



UN OFFICE FOR PARTNERSHIPS

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OUR MISSION
Your global
gateway to
connect and
co-create UN
partnerships
to deliver the
SDGs.

The United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) seeks to be the trusted platform for partners to connect and create opportunities and solutions to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.

The UN Office for Partnerships works globally, regionally and in countries—to transform the world through SDG partnerships—for people and for the planet.

**A DECADE OF
ACTION**

**Ten years to
transform
our world.**

The Global Goals are our best hope to transform our world for peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.

Guided by the priorities of the UN Secretary-General, UNOP mobilizes partners, inspires ambition to supercharge and accelerate solutions to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.

OUTPACING THE PANDEMIC FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET



“IT IS TIME FOR US TO RISE AS WOMEN LEADERS TAKING ACTION TO CONQUER THE PANDEMIC AND COME OUT STRONGER.”

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations **Amina Mohammed**

WOMEN LEADERS



Prime Minister of Barbados
Mia Mottley



Prime Minister of Norway and Sustainable Development Goals Advocate of the Secretary-General,
Erna Solberg



UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
Jayathma Wickramanayake

COVID-19

Responding to the pandemic to build back better and stronger Leave no one behind.

UNOP creates value through innovation in the response to COVID-19 and shared recovery efforts. Leveraging our connections to communities of practice and the power of convening, we are mobilizing partners across the SDGs.

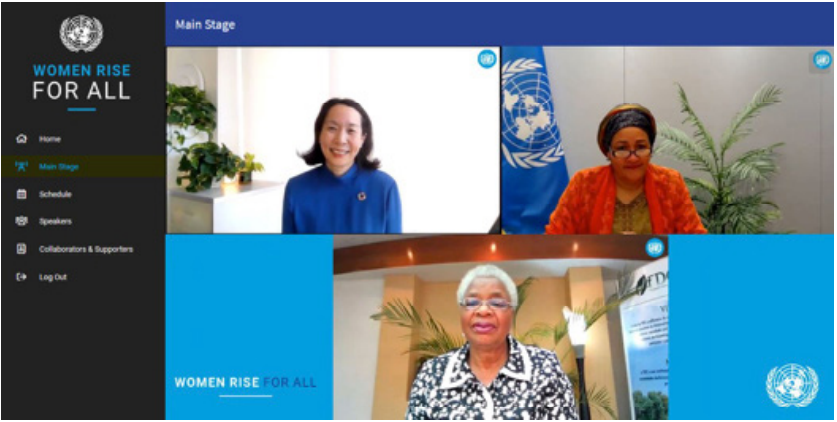
From women leaders and researchers to civil society and the creative industry—UNOP is amplifying solutions.

WOMEN RISE FOR ALL

Women leaders are rising in solidarity to save lives and protect livelihoods.

Women are on the frontlines of the COVID-19. Saving lives as first responders. Finding solutions as innovators. Facing the pandemic as political leaders. Countries with women leaders have had fewer deaths and are on track to a faster economic recovery.

The Women Rise for All brings together women from all sectors in recognition of front-line leadership that is winning against COVID-19. And is inspiring the actions required to come out of the pandemic stronger and back on track to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.



THE OPEN BRIEF: Powered by the SDG Strategy Hub

The issue: Early in the pandemic, there was a major gap in public health messaging on COVID-19. Very little content was available across platforms to help people protect themselves and other from the virus.

The Solution: Galvanize the creative community, influencers, and distributors to help unite the world through life-saving content on COVID-19 and messages of global solidarity we need to get through the pandemic together.



Refugio by Lucio Lopez Cansuet, 110 x 90 cm, Mixed media / canvas, 2020

As an artist from the Guna Yala Comarca Indígena (Indigenous Province) of Panama, with this piece I wanted to stress the importance to protect yourself while protecting others. The Gunas believe that Mother Earth is our refuge and that solidarity is the only way to survive, in life and with the fight with this pandemic that has affected the whole world. There's also a tradition that, when a girl enters puberty, she's held in a kind of quarantine by the women of the Island in order to protect her. They dress her with "hojas de bijao". My muse, Alyson, my daughter, is wearing a facial mask made by a symbolic leaf from our area, as well as the natural garment to further protect, a parallel with social-distancing and #quédateencasa or #stayathome.

Results: Thousands of people have stepped up to give their time and talent. We have received more than 16 700 submissions and counting from 140 countries in 20 languages. A unifying COVID-19 logo was created and is in use globally. Open Brief content continues to appear across social media, news sites and in campaigns. And UN system and private sector collaborators have mobilized to amplify this content.

MAKING THE PIVOT FOR PEOPLE

The pandemic has highlighted growing inequalities and risks to communities the world over.

The United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) immediately made the pivot to COVID-19 programming. Working closely with its 800+ civil society partners in more than 120 countries to support projects and services for communities and constituencies that are helping to fill in in gaps left by Governments.

- Developing media literacy and digital safety, more critical than ever as activism is forced online.
- Training journalists remotely to report on the impact of the pandemic with in-depth, fact-checked coverage, while staying safe on the front line.
- Empowering women against gender-based violence, which has surged amid COVID-19 lockdowns, quarantines, and social and economic pressures.
- Helping to highlight the challenges of inequality and weak service delivery made worse by the crisis.





SDG ACTION ZONE

The 75th Session of the UN General Assembly comes in the middle of a health, humanitarian and development emergency. The call for solutions and solidarity has never been stronger.

This year the SDG Action Zone, is an online collaborative space for engaging world leaders and emerging leaders.

We are at an inflection point for people and planet, one that is testing our very humanity, solidarity and progress on sustainable development. People everywhere are now demanding a better future for our world.

While the current moment of global crises poses great risks, it also offers the opportunity for sweeping systemic changes. This is the opportunity for sweeping systemic changes, on the scale being demanded by so many people and required to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.



“THE PANDEMIC HAS DEMONSTRATED THE FRAGILITY OF OUR WORLD.

IT HAS LAID BARE RISKS WE HAVE IGNORED FOR DECADES: INADEQUATE HEALTH SYSTEMS; GAPS IN SOCIAL PROTECTION; STRUCTURAL INEQUALITIES; ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION; THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

ENTIRE REGIONS THAT WERE MAKING PROGRESS ON ERADICATING POVERTY AND NARROWING INEQUALITY HAVE BEEN SET BACK YEARS, IN A MATTER OF MONTHS.”

United Nations Secretary-General **António Guterres**

SDG ADVOCATES

With massive platforms on the world stage, the SDG Advocates are 17 eminent personalities, appointed by the Secretary-General to accelerate progress and raise ambition for the SDGs.

As the world addresses and begins to recover from COVID-19, the SDG Advocates have been consistent voices for building back better using the SDGs as a framework.

Achieving the SDGs will make future pandemics and crises less likely and less severe, and the SDG Advocates are pushing leaders and people everywhere to accelerate needed action and raise ambition for people and planet.









“ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IS THE WORLD’S BEST PLAN FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET. THEREFORE, THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS APPOINTED 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVOCATES, FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD, AND ASKED US TO PUSH FOR GLOBAL AND LOCAL ACTION ON THE GOALS EVERYWHERE-AT ALL LEVELS OF OUR SOCIETIES, LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND. NO TASK IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ANY OF US-NO TASK IS MORE URGENT.”

Enna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway and Co-chair of the SDG Advocates

MOBILIZING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

COVID-19 has not stopped the climate crisis, but it has shown us the scale of change that is possible. As governments chart a course out of their economic, humanitarian and health crises—the decisions they take will have impacts on the climate for decades.

Given this crucial juncture, UNOP supports the Secretary-General priorities through mobilization of six climate-positive actions to recover better together:

-  Invest in green jobs.
-  Do not bail out polluting industries.
-  End fossil-fuel subsidies.
-  Take climate risks into account in all decisions.
-  Work together.
-  Leave no one behind.

We are also proud to work with the seven young climate activists of the Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.



UN FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND THE UN FOUNDATION

For two more than two decades the UN Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) has worked in close collaboration with the United Nations Foundation on hundreds of innovative, cross-sector partnerships implemented by the UN system across the globe. From launching the Equator Prize with the UN Development Programme, to developing UN curricula in leading universities, to supporting the Spotlight Initiative on violence against girls and women, the UN Foundation has been a UN System’s key partner to support strategic innovations on UN priorities.

MOST RECENTLY, THE UN FOUNDATION WORKED WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO CREATE THE COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE FUND, A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND FUND TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMPANIES TO SUPPORT WHO’S LIFESAVING RESPONSE TO COVID-19. THE FUND HAS MOBILIZED MORE THAN US\$ 235 MILLION FROM MORE THAN 600 000 INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES FROM MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES, ENABLING WHO TO SEED VITAL EARLY WORK TO UNBLOCK SUPPLY CHAINS IN LIFE- SAVING EQUIPMENT, PROCURE AND DELIVER ESSENTIAL PPE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED, COORDINATING VACCINE AND TREATMENT DEVELOPMENT, AND GET ESSENTIAL SCIENCE AND FACT-BASED INFORMATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES TO COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

“THROUGHOUT THE UN FOUNDATION’S HISTORY, WE HAVE WORKED TO BRING NEW AND DIVERSE PARTNERS TO THE UN, AND PARTNERSHIP IS IN OUR DNA. THE COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE FUND HAS SHOWN US NEW FORMS OF PARTNERSHIP, AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FACES OF GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, AND WE ARE PROUD OF THIS LATEST EFFORT TO HELP THE UN BUILD INNOVATIVE FORMS OF COLLECTIVE ACTION TO TACKLE THE WORLD’S TOUGHEST CHALLENGES.”

Elizabeth Cousens, President and CEO of the United Nations Foundation

LET'S CONNECT AND CO-CREATE

AS COMPLEX, FRUSTRATING, CHAOTIC AND CONFUSING
AS OUR WORLD MAY SEEM, WE HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF
PROGRESS AND THAT KEEPS US HOPEFUL.

THE SPIRIT OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR HAS DEMONSTRATED OUR
SHARED ABILITY TO DELIVER THE EXTRAORDINARY. THE 2030
AGENDA IS OUR ROADMAP FOR THE WORLD WE ALL WANT.
THE GLOBAL GOALS ARE OUR BEST HOPE FOR PEOPLE, FOR
PLANET, FOR PROSPERITY, FOR PEACE AND
FOR PARTNERSHIPS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING AND CO-CREATING
SOLUTIONS TO DELIVER ON THESE GOALS.

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