

Summary

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UN Secretary-General: Message on the occasion of International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2018)

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called for confirmation of the commitment to cooperate for improvement of lives of everyone, so that modern society would become more inclusive and open to people with disabilities. He stressed that this objective is included in the Agenda 2030. It implies fulfillment of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at any circumstances in every country.

UNIC / 70th anniversary of the UN presence in Russia

A solemn reception in observance of both UN Day and 70th anniversary of the UN presence in the USSR and Russia was held on 8 November 2018 at the Foreign Ministry's Reception House. The event was organized by the Russian UN Association and UNIC Moscow. Representatives of the Russian Foreign Ministry, the Federal Assembly and the Government, the diplomatic corps, the media, members of the civil society, business community, academia, cultural figures and UN staff came together to mark the UN birthday and 70 years of its work in Russia.

OHCHR / 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Throughout 2018, the UN has observed the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). A solemn reception to mark the International Human Rights Day was held on 10 December 2018 at the UN House in Moscow. Students and graduates of the Master's program in Human Rights, which is implemented by the Consortium of Russian Universities with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, facilitated the event.

OHCHR / Educational programs in the field of human rights: an example of fruitful Russia-OHCHR cooperation

On 24 September 2018, the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the UN Office in Geneva together with the OHCHR organized an event dubbed "Educational programs in the field of human rights: an example of fruitful Russia-OHCHR cooperation." It was held as part of the 39th Human Rights Council. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Gennady Gatilov, Russian Ambassador to the UN in Geneva, attended and addressed participants of the event.

UNAIDS / Yekaterinburg first among Russian cities to join the Paris Declaration

Since 1 December 2014, about 300 cities and municipalities around the world have joined the Paris Declaration aiming to take a "fast-track" to achieve the "90-90-90" targets in HIV response by 2020. The mayors of those cities have thus recognized that UNAIDS response strategies also provide a platform for solving issues in the field of social integration, public services, primary health care and community mobilization. By signing this declaration Yekaterinburg has become the first Russian city, which pledged to take steps in stepping-up its HIV response and achieve the "90-90-90" targets.

ILO / Future realms of work for the Russian youth

A new project is promoted by the ILO in West Siberia. Its main aim is to boost employment levels among the youth and to change employers' attitudes towards young people. Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Region is rich in oil and gas, which makes it one of the most prosperous areas of Russia. What is more, it is one of "the youngest" Russian regions with an average working age stretching from 16 to 29 years old. Even if unemployment rates are rather low here, a lot of highly-qualified professionals still cannot find a job.

UN-Environment / Krasnoyarsk team deals with environmental pollution

On 22 June 2018, a round table in the context of the World Environment Day was held in the city of Krasnoyarsk. It mainly dealt with ways of preventing pollution of our planet with plastic. The activity was organized by the UN-Environment in Russia and staff members of Fedor Konyukhov, the legendary traveler. Representatives of Krasnoyarsk-based universities focused their discussion on what could and should be done to fix the problem. In their opinion, a broad educational program for young people was needed, which would teach basic rules of handling different types of waste. On 29 October 2018, a meeting with Sergey Yerebin, Mayor of Krasnoyarsk, was held at the UN House in Moscow with a view to discuss prospects for cooperation between the city of Krasnoyarsk and the UN-Environment.

UNDP / "Brighter Together"

28 high school students from Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan together with their peers from Russia took part in an international educational program dubbed #TogetherBrighter, which was held in the All-Russian Children's Center «Orlyonok» and in the «School of the Young Energy Specialist» in the All-Russian Children's Center «Smena» in Krasnodar region. The major

goal of the program is popularization of careful attitudes to the environment, implementation of energy-saving technologies both in households and in manufacturing, as well as vocational guidance of children and adolescents in the field of energy education and engineering professions. The program is a combination of creative activities and educational courses.

UNIC / 45 years of Russia's participation in UN peacekeeping operations

On 22 November 2018, UNIC Moscow contributed to organizing a special event to mark 45 years of Russia's participation in the UN peacekeeping operations. With the UNIC support, the Russian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping Missions (RAVUNPM) held a solemn meeting dedicated to this event at the UN House in Moscow. During the event, the floor was given to quite a number of senior representatives of organizations involved in peacekeeping activities and, among them, to Sergey Lavrov, President of RAVUNPM, Sergey Kalashnikov, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Armed Forces in Charge of Peacekeeping and Vladimir Kuznetsov, Director, UNIC Moscow. In the course of the meeting, a new documentary titled "The Soldiers of Peace" was screened. The film was shot by the producing company "Krilia" (Wings), with the support of the Russian UN Association and in collaboration with UNIC Moscow and the RAVUNPM.

WHO / "One Health:" Five basic arguments in favour

As part of the World Antibiotics Awareness week, representatives of the WHO Country Office in the Russian Federation, the FAO Liaison Office with the Russian Federation, and the regional office of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), in cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Health, held on 14 November 2019 a roundtable discussion on antimicrobial resistance and the use of antibiotics in Moscow, Russia. During the meeting, national and international experts discussed achievements in the field of AMR resistance at the global level as well as implementation of the strategy of AMR prevention adopted in 2017 in Russia for the period of up to 2030.

WHO / International Meeting on the Ear and Hearing Diseases in the WHO European Region: Prevention and Care

On 16-17 October 2018, the WHO Country Office in the Russian Federation together with the WHO Regional Office for Europe and WHO headquarters, and in partnership with the WHO Center for Treatment of the Ear and Hearing Diseases organized in Moscow an international meeting on the prevention and treatment of the hearing and ear diseases. At the meeting the participants exchanged information on the current prevalence of this health problem and key challenges related to hearing loss and deafness, as well as discussed the status of services available in this area, and human resources. As an outcome, priority areas for actions to promote resolution WHA70.13 and its recommendations were developed.

UNESCO / Week of UNESCO IITE in the framework of the 13th International "Wind of Change" Festival

On 19-23 November 2018, a special week to highlight the activities of UNESCO IITE was organized in St. Petersburg. The event was held in the framework of an international festival titled «Wind of Change,» which is organized by St. Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI) on an annual basis. This year, the festival has become international in nature. As such, it was attended by international experts, lecturers and students from Russia, China, Greece and Spain.

UNESCO / Digital transformation in higher education: Achievements and challenges

On 22-23 November 2018, an international training seminar titled «Digital Technologies and Transformation in Higher Education» was successfully held in Tbilisi, Georgia, by the UNESCO Institute on Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) in partnership with the Georgian Technical University. Attending the seminar were more than 50 managers, lecturers, university professors and colleges students from the cities of Tbilisi, Batumi, Sukhumi and Kutaisi. They spent two days discussing various aspects of the use of potential digital technologies to improve the efficiency and quality of University activities, with a special focus on the development of best practices in this sphere.

IOM / Abdusattor Esoev: "I am a Believer in the Concept of Partnership"

Abdusattor Esoev is the Chief of Mission of the UN Migration Agency (IOM) in Moscow. As such, he is responsible for IOM's activities in the Russian Federation. In particular, Abdusattor Esoev provides advisory support and expertise in the field of migration to a diverse group of stakeholders in Russian Government and also to a number of other partners in the country. He has more than 20 years of experience in the field of migration, both in the contexts of emergencies and development perspectives. In an interview, Abdusattor Esoev elaborates challenges and perspectives of IOM's operation in the Russian Federation.