



United Nations Academic Impact

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Take Actions for a Peaceful World

ActNow, the United Nations campaign, is calling for actions to promote a peaceful world. In today's divided society, the call for peace is more urgent than ever. To build a more inclusive, sustainable, and peaceful world for everyone, it is essential to speak up for peace and take concrete actions. [Discover specific steps you can take](#) to contribute to global peace, and [download the AWorld App to track and log your impact](#).

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2024-2026 WHO Youth Council Now Open for Applications

The World Health Organization (WHO) is calling for expressions of interest for the second term of the [WHO Youth Council](#), running from 2024 to 2026. This council brings together young representatives of health and non-health organizations and movements, amplifying youth voices and leveraging their expertise to promote public health globally. [Find more information about the eligibility criteria](#), and [submit the application form](#) by 6 September.

Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Anambra State - Nigeria
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in collaboration with Kyambogo University, Uganda; University of Eldoret, Kenya; Mount Kenya University, Kenya; University of Malawi, Sierra Leone; Vincent Pol University, Poland; & University of Sts Cyril and Methodius, Slovakia

ANNOUNCE THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

Call for Abstracts: 9th International Interdisciplinary Conference

The 9th International Interdisciplinary Conference will be held at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University between 6-8 November 2024. The theme is "Global Development and Contemporary Challenges of Insecurity," with special sessions on promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) led by Mount Kenya University. The conference is calling for abstracts, focusing on the SDGs relationships to the theme. [Find more details, and submit by 6 September.](#)



UNA1 Article: Framework for Catalysing Research to Support SDGs

A challenge facing many universities and researchers is how to catalyse large-scale, multi-partner challenge-led, interdisciplinary research to address the SDGs. A recently-released practical framework, developed by Monash University after 15 years of experience, provides new guidance and strategies. [Discover more about the framework in the latest UNA1 article.](#)



World Water Week: From 23 August to 1 September

Today, water stress due to climatic hazards such as extreme droughts and floods is affecting many countries, limiting their access to clean drinking water. This year, [World Water Week](#), which takes place from 23 August to 1 September, focuses on the value of water for people, nature, climate change and development. [Explore more about water facts.](#)



Join the International Disability Inclusion Conference at Paris 2024

On the occasion of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, UNESCO and the International Paralympic Committee are hosting a high-level conference at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 27 and 28 August 2024, focused on leveraging Para sport as a catalyst for advancing disability inclusion. [Find more information and register for the event.](#)



Reminder: Submit UNAI SDG Hubs Application by 30 September!

Apply to be a part of the new cohort of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Hubs! Application for a three-year term (January 2025-December 2027) are being accepted until 30 September 2024. All UNAI members are encouraged to apply, non-member institutions are also welcome to apply after completing the [UNAI member application form](#). Becoming a UNAI SDG Hub offers a unique opportunity to lead and advance the SDGs in higher education, contributing to a more sustainable future for all.

[Apply now to become UNAI SDG Hub](#)



UNODC Launches Survey on Legal Aid and Discrimination

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has launched a [first-of-its-kind survey](#) to gather data on how discrimination, particularly related to race or minority status, may impact practices of legal aid systems worldwide. The analysis will highlight the often-invisible experiences of individuals who face intersectional discrimination within criminal justice systems. The collected responses will play a crucial role in supporting UNODC's efforts to address these issues.



World Food Program: A New Brief on School Meals' Impact

In partnership with the World Bank, the World Food Programme has launched the [School-based Programmers Impact Evaluation Window](#) to promote health, learning, and human capital development. This brief highlights findings from evaluations in The Gambia, Jordan, Burundi, Guatemala, and Malawi, revealing that school meals not only enhance children's food security but also stimulate local economies by creating opportunities for workers and local farmers. For more information, [download the brief](#).



Apply for the Grant "Going Together-For Youth Creativity and Well-Being"

UNESCO has partnered with SEVENTEEN, the first-ever Goodwill Ambassador for Youth, to launch the joint grant scheme "Going Together - For Youth Creativity and Well-Being". This initiative will fund 100 youth-led projects around the globe, supporting innovative projects that promote confidence and resilience through music, arts, and sports, foster creative community building, and enhance mental health and well-being. [Find more information](#), and [submit project applications](#) by 30 September.



Integrate Inclusion into University: Strategies for Policy Design

To ensure equitable education for all students, regardless of their personal, social, or economic characteristics, university leaders must embed inclusion in their vision and mission. This includes creating policies tailored to community needs, engaging diverse groups in the decision-making process, and providing training on diversity issues. [Access detailed guidance on designing inclusive policies.](#)



Interactive Educators' Toolkit on World Migration

The toolkit is a set of resources for educators to teach about migration, migrants, and human geography. Drawing on the extensive research from the World Migration Report series, it provides 11 modules. Each module includes instructions, resources, case study, and interactive scenarios, designed to deepen students' understanding of these critical global issues. [Access the toolkit and find more details.](#)



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