

Summary

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UN Secretary-General: Remarks to Member States on priorities for 2021

In his remarks, UN Secretary-General António Guterres outlines top 10 priorities for 2021 that include effective response to COVID-19; an inclusive and sustainable economic recovery; making peace with nature; tackling poverty and inequality; reversing the assault on human rights; gender equality, the greatest human rights challenge; healing geopolitical rifts; reversing the erosion of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime; seizing the opportunities of digital technologies while protecting against their growing dangers; and launching a reset for the 21st century.

UNAIDS / Hand sanitizers donated by Reckitt Benckiser to people living with HIV

Russian HIV community centres in Moscow, Voronezh, Kaluga, Kursk, Orel and Vladimir have received 35,000 bottles of Dettol hand sanitizer donated as part of an initiative by Reckitt Benckiser. The donation was made in the light of the increasing COVID-19 pandemic in the country and the increase in other viral diseases, and is a joint effort of the Reckitt Benckiser office in the Russian Federation and the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

OHCHR / Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world

On 11 March 2021, a roundtable discussion dedicated to the International Women's Day was held at the Scientific and Practical Center for Medical and Social Rehabilitation of Disabled People named after L.I.Shvetsova. The event was designed to commemorate the International Women's Day as a joint effort of the Moscow Ombudsman's office and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The participants discussed various aspects of protecting women's rights and promoting gender equality in the context of COVID-19.

UNESCO IITE / Education 2021: Family in focus

The new role of the family in education and the importance of partnerships between parents and educators, children and adults – these were the key topics of the global Ed Heroes online forum “Education 2021: Family in Focus” held from 12-14 March 2021. The event was hosted by the Rybakov Foundation in collaboration with the University of Childhood Foundation and in partnership with UNESCO IITE and others. The forum's livestreamed sessions featured 65 speakers from 18 countries who discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic changed both the perception of education and its delivery formats, highlighting a new role of the family in the realm of education.

UNIC / How to preserve water, the basis of life

On 22 March 2021, the UN Information Center held an online roundtable titled “Water is the basis of life” dedicated to the World Water Day. Representatives of UN agencies, Russian environmentalists, employees of the Russian State Library, a UN depositary library, as well as teachers and students of major Russian universities participated in the event. Among topics discussed were the value of water, importance of urgent ecological action, rational use of water resources, as well as water issues in the Arctic Council member countries and the Baikal region. Special emphasis was made on the efforts to achieve SDG 6: Access to water and sanitation for all by 2030.

WHO / New European Programme of Work

The European Programme of Work, 2020–2025, “United Action for Better Health in Europe” (EPW) has been developed through extensive consultations with member countries, the European Commission, nongovernmental actors, intergovernmental and UN agencies, as well as WHO staff. The EPW sets out a vision of how the WHO Regional Office for Europe can support health authorities in member countries to rise to that challenge, in each country and collectively across the region. The EPW puts an emphasis on the global vision set out in WHO's 13th General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 (GPW 13), and on the 2030 Agenda.

ILO / Rapid growth of digital economy calls for coherent policy response

The ILO's latest report *World Employment and Social Outlook 2021: The role of digital labour platforms in transforming the world of work*, released in February 2021, focuses on the way digital labour platforms, which have increased five-fold worldwide in the last decade, are influencing the realm of international labour relations. The document underlines the need for international policy dialogue and regulatory cooperation with a view to providing decent work opportunities and to fostering the growth of sustainable businesses in a more consistent manner.

Natalia Vodianova: “Time to assert the importance of higher standards of women's health”

UNFPA has appointed Natalia Vodianova, supermodel, philanthropist and impact investor, as its new Goodwill Ambassador, in an effort to empower women and girls, including in their fight against stigma surrounding menstruation. The agency said it was looking forward to working with Natalia in her capacity as a bridge builder across fashion and technology industries, where hers is an influential international voice, to help achieve the SDGs by 2030.