16 December to 3 January

**Exhibition**
A wall exhibit of famous Arabic proverbs together with a cultural equivalent in English and a brief explanation, in English, of their historical background/cultural context.

By the Arabic Translation Service of DGACM’s Documentation Division.

**Venue**: UNHQ; Albano Building; Lobby.

**Access**: Open to all UNHQ grounds pass holders.

17 December
1.30-2.30 p.m.

**Lecture**
As part of DGACM’s Documentation Division's Lectures Series

A presentation by the Arabic Translation Service staff about certain aspects of the Arabic language.

By the Arabic Translation Service of DGACM’s Documentation Division.

**Venue**: UNHQ; Albano Building; AB-0707.

**Access**: By invitation only.

18 December
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

** Civility Café in Arabic**

The Civility Cafés are intended to promote awareness, engagement, and action regarding the importance of civility in the workplace, as well as the impact of incivility. No preparation is required, but a commitment to arrive on time, engage for the duration of the café (2 hours) and to provide feedback are prerequisites of participation.

By the UN Ombudsman and Mediation Services.

**Venue**: UNHQ; Secretariat Building; S-1523.

**Access**: For registration please contact unoms-mediate@un.org; unoms@un.org.

18 December
11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Celebration of Arabic Language Day**

The celebration will feature the following activities:
Lecture on oud, the Arabic music instrument, and the relationship between sounds and Arabic language;
Stand-up comedy show; Cultural Debkah dance;
Egyptian folkloric dance; Aphorisms & Poetry readings;
Arabic music; Trivia with prizes, and more.

By the Arab Club at the United Nations, in cooperation with the Arabic Units at UNHQ and the Arab Missions to the United Nations.

**Venue**: UNHQ; General Assembly Building; General Assembly Visitors’ Lobby.

**Access**: Open to all UNHQ grounds pass holders.
### HIGHLIGHTS

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### UNHQ

#### 18 December

**4.30-6.30 p.m.**

**Movie Screening**

By the Arabic Translation Service of DGACM’s Documentation Division.

**Venue:** UNHQ; Albano Building; AB-0707.

**Access:** By invitation only.

### UNOG

#### 23 January 2020

**12.30-2.30 p.m.**

**Celebration of Arabic Language Day**

Statement by writer Selim Matar, interviews with poets and writers.

By the Arabic Translation Service of UNOG.

**Venue:** To be determined at a later stage.

**Access:** Open to the public.

### UNOV

#### 11 December

**1-2 p.m.**

**Celebration of Arabic Language Day**

UN, Member State and host country officials will deliver statements to mark the occasion, and then a short video will be shown on the theme of “Learning Arabic”. Artwork and crafts from around the Arabic-speaking world will be on display, together with demonstrations of Arabic calligraphy, henna painting and traditional music.

By the League of Arab States; UNOV; the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Arab Staff Association in Vienna.

**Venue:** UNOV; C Building; Rotunda.

**Access:** Open to all UNOV grounds pass holders.

### UNON

#### 4 December

**12.30-2.30 p.m.**

**Celebration of Arabic Language Day**

Presentations by Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco & Arabic academics from SLLC Uganda and University of Nairobi; Arabic music anthology; Video and exhibition of calligraphy; Demonstration of traditional weaving; Art exhibition of Sudanese artists; Introduction class of basic words in the Arabic language; Story & Poetry readings; Display of traditional Arabic clothing and pastries.

By the Arab League and Arab ambassadors at Nairobi; UNON Divisions of Conference and Administration services and UNEP.

**Venue:** UNON; Main Lobby; Conference Room 1.

**Access:** Open to all UNON grounds pass holders and members of the Diplomatic Corps.
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

More about the UN Language Days initiative:

Visit UNESCO’s World Arabic Language Day page:

More information about Arabic Language Day at the UN (in Arabic):

**MORE INFO**

**ECA**

18 December
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Celebration of Arabic Language Day

Guided tour of the Library and ECA Print Shop; Arabic music and cultural performances; Poetry; Quiz on Arabic language & literature; Presentations, including on useful Arabic expressions.

By Publications and Conference Management Section/ECA and Arabic-speaking countries.

**Venue:** Addis Ababa; UNCC Building; Banquet Hall.
**Access:** Open to all holders of grounds pass for ECA and UN Agencies, participants from Arabic-speaking countries & guests, and students from the Sudanese School and Yemeni Community School in Addis Ababa.

**ESCWA**

18 December
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Write in Arabic - Virtual Event

Launch of a blog focus on Arabic, as a language that matters in literature, science, beauty and development. A film will be prepared on the challenges and opportunities of expression in Arabic.

**Venue:** ESCWA; UN House; Library.
**Access:** Open to all UN staff; students from MoU universities.

**UNIFIL**

18 December *
10.30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bilarabia

Greetings presented by National Staff in Arabic Language; Testimonies of International staff members attending Arabic Language classes; Oud musical instrument performance accompanied by singing; Presentations on the origin of Arabic language; Essay about the history of Arabic Language and contemplations written and presented by UNIFIL staff; Stories of the role and impact of language in the field.

**Venue:** UNIFIL; TBI Building; Conference Room.
**Access:** UNIFIL staff only.

*Please note that this event has been cancelled.*
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**UNISFA**

17 December  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Celebration of Arabic Language Day**

Brief introduction to the Arabic language and culture sensitivity & film screening.

**Venue**: UNISFA; Diffra; Conference Room.  
**Access**: UNISFA staff only.

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**UNTSO-UNSCO**

18 December  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Reading of poems in Arabic & Quiz**

Two UNTSO Arabic speaking national staff will read poems in Arabic and other Arabic poems will be presented, followed by a quiz activity.

**Venue**: UNTSO HQ, Jerusalem and via VTC for outstations in Naqoura, Beirut, Tiberias, Damascus, Camp Faour, Ramallah and Gaza.  
**Access**: UNTSO-UNSCO staff only.

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