

# Summary

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## UN / UN Chief Urges Member States, Staff to Participate in MDG 1,000 Days of Action

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon rallied the United Nations community in a Call to Action, capping off a week of activities to spur accelerated progress in the 1,000 days to the end of 2015 – the target date for achieving the eight anti-poverty Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The UN chief met with young people in Spain to discuss the urged need for action and have a ceremonial kick-off to the 1,000 Days at a Real Madrid football match. He then carried his 1,000-days message to Vatican City where he had an audience with Pope Francis, and more recently to the White House in a meeting with President Barack Obama. “Over the next 1,000 days, let us give 1,000 percent,” Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told delegates and UN staff gathered at the UN Headquarters in New York.

## UN / Future Perspectives for Global Development: an Overview from Russia

We are facing a crucial moment for development, says the Presidential Aide Elvira Nabiullina. The deadline for meeting the Millennium Development Goals terminates on 2015. The worldwide society is elaborating a global agenda in the area of development after the year 2015. In practical terms, it will be a new paradigm of global development based on solidarity with a strong emphasis on welfare and preservation of our common heritage. This should be an inclusive process. And Russia is part of it.

## UNDP / On Russia's Strengthened Role in Global Forums: International Development and Cooperation with the UN

Traditionally Russia plays an important role in global politics and in cooperation with international organizations. But particularly in 2013, when Russia assumed the chairmanship in G20 forum there is a critical shift in country's role – to demonstrate leadership in global priorities areas. Russia's chairmanship in G20 in 2013, in G8 in 2014 and in BRICS in 2015 provides Russia with a unique opportunity to demonstrate its emerging role as a serious donor for development initiatives, as well as to take part in a global process of formulating development goals for post-2015.

## UNHCR / Simplified Procedures of Granting Russian Citizenship to Stateless Persons: Stavropol Experience

The results of 2010 all-Russia population census published in 2012 report about 178,000 persons identifying themselves as stateless. Federal Migration Service and its territorial bodies do their best to reduce the scope of statelessness, and due to their efforts during the last decade nearly 650,000 stateless persons were granted Russian citizenship. UNHCR supports NGOs and networks especially in “problem regions” that provide free and professional legal assistance to stateless persons and persons with unregulated status applying for citizenship in the Russian Federation. The article features life stories of two women going through all stages of assuming their legal status in Russia. This is not an easy process, although there are positive prospects for others.

## UNIC / Shared Responsibility

Earlier in March 2013 the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) presented its report for 2012. It was also launched at the UN Information Centre in Moscow with participation of Galina Korchagina from National Scientific Centre. The reports provides an analysis of the global drug control situation, and draws attention to gaps and weaknesses in national and international drug control, and makes recommendations to Governments and international and regional organizations. The drug problem is truly global and interconnected, necessitating a global solution, with action at all levels. At the national and regional levels, shared responsibility means that drug control should be included in economic and social development plans.

## OHCHR / All-Russia Contest for Journalists “Let's Stop Violence Together”

The objective of this creative contest was to attract the attention of both the media and the audience to the issues of domestic violence. In the Russian Federation the acts of domestic violence are committed in every forth family. This is a violation of laws and gender discrimination. A lot has been done in recent years. Over 140 works in various forms from more than 70 Russian regions were submitted for participation in the contest among journalists that concluded with inauguration of the best works and an expert discussion at the House of Journalists in Moscow.

## UNESCO / International Scientific Conference “Basic Ideas of UNESCO in Contemporary Education, Culture and Science”

The International scientific web conference “UNESCO Basic Ideas in Contemporary Education, Culture and Science” was held on 19-28 March 2013 with the support of the Coordination Committee of UNESCO Chairs of the Russian Federation. The main aim of the conference was to promote the UNESCO ideas and principles, discuss the topical issues of education, culture and science in the XXI century and attract leading scientists and young professionals to the UNESCO activities. The Conference was organized by the UNESCO Chair of the International Institute of Public Administration and Management of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration and the Institute of Management and Public Administration, Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada).

## UNA / The Report of UNA Russia on Sustainable Development of the Russian Regions

The Report was presented in December 2012 in the office of the UN Secretary-General in New York with participation of representatives and governors from the Russian regions. Several regional initiatives were presented. The launch was followed by a press conference. The project is implemented under the overall support and supervision of the Rector of Moscow University for International Relations (MGIMO) Mr. Torkunov. As President of UNA-Russia, Mr. Torkunov has been encouraging young people to become more involved in building a better tomorrow.