in St. Petersburg. The Forum's theme was "Women for Global Security and Sustainable Development". Deborah Greenfield, Deputy Director-General of the ILO, emphasized the urgent need to close the "stubborn and persistent" gender pay gap. Another gender issue that needs to be addressed relates to unpaid care work, she said. According to her, a crucial issue is the gap in women's representation at all levels of decision-making.

UNIC / International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East

The 2018 UN International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East was held on 5-6 September 2018 in Moscow. The event was organized by the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) in coordination with Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the support of the UN Association of Russia and the Russian Peace Foundation.

During the Media Seminar experts examining progress in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict almost 25 years after the signing of the first Oslo Accord; as well as media coverage of the conflict, history of Palestinian refugees 70 years after Nakba, and protection of journalists covering the evolution of the Middle East situation.

OHCHR / Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the Agenda of the Youth Forum

More than 200 students participated in the 6th annual Summer School on Human Rights from 2-6 July 2018. The

training program was timed to coincide with a OHCHR campaign on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and was dedicated to the legacy of the Declaration and the challenges of our time.

UNESCO / Explicit and implicit effects of information and communication in the digital age

On 3-8 June 2018, an international conference on "Tangible and Intangible Digital Age" was held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. The participants focused on the current problems, phenomena and trends in the information and communications field.

UNESCO / Innovative solutions in the field of information technology

The 2018 Dujiangyan International Forum was held on 30-31 August 2018 in Chengdu, China. "Balanced Urban and Rural Development in the Framework of Education 2030" was the main theme discussed. Discussions were also focused on vocational and technical education and skills development; bridging urban-rural education gap through innovative ICT solutions; and eco civilization and education for sustainable development.

UNESCO / 65th anniversary of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet)

On 4-7 September 2018, the UNESCO IITE was among those participating in the Regional Meeting of National Coordinators of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) of Europe and North America. The event was dedicated to the ASPnet's 65th anniversary. Negotiations resulted in the adoption of Declaration of the Regional Meeting of National Coordinators of the UNESCO ASPnet of Europe and North America.

WHO / Culinary master class in Moscow: Healthy nutrition can be easy, affordable and tasty

To help dispel some misconceptions surrounding healthy nutrition, the WHO together with the Russian Health Ministry organized a culinary master class on healthy nutrition patterns for media representatives. The objective was to demonstrate that healthy nutrition can be easy and affordable. The master class was followed by a tasting session, with all guests receiving educational materials, including the WHO recommendations for healthy eating.

UNDP / Alexander Averchenkov: "Young professionals keen on working in a multicultural team must educate themselves throughout their careers"

Alexander Averchenkov is in charge of the Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development, a completely new avenue for cooperation and a major financial mechanism for implementation of the partnership. He noted in an interview that the qualities for successful work are broad outlook and high professionalism. According to him, willingness to learn new things is important for any modern person, but for an employee of an international organization this is an indispensable requirement.