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In Spotlight

UNIC Rio De Janeiro has been Awarded Oscar Socioeducational Oscar Guri

On 25 May, UNIC Rio de Janeiro has been awarded the Socioeducational Oscar Guri, which is given to institutions, organizations and citizens actively participating in actions that promote the rehabilitation of young people in conflict with the law. National Information officer, Roberta Caldo, and an intern, Victoria Macdonogh, received the prize for a [video](#) that showed how a TV project helps poor, young and black people. The prize - a ceramic statue made by mothers from Maré's shanty town - was presented by the State Government.

¿Did you know?

5 million lives could be saved on the world's roads during Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011 – 2020. About 1.25 million people die each year on the world's roads and between 20 and 50 million sustain non-fatal injuries.

Sights @ Work



Brazil: AquaRio, Rio de Janeiro's first aquarium, partnered with UNIC Rio de Janeiro to promote the Ocean Conference. Educational materials prepared jointly were distributed to visitors.



Italy: The Leaning Tower and the Field of Miracles in Pisa. The Field of Miracles is one of the most famous places in the world, hosting the Leaning Tower, the Duomo, the Baptistery, Monumental Cemetery and Museums. Located right at the edge of the old medieval town, its construction started in the XI century.



Tanzania: A beautiful gigantic tree found at Mnazi Mmoja Heroes' Ground in Dar es Salaam, which was the event site for the 2017 International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

In Focus

UNIC Vehicle Promotes the SDGs



Not only does the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Windhoek educate the Namibian public about the work of the UN and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through outreach and digital campaigns, but now the Centre will also raise awareness of the colorful Goals while driving, as its new vehicle has been branded with the SDGs.



The Toyota Corolla, a vehicle that was donated by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

at a handover ceremony this month, is also branded with the local character called “Frieda” who teaches young and old about the SDGs. The branding intends to carry the message of the SDGs wherever UNIC Windhoek travels in carrying out its work.

The SDGs, is a set of 17 Global Goals with 169 indicators. The 193 Member States of the United Nations lead the efforts to achieve these Goals, partnering and calling to action the private sector and civil society. These inclusive collaborations are based upon shared, principles, values and visions that place people and the planet at the centre, and are needed at the global, regional, national and local level.



The vehicle donation comes at a critical time, since the Centre has not been mobile for over five

years, relying on outsourced companies in the execution of daily operational activities as well as educational outreach initiatives aimed toward bolstering the message of the UN System in Namibia.



The donated car will aid the Centre with its capability and responsiveness in meeting its mandate to promote greater public understanding of and support for the aims and activities of the UN. This is done primarily by disseminating information on the work of the Organization to the Namibian people, especially in remote areas. The donation is in line with inter-agency collaborative efforts in promoting the work of the United Nations within Namibia.

Teams @ Work

Highlights of our activities

Australia



Turn the Tide against Plastics

In Adelaide, Australia, a call to *Turn the Tide against Plastics* was answered by the citizens of Adelaide by dressing in black suits and top hats and forming a solemn line at the ocean's edge staring out on an ocean in serious trouble. They were participating in a performance piece by artist Andrew Baines. Amongst the participants were the UNIC Canberra Director, the Mayor of Port Adelaide and the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide, all of whom spoke before the event and then joined the line at the water's edge in solidarity, 28 May.

Austria



Celebrating Chinese Language Day

On the occasion of UN Chinese Language Day, the UN in Vienna underscored the importance of multilingualism in paying tribute to Chinese art and culture. The Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Vienna, in cooperation with UNIS Vienna and other partners, hosted a celebration in the Rotunda of the Vienna International Centre. The

event featured music, performances, and a display of Dunhang frescoes and paintings, 8 May.



Ciné-ONU Vienna Film Screening of *Tickling Giants*

To mark World Press Freedom Day, UNIS Vienna's monthly film series Ciné-ONU screened the documentary "Tickling Giants". The film is about the first political satire show in Egypt and its creator Dr Bassem Youssef who tests the limits of free press. The ensuing panel featured representatives from the International Press Institute and OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. It was moderated by UNIS Vienna, 8 May.



Japanese Foreign Minister Visits Guided Tours Exhibit

In Vienna for the Preparatory Committee session for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida paid a visit to the Visitors Service exhibition *Towards a World Free of Nuclear Weapons*, which was installed in 2014 in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Japan and the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 2 May.

Bahrain



UNIC Director's Participation at Bahrain for All Kids Fun Day Event

For the second consecutive year, the Director of UNIC Manama participated and interacted with children with special needs at a *Kids Fun Day Out* event organized by *Bahrain for All* aimed at raising awareness on the importance of actively engaging with differently-abled individuals. Over 100 children with special needs enjoyed a fun-filled day of games, storytelling, music and painting. In a special statement issued to mark the occasion the UNIC Director emphasized that the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities was key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, 20 May.



UNIC Director's Speech at Bahrain Women Society Event on Women Achievers

The Director of UNIC Manama delivered a statement at an event organized by Bahrain Women Society to showcase women achievers from Bahrain and from around the world as a follow-up to the International Women's Day celebrations. In his address, the Director stressed on the economic

empowerment of women as crucial to women being able to contribute as equal partners in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals as well as to the betterment of society at large, 21 May.

Bangladesh



Commemoration of UN Peacekeepers Day in Bangladesh

In commemoration of International Day of UN Peacekeepers, Armed Forces Division, UN Resident Coordinator's Office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly organized different events to honour the fallen and injured peacekeepers. The President of Bangladesh spoke on the occasion as chief guest and handed over crests to the injured peacekeepers, and family members of deceased peacekeepers. The UN Resident Coordinator delivered a speech. A Peace Run also took place in the morning, 29 May.



Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2017 Launched in Dhaka

UNIC Dhaka jointly with UN Resident Coordinator's Office and UNESCAP launched the Economic and Social Survey. Official remarks were followed by an open discussion as well as a questions and answers session. Panelists included the UN Resident Coordinator, an Economic Affairs Officer from UNESCAP, Bangkok and the Director

General of BIDS. The event was well attended, including by media, government officials, NGO representatives, women activists, youth leaders and civil society members, 8 May.

Brazil



Lecture for Students at the Brazilian Conservatory of Music

The Director of UNIC Rio de Janeiro and the Public Information Assistant gave presentations to 50 undergraduate students at the Brazilian Conservatory of Music. UNIC Rio officials explained the mechanisms and structure of human rights of the UN System, with the UNIC Director explaining related aspects of international diplomacy and his experience in the field in several missions, 22 May.



Model UN at Humboldt School

The Humboldt School in Sao Paulo held a Model UN event with more than 2,000 students, including from other cities and outside the country. The UNIC Rio de Janeiro Director spoke at the opening ceremony and participated in the first day of the event. Impressed by the knowledge and enthusiasm of the pupils, he encouraged them to consider a career with the UN, 24-26 May.

Belgium



Visibility for the UN Liaison Office for Peace

In support of the European Union (EU) visibility initiative, the UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPs) in Brussels, UNRIC Brussels, the EU and the Benelux Desk recorded and produced a promotional video about UNLOP's mandate as well as the partnership between the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations, Political Affairs, Field Support and the EU, 9 May.



Running for Migrants and Refugees

The UN ran Together for Migrants and Refugees at the Brussels 20 Km race. UNRIC Brussels and the International Organization for Migration set-up a team to run the 38th edition of the race. Showing support for diversity and promoting better perceptions about migrants and refugees, the team bought together 50 colleagues from various UN agencies. This year, the UN team had a stand at the park that provided opportunities to inform the public on the campaign, 28 May.



Screening of a *Plastic Ocean*

To highlight the Ocean Conference and World Environment Day, Ciné-ONU screened *A Plastic Ocean* in partnership with the US Mission to the European Union and the UN Environment Programme in Brussels. Following the film, a panel discussion was held, 30 May.

Burkina Faso



Panel Discussion to Mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers

To mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, UNIC Ouagadougou, in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence of Burkina Faso, organized a panel discussion on the challenges of UN Peacekeeping Operations, 30 May.



Exhibition of Photos and Posters to Mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers

To commemorate of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, UNIC organized a photo and poster exhibition on UN Peacekeeping Operations. The exhibition was held at two venues at the hotel that hosted the panel discussion on the challenges of UN Peacekeeping Operations with 6,800 visitors, 29-31 May.

Cameroon



Workshop on the Electoral Code for Journalists in Cameroon

UNIC Yaounde with the Centre for Human Right and Democracy in Central Africa and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, organized events in Limbe, in the South West Region of Cameroon, for World Press Freedom Day and ahead of elections in 2018 in Cameroon. These events included: a round-table conference on the 2017 theme, “Freedom of Information, the right to know”; a panel discussion on *How to overcome challenges to media freed*; a workshop for 35 media professionals on

Cameroon’s electoral code and their role in promoting informed participation in electoral processes, 3-5 May.



Presentation of UNDAF 2018-2020 for Cameroon to Donors in Yaounde

The Cameroon government and the UN System presented the UN Development Assistance Framework 2018-2020 to donors during a ceremony at the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development. The main pillars include development of entrepreneurship and socio-economic integration of youth and women; health and nutrition; food security; and strengthening resilience in the Far North. UNIC Yaounde distributed press kits on the pillars, and mobilized the media for coverage, 8 May.



44th Ministerial Meeting of the UN Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa

In the prelude to the 44th Ministerial Meeting, experts from Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, and Sao Tome and Principe, met under the chairmanship of Cameroon’s Ambassador to the UN, to assess the security and geopolitical situation in their countries. Discussions focused on political governance and

factors threatening peace and stability within the sub region. UNIC Yaounde ensured media coverage of the meeting, 29-31 May.

Colombia



Launch of the Book *Agenda 2030*

During the International Book Fair in Bogota, the book *Agenda 2030* was launched as a joint project between UNIC Bogota and the diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry. The book delves into the viewpoints of students from various universities in Colombia on what was at the time the beginnings of the Sustainable Development Goals. The book launch took a form of a discussion which was also transmitted live by the UN in Colombia radio programme *Voces Unidas*, 2 May.



Participation at the Global Compact Congress

UNIC Bogota set-up a booth at the 7th Global Compact Congress. The main theme of the Congress was the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective was to continue to encourage the private sector to get involved in promoting the SDGs. The booth displayed information about the

goals and the importance of all of us participating actively to achieve the objectives, 4-5 May.



Visit of the Security Council to Colombia

The Security Council made its first visit to Colombia to learn firsthand how the peace agreements between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC-EP) and the Government are currently being implemented. UNIC Bogota was present during the press statements at the government headquarters and FARC-EP camps. During this rural visit, the UN in Colombia radio programme *Voces Unidas* conducted several interviews and took pictures of the historic moment, 2-7 May.

Republic of Congo



Web Chat on World Press Freedom Day

Marking the World Press Freedom Day, UNIC Brazzaville in partnership with the US Embassy arranged and hosted a web chat on the importance of media freedom and its role in a democracy. Eight Congolese journalists interacted with the panellists, based in the US, who

were joined by a live audience around the world, 3 May.



Event to Promote the Sustainable Development Goals

UNIC Brazzaville organized a couple of events focused on Sustainable Development Goals including a two-week long exhibition and an interactive session which respectively gathered more than 500 visitors and 40 high school teachers in Pointe Noire, the second biggest city in the Republic of Congo, 8 May.



Commemorating International Peacekeeping Day in Brazzaville

On the occasion of the International Peacekeeping Day, UNIC Brazzaville's National Information Officer gave an address on peacekeeping operations followed by a question and answer session with 200 young officers at the National Military Academy. Videos of the UN Secretary-General's message and ONUCI closing were also screened, 29 May.

Egypt



Divers Cleaning the Eastern Harbor of Alexandria

On the occasion of the World Environment Day and to promote the Ocean Conference, UNIC Cairo carried out a campaign where a team of Egyptian divers removed trash and accumulated debris on and around underwater antiquities in the Eastern Harbor of the major Mediterranean port city of Alexandria. The campaign was supported by UNESCO, the Alexandria Sporting Club, the Egyptian Yacht Club, and the Alexandria Diving Centre which organized divers and the necessary equipment, 24 May.



Seminar Preserving Underwater Cultural Heritage and Protecting Marine Environment and Resources

UNIC Cairo co-organized with its partners and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport a seminar on the City's submerged treasures and the UN's role in preserving underwater cultural heritage and protecting marine environment and resources, 24 May.

Finland



Plight of World's Oceans Highlighted at UN Cinema in Helsinki

UNRIC's Nordic Desk screened *A Plastic Ocean* in Helsinki. Following the screening, a debate featured panellists from the Finnish delegation to the Ocean Conference as well as co-founder and Manager of the *Seabin* ocean clean-up project that has started its pilot in the Finnish capital, 29 May.

Germany



Model UN Rostock, Germany

One of the biggest student Model United Nations conferences in Germany kicked off in Rostock. UNRIC Brussels staff delivered the keynote speech during the opening ceremony to an audience of more than 250 students from 22 different countries. In a more interactive exchange, UNRIC staff held a workshop during the conference on the issue of decent work and corporate regulation, 19 May.

Ghana



4th UN Global Road Safety Week

In support of the 4th UN Global Road Safety Week, UNIC Accra joined the World Health Organization (WHO) country office and its partners to raise awareness on the dangers of speeding. UNIC rallied heads of UN agencies in the country to join the global #slowdown social media campaign championed in Ghana by the Accra Metropolitan Assembly Bloomberg Initiative Global Road Safety. A press briefing was later organized by UNIC Accra on behalf of WHO, 12 May.



Flag Raising and High-level Dialogue on Peacekeepers Day

In Ghana, four wreathes were laid on behalf of the UN, the Government and people of Ghana, the Security Services and of the families of the fallen peacekeepers in honour of fallen UN peacekeepers at a national flag-raising ceremony in Accra. The event was attended by Ghana's Minister for the Interior, the UN Resident Coordinator, heads of the various security services, members of the Diplomatic Corp, traditional leaders and students. Prior to the ceremony, a high-level dialogue on the theme, "UN Peacekeeping: Investing in Peace around the World" was organized, 24 May.

Greece



Seminar for Students of the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki

UNRIC Brussel’s Communication Officer for Greece was one of the main speaker (by Skype) at a professional orientation seminar for students of the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki. He briefed the students on employment, internship and volunteering opportunities with the UN, 23 May.

India



Road Safety Training Camp marks Road Safety Week in New Delhi

UNIC New Delhi in association with the Cradle Foundation, Delhi Police, Honda and the World Health Organization organized a road safety awareness and training camp at the Delhi Police Traffic Park. The camp was attended by over 400 students from different schools. At the end, each student was encouraged to write down a pledge for road safety in order to personalize their engagement with road safety, 11 and 12 May.



Press Freedom Discussion in New Delhi

UNIC New Delhi, in collaboration with UN Women and the UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization screened *Velvet Revolution*, a 57-minute film supported by the International Association of Women in Radio and Television that highlighted many issues that women reporters face in conflict zones, 30 May.

Indonesia



Launch of UN Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2017

UNIC Jakarta, in collaboration with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, launched the UN Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2017. The launch focused on the indicators of growth and economic development within the region and highlighted the importance of better governance and effective fiscal management, 8 May.

Iran



Briefing and Exhibition of UN-Iran Photos in Orumieh

The Law Group, Research and Technology Department of Islamic Azad University in Orumieh, the capital of West Azarbaijan Province, in partnership with UNIC Tehran held a seminar entitled “The Role of UN in International Peace” at the University’s Amphitheater and organized a UN-Iran partnership photo exhibition, 1 May.



UN at Tehran International Book Fair

Through the efforts of UNIC Tehran, the UN system in Iran for the 14th year participated in the Tehran International Book Fair held at Shar-e Aftab (Sun City), 3-13 May.



Ceremony Marking the Ocean Conference

In order to promote the Ocean Conference and commemorate International Day for Biological Diversity, UNIC Tehran in cooperation with Hormod Sustainable Development Institute, Department of Environment, Qeshm Free Area, environment NGOs and local communities organized a ceremony entitled "Ocean Celebration" which included a sightseeing tour to the birth place of turtles at Shibderaz village in Qeshm, the Persian Gulf, 24 May.

Italy



Presentation at the Master's Programme in Law and Economy of the Sea Class

UNRIC Desk for Italy trained students on a wide range of maritime-related topics including the Ocean Conference, the UN system's activities, protection of the marine environment and its biodiversity and its link to the Sustainable Development Goals, 26 May.



Presentation at the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management Class

UNRIC Desk for Italy and its partner Scuola Sant'Anna, on the occasion of Peacekeepers Day made a presentation to international students on the evolution of UN peacekeeping and the way ahead, 23 May.



Multilingualism Competition for Students

UNRIC Desk for Italy and its nine-year partner on multilingualism, the Vicenza School for linguistic mediators, held award ceremony for winners of a translation competition. For the fifth consecutive year the competition was open to hundreds of students from all high schools in the province, covering the English, German, Spanish, French and Italian languages. UNRIC Brussels highlighted the Distance Internship Programme launched with the School in 2008, 4 May.

Japan



SDGs x AIESEC - Envisioning a Step Further at University of Tokyo's May Festival

The Director of UNIC Tokyo participated in a panel discussion as a part of collaboration between the UN, Ajinomoto and Panasonic, as well as at an event with comedians signed to Yoshimoto Creative Agency, for *SDGs x AIESEC - Envisioning a Step Further* at Tokyo University's May Festival. Both featured the significance of the role of youth in the pursuit of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. 20 - 21 May.



Employee Development Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals at Hakuodo DY Holdings

The Director of UNIC Tokyo gave a presentation during a seminar about the role of the Sustainable Development Goals in businesses with one of Japan's leading advertising firms, Hakuodo DY holdings, attended by 150 members of their employees, 23 May.



Employee Development Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals at Dentsu Inc.

The Director of UNIC Tokyo among others, led a seminar at one of Japan’s foremost advertising firms, Dentsu Inc., attended by 400 of their employees. The talk highlighted the promotion of the goals within the work place, encouraging consciousness as a catalyst for the firm to turn over a new leaf and realize their full potential, 26 May.

Kazakhstan



Roundtable on the UN and the Challenges of Sustainable Development

UNO Almaty organized a roundtable with students from NARXOZ University on the theme *UN and the Challenges of the Sustainable Development* at the UN House. Representatives of UN agencies, programmes, UNO Almaty and from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussed the challenges of climate change, poverty eradication, sustainable and clean energy, gender equality and many other sustainable development related topics within the concept of the international exhibition EXPO Astana - 2017. Students presented their views through thematic presentations, 4 May.



International Family Day at Suleiman Demirel University

UNO Almaty and students from the Suleiman Demirel University (UNAI member) dedicated a joint event and a thematic [video](#) to the International Day of Families. The Day aimed at increasing awareness of the family role in education and learning at an early stage. It was primarily focused on family and public policy issues in respect of strengthening education and ensuring people's well-being, 15 May.



UN Week at Suleiman Demirel University

Representative of the UNO Almaty opened UN Week in the new UN lecture room at the Suleiman Demirel University. The Week was dedicated to the 25th anniversary of Kazakhstan’s accession to the UN. The event was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, diplomatic missions, UN Academic Impact partner universities KIMEP and AlmaU, as well as UN agencies based in Almaty, 22–26 May.

Kenya



Social Media Training for the UN Communication Team in Nairobi

UNIC Nairobi in collaboration with the Training and Learning Development Section of UNON organised a Social Media Training which was moderated by Digital Consultant Philip Ogola. More than 20 UN Communication Officers attended. Some of the notable lessons learnt were how to monitor campaigns and social media management tools. The mode of training was practical oriented, 18 May.

Lebanon



Roundtable on the World Press Freedom Day

On the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Maharat Foundation, and UNIC Beirut, organized an event on the media’s role in promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies. The event featured two roundtable discussions with prominent media personalities on media as a catalyst for peace and freedom of expression and the launch of the Report on Freedom of Opinion and Expression in 13 Arab countries, 3 May.



UNIC Beirut and Social Way Association organized Bike Tripoli 4

For the third year in a row, UNIC Beirut and Lebanese NGO *Social Way Association* organized *Bike Tripoli 4* on *Empowering Women in Decision Making Positions*. More than 1500 cyclists, diplomats and social and environmental activists participated in the event which aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 13 by raising awareness on clean environment, renewable energy and traffic safety, 7 May.



UNIC Beirut Marks International Day of Families with Local Radio and NGOs

UNIC Beirut joined hands with local Radio station “Voice of Lebanon” to mark the International Day of Families. The Radio hosted on its morning show representatives of the local NGOs BASSMA and Right to Play, who discussed partnership with UNIC Beirut, the importance of families, Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 4, and

activities that can support building a healthy society, 1 and 15 May.

Madagascar



World Press Freedom Celebrations in Madagascar

The celebration of the World Press Freedom Day took place at the Mahajanga City Hall under the patronage of the Minister of Communication and Relations with the Institutions and the sponsorship of the UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar. The celebration began with a walk around the city, followed by a Zumba (dance fitness programme) session. An exhibition of local media and a conference-debate session on the theme "Critical Minds for Critical Times: Media's role in advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies" closed the official celebration. UNIC Antananarivo, funded by UN Communications Group, prepared and organized the celebration in terms of logistics and communications, 3 May 2017.



Presentations on the UN and the Sustainable Development Goals

The Resident Coordinator and National Information Officer (NIO) of UNIC Antananarivo made presentations on the

UN4U and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during sessions at Lycée Philibert Tsiranana and Lycée Saint Gabrieln, Mahajanga. They highlighted the difference between the UN Organization and the UN System, and presented the 17 SDGs in a local context with concrete actions and illustrations. After joint presentations the NIO asked questions on latest news and international relations and rewarded the students with UN kits and polos shirts. The event was covered by two local media, 4 May.



Visit by the Coordinator of the global Scaling Up Nutrition movement to Madagascar

Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the global *Scaling Up Nutrition* movement paid a two-day official visit to Madagascar. The SUN movement, supported by 59 countries, has a common goal of overcoming malnutrition in all its forms. During her mission, Ms. Verburg met with senior government officials, including the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and members of the Government in charge of sectors related to nutrition. She has also met with all the stakeholders in the nutrition sector, including key donors to Madagascar. UNIC Antananarivo supported the visit with photo coverage and press arrangements, 7 May.

Mexico



UNIC Mexico City Turns 70 this October

Design students from Universidad Iberoamericana and UNIC Mexico City worked on the branding for UNIC’s 70th anniversary and other creative proposals (printed and online) materials that the Office could use with different audiences. This is a way for the Centre to re-launch its concept and tailor its information and approach to the new generations, 15 May.

Morocco



Promotion of the Ocean Conference by UNIC Rabat

To promote the Ocean Conference, UNIC Rabat organized a cleaning /sensitization event at Rabat beach in partnership with the associations of UN staff Morocco and “Rabat Beach Culture”. The event consisted of beach clean-up with youth participation, a seabed clean-up demonstration by professional divers and a posters exhibit by UNIC. The [event](#) received great media coverage, 21 May.

Namibia



High School Practicum Programme

UNIC Windhoek hosted the second installment of the High School Practicum Programme (HSSP). The twenty-two HSSP participants learned about the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlighting its three core elements: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection within the Namibian context. It involved real life exposure to an international organization and mentorship in areas of professional conduct, presentation and research skills, 8–19 May.

Nigeria



UNIC Lagos Holds Seminar and Arts Competition to Mark No-Tobacco Day

UNIC Lagos, the Nigerian Heart Foundation (NHF) and the UN Association of Nigeria organized a symposium, students arts competition and exhibition, to highlight risks associated with tobacco use and advocate for effective policies to reduce tobacco. The events, which were attended by over 100 people, featured exhibition of artwork submitted by

students for the No-Tobacco Arts competition, 31 May.



UNIC Director Calls for Family-friendly Policies for Work Environment

UNIC Lagos called for policies that encourage corporate responsibility and family-friendly work environments at the Africa Family Life Delegate Conference attended by over 600 delegates and organized by the Centre for Sex Education and Family Life, 15 May.



Road Safety Promoted in Nigeria

UNIC Lagos and members of the #SafeCross Campaign engaged in a event to promote the Fourth UN Global Road Safety Week. This year, the #SaveLives week, observed from 8–12 May is sub-themed #SlowDown. The campaign relates to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), 10 May.

Pakistan



UN Cinema Kicks-off with the Screening of *A Journey of a Thousand Miles: Peacekeepers*

In partnership with the Pakistan National Council of the Arts, UNIC Islamabad launched the *UN Cinema* with the screening of *A Journey of a Thousand Miles: Peacekeepers*, to mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. Chief Military Observer, UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan and the UNIC Islamabad Director briefed the viewers about UN Peacekeeping and the documentary co-produced and directed by renowned Pakistani and Indian female filmmakers: Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy and Geeta Gandbhir. Nearly 200 people from NGOs, corporate sector, media, heads and representatives of the embassies of Austria, Belgium, British and Canadian High commissions, European Union, Germany, Mauritius, Netherland, Poland and Sweden and the public attended the event.



International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

UNIC Islamabad, jointly with the embassies of Australia, Canada, European Union, Netherlands, Spain,

South Africa and Sweden marked the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia through advocacy events and campaign including placement of a joint op-ed, advocacy lunch and screening of a documentary, *A Place in the Middle*, which was followed by a debate with the human rights and gender experts, 17 May.



Sustainable Development Goals' Photo Exhibition Concludes its Tour at Karachi

The Mayor of Karachi, Bureau Chief, Agency France-Presse (AFP) for Pakistan and Afghanistan, UNIC Islamabad Director and French Consul General jointly inaugurated the concluding photo exhibition, "Pakistan Sustaining Development: Human Stories through Photography" in Karachi. The exhibition of 102 photos, aiming at raising awareness about the goals was jointly organized by AFP, the European Union, and the UN, with support from the Embassy of France in Pakistan, UK Aid and the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation. The exhibition successfully toured through the provincial capitals of the country since it was first opened in Islamabad on UN Day in 2016, 24 May.

Peru



Workshop on Gender Violence at Work

On the framework of locally observed Labor Day, UNIC Lima together with NGO Asociacion de Desarrollo Comunal (ADC) organized an expert workshop on gender violence at work. The participants were from government institutions and civil society organizations. The workshop was focused on national and international experiences on how to identify and manage the issue. Spanish lecturer Consuelo Flecha from University of Sevilla, was the main speaker. The NIO gave a lecture highlighting the work of the UN on this subject and the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 4, 2 May.



A Talk to Peruvian Army Officers about the Sustainable Development Goals

UNIC Lima gave a talk to 50 officers of the armed forces from the Centre for Higher National Studies. The presentation focused on the UN and the SDGs, 19 May.

Russian Federation



Cartoon Exhibition on World Press Freedom Day

For more than 10 years, UNIC Moscow has organized [exhibitions](#) of artworks by leading Russian cartoonists - most of them award-winners - whose cartoons appear regularly in Russian and foreign newspapers and magazines. The exhibits are held in observance of the World Press Freedom Day. This year, UNIC organized yet another special event in the same vein, focusing on the role of political cartooning. It was attended by Foreign Ministry officials, UN Country Team members, students and cartoonists, 3 May



V-Day Observance with Young Students

Moscow School 1232 associated with the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which had pioneered holding UN sessions for children, celebrated the 72nd anniversary of the victory in the Second World War by organizing a commemorative event. War veterans were the guests of honour. The UNIC Moscow Director, himself an alumnus of School 1232, delivered an opening statement, highlighting the importance

of the victory and its significance as a catalyst for the setting up of the UN. He called upon those present to safeguard the memory of the heroic deeds committed by the veterans and to support the ideas of unity and tolerance, in order to avoid such tragedies in the future, 4 May.



Irwin Weil's Visit to the UN House

UNIC Moscow welcomed Irwin Weil, a renowned US professor of Slavic languages and literature. The scholar, 89, has visited Russia dozens of times. He discussed with UNIC staff and selected guests the significance of multilingualism, the importance of learning foreign languages and dwelled on what made him fall in love with the Russian language and literature. He donated a number of his books of memoirs to the UNIC Library and recorded a special address for the Russian Language Day, 17 May.

Senegal



Peacekeepers in the Spotlight

UNIC Dakar organized a flag-raising ceremony at its premises in Almadies. Among the guests were the brothers-in-arms of peacekeepers who had fallen. The ceremony was followed by opening of a exhibition of the Armed Forces Museum Bus Dakar, and a discussion on

the protection of civilians in the new environment of peacekeeping operations, 29 May.

Slovakia



Bringing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Together Campaign into Classrooms

Fourteen teachers from 12 different schools in Slovakia took part in a workshop on "Teaching the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals", in Vienna, organized by UNIS Vienna and the State Pedagogical Institute Bratislava. The Permanent Representative of Slovakia welcomed the teachers, who came from nine cities all over Slovakia. UNIS offered another workshop for teachers from Vienna, focusing on the SDGs, refugee protection and the Together campaign, 19 and 11 May respectively.

Sudan



UN Corner at the University of Khartoum

UNIC Khartoum in collaboration with UN Volunteers and volunteer students from the Faculty of Engineering organized a UN Corner during the

Engineer's Week at the University of Khartoum, 21 to 25 May.



Launch of the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan and the 2017-2019 Multi-Year Humanitarian Strategy

UNIC Khartoum provided communication support to an event organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Humanitarian partners in Sudan to launch the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan and the 2017-2019 Multi-Year Humanitarian Strategy, 31 May.

Switzerland



Geneva Mix & Mash at Museum

A special edition of Geneva Mix & Mash brought together close to 800 people, expatriates and locals alike, at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art. A joint initiative of UNIS Geneva and local partners, the event focused on connections between art and the Sustainable Development Goals, and provided a casual setting for learning more about both, 3 May.



UN Photo / Jean-Marc Ferré

International Day of UN Peacekeepers

To mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, UNIS Geneva organized a tribute-paying ceremony to the over 3,500 peacekeepers who lost their lives in service since 1948, followed by a panel discussion on investing in peace around the world. The Force Commander of UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (2014-16) and the High Commissioner for Human Rights participated in the debate, in the presence of some 250 guests, including 100 former peacekeepers and school children, 31 May.



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Ciné-ONU, A Plastic Ocean

Ahead of World Environment Day and the Ocean Conference, Ciné-ONU Geneva, in partnership with the Graduate Institute, screened *A Plastic Ocean*, a documentary on the global effects of plastic pollution and potential solutions. More than 400 people attended the screening and debate on the state of the oceans by experts from Oceaneye, International Union for Conservation of Nature, World

Meteorological Organization and the Graduate Institute, 31 May.

Tanzania



World Press Freedom Day Events

UNIC Dar es Salaam joined key media partners from Tanzania to commemorate the World Press Freedom Day in Mwanza, Western Tanzania. UNIC's Information Officer co-presented and moderated a session on *Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information foster more Inclusive Societies*. UNIC also organized a very successful press conference prior to the event and supported media monitoring of the local press, 2 and 3 May.



International Day for UN Peacekeepers

UNIC Dar es Salaam along with the Government of Tanzania, Tanzania Peoples Defense Forces and Tanzania Police commemorated the International Day of UN Peacekeepers at the Mnazi Mmoja Heroes Grounds in the City. UNIC organized the event and coordinated a media campaign to increase awareness on UN peacekeeping. Senior male and female police commissioners and military

officers spoke in 10 media houses. The Guest of Honour was Tanzania's Minister of Defence and National Service. The UN was represented by Head of the World Food Programme in Tanzania, 29 May.



Educational Outreach for International Day for UN Peacekeepers

UNIC Dar es Salaam in collaboration with the Tanzania Police Force organized an educational school outreach at primary schools, as part of International Peacekeepers Day commemoration. A total of 1,000 students and teachers were briefed about UN peacekeepers and the involvement of the Tanzania Peoples Defence Force in UN peacekeeping. UNIC along with the Tanzania Police Force and Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces conducted an educational outreach in the form of a panel presentation to 200 students from the Mozambique-Tanzania Centre for Foreign Relations in Kurasini Dar es Salaam, 30 and 31 May.

Togo



Commemoration of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers by UNIC Lome

In partnership with the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs of Togo, UNIC Lomé commemorated the International Day of UN Peacekeepers by raising awareness among the students of ESA Private University, with the support of the UN System in Lomé. After an introduction on peace, the Advisor of Peace and Development at the UN Development Programme and Senior Army Officers, spoke to the students on the role of the UN in peacekeeping and in the consolidation of peace in Togo, 29 May.



World Press Freedom Day in Lome

World Press Freedom Day was celebrated in Lome by media professionals, UNIC Lome and the Togolese Media Observatory. The activity was opened by the President of the High Authority for Audiovisual and Communication. The event gave the journalists a chance to discuss difficulties and to propose solution approaches for their work, 3 May.

Turkey



Opening Ceremony of the 5th General Assembly Meeting of the Turkey Family Platform of NGOs

The National Information Officer for UNIC Ankara attended the opening session of the 5th General Assembly Meeting of the Turkey Family Platform of NGOs held in Düzce. He briefed the 150 participants from eight different cities around Turkey on the UN-NGO relations with an emphasis on the importance of NGO activities promoting the Sustainable Development Goals and UN work. The opening session was attended by the Governor of Düzce and covered by media organizations, 13 May.



Briefing at Osmangazi University in Eskişehir

As part of UNIC Ankara's educational outreach activities outside Ankara, the National Information Officer of UNIC Ankara visited Osmangazi University in Eskişehir to brief 250 students on the Sustainable Development Goals. The event was organized by Osmangazi University for Diplomacy and the Model UN Club. The Rector of the University also attended the event which was covered by media organizations, 22 May.

United States



Thank a Peacekeeper at the UN Foundation

The UNIC Washington D.C. Director provided remarks at the UN Foundation's *Thank A Peacekeeper* event at the US Capitol. The event highlighted

the economic benefits of the stability that The UN Operation in Cote D'Ivoire UNOCI brought to Cote D'Ivoire. Other speakers included the ambassador of Cote D'Ivoire, Members of Congress and the MARS Company. The audience included congressional staff, NGOs and think tanks, 24 May.

Ukraine



Model UN at Kyiv International Relations Institute of the State Taras Shevchenko University

UNO Kyiv supported the sixth Kyiv International Relations Institute (IRI) of the State Taras Shevchenko University which was attended by 120 student delegates. The IIR Model UN was simulating the work of three bodies: the UN Security Council, UN Economic and Social Council and UN Human Rights Council, 19 May.



Fifth Model UN of the Leader Kyiv Pechersk Liceum

UNO Kyiv supported the fifth Model UN of the Leader Kyiv Pechersk Liceum, which united more than 110 school students in discussion and debating in the frame of five UN committees. The

students were briefed on the Sustainable Development Goals and important role of young people in achieving SDGs, 24 May.



My Future Drawing Competition

UNO Kyiv conducted My Future drawing competition for children who in their paintings reflected their vision and dreams about the future. The winning entries were exhibited in the renewed UN House in Kyiv and will be used for the illustration of the new UN-Ukraine UNDAF, 15 May.

Zambia



UNIC Lusaka Promotes Habitat III Messages on the Sustainable Development Goals

UNIC Lusaka has embarked on the promotion of the results of the Habitat II Conference. The activities, which will run until the end of June, include radio programmes, sending key messages to 100,000 mobile phone users through the bulk SMS platform and materials production in consultation with the UN Habitat office. Additionally, printed materials have been distributed and displayed at key commemorative events involving UN agencies as part of sensitization of the Sustainable Development Goals, 15 May-30 June.



First UNAIDS Zambia Goodwill Ambassador Announced

UNIC Lusaka helped coordinate media in support of the UNAIDS announcement of Zambia's First Goodwill Ambassador to end AIDS by 2030. Activist Lulu Haangala Wood will support advocacy and sensitization among young people to adopt positive behaviours that will help the country end the AIDS epidemic, 31 May.

Zimbabwe



UNIC participates in UN Communications Group Media Workshop

UNIC Harare participated in the UN Communications Group (UNCG) Media Workshop held in Nyanga, and attended by over 37 journalists. UNIC provided support as Rapporteur and UNCG secretariat. Both print and electronic media as well as media practitioners attended the workshop. A UN-Media Plan of Action for partnership was developed with agreed-to messages on development and humanitarian issues and programmes, 8-11 May.

Creativity @ Work

New information materials

Algeria



The Tamazight version of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) text was launched in Algiers by the UN system (UNIC + RCO) in collaboration with the High Commission for Amazighity. The ceremony was marked by a cross reading in French and Tamazight of the SDGs. The goals as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention of Child, are now available in Tamazight language.

Austria



Supported by the UN and the Holocaust Outreach Programme, UNIS Vienna's Visitors Service subtitled the film *Footprints - Discovering the Holocaust through Historical Artefacts* into German, Hungarian, Slovak, and Slovene to accompany the on-line *Ordinary Things* lesson plan and teaching tools. A USB version of the package provides easy access for teachers from Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia, and those taking human rights tours of the UN in Vienna.

Brazil

UNIC Rio de Janeiro promoted the International Day of Peacekeepers through two special. The [first](#) shows a Brazilian woman who joined the Army to support the [UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti](#); the [second](#) explains the role of the peacekeepers. A special [webpage](#) was also created to be shared with the lusophone world along with the Secretary-General's message. To foster the debate on peacekeeping, UNIC Rio de Janeiro Director took part in a workshop at PUC University.

UNIC Rio de Janeiro also produced a [special report](#) about a new Migration Law, which was approved by Congress and is awaiting presidential approval. More than 100 CSOs and NGOs, as well as UNCHR and ILO, signed a call to President Temer requesting its approval. The material was published on UNIC's website, sent to the media, and shared on social media channels.

UNIC Rio gave full support to a Facebook live event on 17 May for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. The [livestream](#) reached 40,000 people and had 9,000 pageviews.

On 30 May, UNAIDS' campaign #EseFosseComVocê had a Facebook Live on the ONU Brasil account, with supervision and instructions of the UNIC team. One of the UNAIDS' events was in São Paulo.

Colombia

The International Book Fair was held between April and May 2017 UNIC staff Laura Cortés made a [video](#) that summarizes all the activity that took place during those 15 days of the event.

During the historic visit of the Security Council to Colombia, a field view was carried out to verify the state of the camps where the FARC group is concentrated, to see firsthand the progress of the peace agreements. This



[video](#), made by our intern Laura Cartagena and the Director of the Radio Program Luis Eduardo Morales, shows us a bit of that visit.

France



UNRC Desk for France began the production of [infographics](#) linking the UN International Days to the Sustainable Development Goals. They are produced in French and English with the great help of the French desk Intern. The last infographic has broken all records on the French Desk twitter account and on Facebook.

Greece



The UNRIC Desk for Greece created and promoted the Greek version of the logo of the Oceans Conference.



The Desk also finalised the Sustainable Development Goals [website](#) in

Greek, with updated info, visuals, promotional and educational material in Greek.

Iran



UNIC Tehran produced posters and an information leaflet in the Persian Language on the Ocean Conference.

Japan



UNIC Tokyo launched a page dedicated to the Ocean Conference. It encompassed a breadth of angles on the Conference, ranging from a historical overview of international laws addressing the conservation of marine biodiversity to a report on events hosted in Japan that highlight goal 14 of the Sustainable Development Goals. [UNIC Tokyo Ocean Conference Page](#), 29 May.



The first of the five part series of the documentation of UNIC Tokyo's Director's visit to Afghanistan was published on UNIC's Hatena Blog and Huffington Post. The reports revolve around her observations on the current state of Afghanistan as well as the impact of the UN's activity in the region. The article introduced a background on Afghanistan and provided an insightful comparison of her time in Afghanistan in 2002 and 2017. [Hatena Blog](#), 24 May. [Huffington Post](#), May.



UNIC Director's second article of the five part series on her time in Afghanistan was published on UNIC's Hatena Blog and published by Huffington Post on 1 June. She elaborated on her exchange with the UNAMA field office, Afghanistan Justice Organization, Medica Afghanistan, and other activists and civil societies; the dialogue revolved around gender based discrimination in Afghanistan as well as efforts to promote women's rights in the region. [Hatena Blog](#), 31 May.

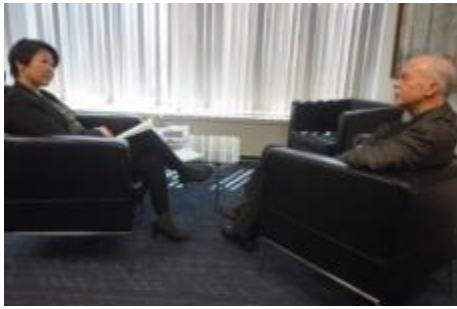


As an outcome of UNIC Tokyo's media support, UN Mine Action Service Director Agnès Marcaillou was covered in the Yomiuri Shimbun, as the third installation of its feature story on women in leadership, entitled *Challenge the Glass Ceiling*, 22 May.



UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan's Head of Outreach Unit Hiroyuki Saito published a piece on his experience in South Sudan in the Yomiuri Shimbun. He emphasized the importance of cooperation between UN Peacekeeping Operations and local civil military forces. Furthermore, he highly praised the improving relationship between Japan and South Sudan and

indicated hope for Japan’s continuing aid and support, 31 May.



The article on UNIC Tokyo Director Kaoru Nemoto’s interview with UN University Rector and Chairperson of Global Migration Group David Malone with respect to the TOGETHER campaign, an effort to promote social inclusion of refugees and migrants, was published on UNIC’s Hatena Blog. The discussion illuminated not only the salience of xenophobia surrounding discourses on migration, but also the impact of various advocacy works that aim to protect the dignity of migrants and refugees. [Hatena Blog](#), 9 May.



UNIC also posted an interview with Ms. Hiroko Hirahara, Head, UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan - Benth Office - about the impact and progress of UN’s current efforts in South Sudan, held at the UNIC Tokyo office during her temporary return to Japan. The interview was coordinated with regard to 29 May, the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. [Youtube](#), 23 May.

Mexico

UNIC Mexico City produced a [special feature](#) on the robots used by activists with physical disabilities to participate in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. This was the first time ever

that robots were used in a big UN conference.

Namibia



UNIC Windhoek launched a countdown with the conference graphics for the 6th Annual Model United Nations Namibia High School Conference. The [campaign](#) highlights tips and information in the run up to the conference and counts down the days until the conference.

Peru

UNIC Lima promoted Reham Al-Farra Scholarship for Journalists with a [flyer](#).

UNIC Lima created a [gif](#) for the International Day of the Families.

UNIC Lima created a flyer promoting the [video](#) contest “Plural +, Youth Video Festival”.

UNIC Lima created a [flyer](#) promoting the Global Youth Video Competition

UNIC Lima created a [flyer](#) in commemoration of the International Day of Biological Diversity.

UNIC Lima produced a [video](#) featuring Peruvian peacekeepers in the training center for military, police and civilian personnel, CECOPAZ Peru for the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

UNIC Lima created a [flyer](#) to promote the streaming of “Climate Action: Mobilizing the World” - conversation on climate action with UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

UNIC Lima created a [flyer](#) supporting the rights of LGBTI people.

UNIC Lima created a [flyer](#) for the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Within the framework of the Oceans Conference, UNIC Lima promoted the [National Consultation](#) on Oceans. The Consultation was organized by PNUD Peru and was addressed to Peruvian citizens.

Sudan



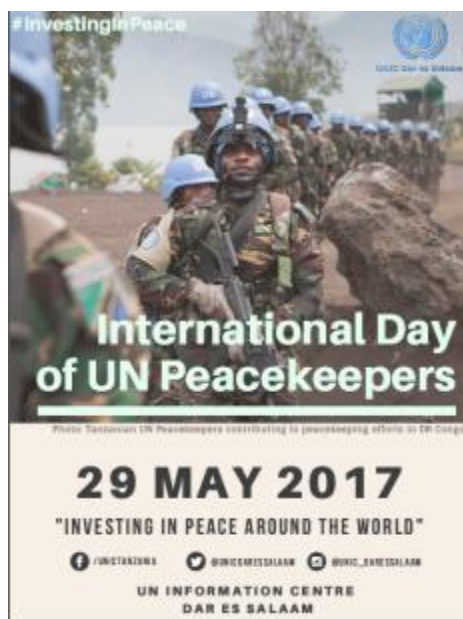
UNIC Khartoum designed and printed leaflets on Peacekeeping Operations distributed at the event marking the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

Switzerland



UNIS Geneva’s produced video clips from its Sustainable Development Goals Studio were made available on their dedicated [YouTube channel](#).

Tanzania



UNIC Dar es Salaam produced a new Tanzanian UN Peacekeepers day poster which was distributed to various institutions including libraries.

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