

Summary

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UN Secretary-General: Message on the occasion of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (26 September 2021)

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has stressed in his message on the occasion of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons that from the very start, addressing the existential threat of nuclear weapons has been central to the work of the United Nations. Today, we face the highest level of nuclear risk in almost four decades. There are, however, signs of hope, the Secretary-General noted. The decision by the Russian Federation and the United States to extend the New START Treaty and engage in dialogue are welcome steps, as was January's entry-into-force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

UNIC/UN Secretary-General's report "Our Common Agenda"

The recently released report "Our Common Agenda" reflects the views of UN Secretary-General António Guterres and experts on the future of global cooperation. It is noted that the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis have demonstrated a collective inability to unite and make joint decisions for the common good, even in the situation of a direct global threat. The collective response is late and does not match the scope of the problem. The report describes two alternative development options: one leads to the immersion of the planet in a permanent crisis, the other provides for a breakthrough into an environmentally safe future. A "breakthrough" scenario contains a number of key proposals: protecting vulnerable social groups, ensuring gender equality, a fair international trading system, etc.

WHO/International cooperation for health of all

Melita Vuinovich, WHO Representative in the Russian Federation, said in an interview that the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing, affecting the world at large. However, political disagreements have not gone anywhere. It is necessary to enhance international cooperation as human lives depend on it. In this regard, the significance of a strong world system, capable of responding urgently to global challenges, is growing. The pandemic has contributed to the intensification of international interaction, especially in the health sector. One of the practical achievements was the establishment of the Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development.

OHCHR/Human rights for new generations

From 28 June to 2 July 2021, the eighth Summer School "Human Rights for New Generations" was held in Kazan. The event was organized by the Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University (KFU) together with the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tatarstan. The Summer School program was aligned around three thematic clusters: "Human Rights and Climate Change", "Human Rights and Migration" and "Human Rights and Youth Participation".

UNAIDS/"It's Simple"

The main objective of the "It's Simple" program, which was initiated in 2017 by Svetlana Izambayeva and Ekaterina Stepanova, is to provide medical, psychological, information and social support to children and adolescents living with HIV. More than 10,000 children live with HIV in Russia and the number of adolescents living with HIV is growing annually. This year in Sochi, more than 70 people from various parts of the country took part in the ten-day rally, including 36 children and adolescents aged 11 to 20, in addition to parents, guardians and specialists. The event was sponsored by Life4me.plus, the UNAIDS Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and private donations.

UNESCO IITE/Digital health solutions, well-being and fight against epidemics

On 17-18 June 2021, the UNESCO IITE co-organized the 3rd International Conference "Information and Communication in the Digital Age: Explicit and Implicit Impacts". The event was held on location in the Khanty-Mansiysk Region. In the course of the conference it was noted in particular that digital technologies evolve as a driving force behind the shaping of a new reality. At the same time, the increasing complexity of digital technologies and devices is accompanied by growing universal connectivity, monopolization of entire industries by digital platforms and their invasion in the social and private space.

UNESCO IITE/Global conference on smart education 2021: Future of Education

From 18-20 August 2021, Beijing Normal University (PPU) and UNESCO IITE, with full support of higher education organizations and recognized experts, held the Global Conference on Smart Education 2021 with a view to discussing prospects for future education. Promising projects combining digital technologies and education were showcased during the conference.

UNESCO IITE/Healthy lifestyle video tutorials to help teachers

New video tutorials on healthy lifestyles for schoolchildren have been put together by an international team of Russian and Kyrgyz specialists. The video tutorials address issues related to growing up and transitional age, prevention of infectious diseases, etc.

UNIC/International Forum "InterVolga-2021" in Nizhny Novgorod

On 15-16 September 2021, an international forum titled "InterVolga-2021" was held in the city of Nizhny Novgorod. The event was timed to coincide with the 800th anniversary of Nizhny Novgorod and the 30th anniversary of Gorky (The Soviet name of Nizhny Novgorod) opening for foreign visitors. The forum program included a plenary session on the intensified international cooperation in education, science, business and economics, as well as four panel discussions. The conference was attended by delegations from 20 countries. It was opened by the Governor of the Nizhny Novgorod Region, Gleb Nikitin. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Rosstrudnichestvo head Yevgeny Primakov addressed the participants in video format. Vladimir Kuznetsov, UNIC Director, delivered a lecture on soft skills and other requirements of the candidates for employment with the UN.

UNA-Russia/INNOPROM-2021 ideas

From 5-8 July 2021, the 11th International Industrial Exhibition INNOPROM-2021 was held in the city of Yekaterinburg. Within its framework some latest projects and ideas of the industrial economy sector were showcased. Over 20,000 people took part in the exhibition, presenting the products of more than 500 companies. The sessions were focused on the following themes: "Flexible manufacturing. Maximum adaptation" and "From flexible production to cooperation in high technologies. New perspectives". Also in the course of the forum panel discussions were arranged by the government of the Sverdlovsk Region jointly with UN-Women.

ILO/Joint efforts of BRICS countries in the world of work

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder praised the support spelled out by the BRICS Labor and Employment Ministers for the ILO's Global Call for Action for a people-centered recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. A joint statement by the ministers, released following their online meeting on 15 July 2021, expressed deep concern about the negative impact of the pandemic on unemployment, lack of decent jobs and inequality.

ILO/"Social protection at the crossroads - in pursuit of a better future"

The ILO has published a new report titled "World Social Protection Report 2020-22: Social protection at the crossroads - in pursuit of a better future". It provides an overview of recent updates in social protection realm, including social protection floors and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The report defines gaps in social protection and formulates key policy recommendations, including those related to meeting the targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UNIDO/New trends in global economy

On 1 July 2021, the city of Yekaterinburg hosted the 3rd session of the Verona Eurasian Economic Forum, which was held at the residence of the Governor of the Sverdlovsk region. The event was attended by officials, ambassadors, representatives of the business communities of Italy and Russia, among others. According to experts, the 4th industrial revolution affects only a small portion of the economy. In this regard, UNIDO proposes three main directions for developing the technological capabilities of countries. These are the creation of framework conditions for the development of new technologies; stimulating demand and implementing existing initiatives using advanced digital manufacturing technologies, as well as strengthening the necessary skills and research capacity.

UNIDO/Creative industries: challenges and prospects

From 28-30 July 2021, the city of Kazan hosted the International Economic Summit "Russia - Islamic World: Kazan Summit 2021". Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in Russia, presented a report titled "UNIDO Initiatives for the Development of Creative Industries".

UNIDO/Technoprom-2021

From 25-27 August 2021, the International Forum for Technological Development "Technoprom" was held in Novosibirsk. One of the key topics was the competitiveness of Russian science and industry. The discussion resulted in a set of recommendations, formed for the Russian federal government and the administration of the Novosibirsk Region.

UNEP Goodwill Ambassador Vyacheslav Fetisov: "We are Planet Earth. We are to save it."

The legend of world sports, hockey player Vyacheslav Fetisov became the Goodwill Ambassador of the UN Environment Program (UNEP) in Russia. In an interview, he notes that Russia is on the verge of an environmental catastrophe, because environmental problems have been largely ignored by the country's people for a while. Russia's population is responsible for the widest territory, has the largest life resource on Earth. Mr. Fetisov shared his experience in preserving the polar regions. He also stressed that for successful environmental protection, it is necessary to enhance cooperation between countries.