

# Summary

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## **UN Secretary-General: Op-ed article “Carbon Neutrality by 2050: The World’s Most Urgent Mission”**

In the piece, UN Secretary-General António Guterres reiterates his call for urgent climate action along three tracks: building a global coalition for carbon neutrality by 2050, with commitments backed by immediate action; aligning global finance with the Paris agreement and the SDGs, including by ending fossil fuel subsidies and decarbonizing asset portfolios; and securing a breakthrough on adaptation, which currently represents only 20 percent of climate finance, to help those already facing dire impacts of climate change.

## **ILO / ILO and the Russian Federation sign cooperation programme, 2021-2024**

The new Cooperation Programme builds on the experience and outcomes achieved in the previous five programmes implemented since 2006, and is designed to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **UNHCR / UNHCR names new Goodwill Ambassador from Russia**

On 14 December 2020, the day of its 70th anniversary, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announced the appointment of a first ever Goodwill Ambassador from Russia. She is Manizha Sangin, musician and philanthropist. “As Russia-based UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, I promise to support people who have been forced to flee due to conflict and persecution. I pledge to use my voice to help those in need and to speak out about the situation of refugees and stateless people”, Manizha said.

## **UNAIDS / Study shows impact of COVID-19 on access to HIV treatment in Russia**

A study conducted in 2020 by the Central Research Institute of Epidemiology of Rospotrebnadzor together with the Coalition for Treatment Readiness with the support of UNAIDS and Rospotrebnadzor showed the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the provision of medical care for HIV infection in the Russian Federation. In particular, it was noted that people living with HIV are more likely to be infected with COVID-19, but less likely to seek testing and treatment.

## **OHCHR / Respect for human rights as an indicator of corporate responsibility**

On 3 December 2020, an online conference was held on labor relations, the impact of industrial activities on the living environment and human health.

## **UNESCO IITE / Supporting education systems and promoting media literacy in times of crisis**

UNESCO IITE has launched an open-ended online course dubbed “Digital Tools and Services for Teachers”. The course is focused on teaching the use of educational resources, tools and services with a view to improving the skills of teachers in the field of innovative technologies and to enhancing the quality of teaching.

## **UNESCO IITE /Technology as a driving force for change in inclusive education**

As a result of the crisis caused by the spread of COVID-19, students with disabilities who even before the outbreak of the pandemic were extremely vulnerable to exclusion from the educational process, faced even more obstacles. In this regard, on 14 October 2020, within the framework of the Mobile Learning Week 2020, UNESCO IITE held an online breakout session “From Idea to Implementation: Technology as a Driving Force for Change in Inclusive Education”. The session was devoted to discussing the possibilities of supporting inclusive education through the use of educational technologies.

## **UNESCO IITE /Digital solutions for health, well-being and epidemic response**

On 1 December 2020, the World AIDS Day, the social network Vkontakte hosted a six-hour marathon of online lectures on HIV infection from the perspective of various fields of knowledge – from medicine to cultural studies.

## **UNIC / OHCHR / Round table on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities held online for the first time**

On 7 December 2020, UNIC Moscow and the Joint Programme of the Russian Federation and OHCHR held an online discussion on “the challenge of inclusive approach in the context of a pandemic”, dedicated to the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

## **UNIDO / What industrialization looks like in the digital age**

Every two years, UNIDO issues an Industrial Development Report. In 2020, the theme of the publication was “Industrialization in the Digital age”. The authors argue that the top 10 economies account for 90% of all patents issued in the world and 70% of all exports. Another 40 economies are actively working with these technologies, although much less intensively. As to the rest of the world, there is very low activity or no participation in the global development and use of these technologies.

## **Dr. Galina Korchagina: “Our goal is to grow a full-fledged personality, striving for knowledge of the world, but not to escape from problems in a parallel reality”**

Dr. Galina Korchagina, Doctor of Medical Sciences and member of the International Narcotics Control Board, says in an interview that, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucially important to take stock of the emerging changes in the drug situation world-over. In Russia, the drug situation can be described as “stabilizing”. However, with the spread of so-called synthetic drugs, the phenomenon of drug addiction has been in flux. To solve the problem, the Russian Federation and UN experts exchange information and experience as well as participate in joint activities and research projects, Dr. Korchagina argues.