

# Arabic Language Day (18 December 2020)

## Selection of relevant UN events / resources

### Events / Campaigns

#### - [Department for General Assembly and Conference Management \(DGACM\)](#)

##### *Remote talk (in Arabic) about remote simultaneous interpreting at the UN*

Presentation on “Remote simultaneous interpretation (RSI) at the United Nations: Challenges and solutions”, focusing especially on the COVID-19 era. This meeting will be held remotely and is opened to all UN staff members, and invited retirees.



<u>Title in Arabic:</u>	الأمم المتحدة والترجمة الشفهية عن بُعد: التحديات والحلول
<u>Date and time:</u>	Wednesday, 16 December 2020, 1:15 – 2:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time)
<u>Access</u>	Open to all UN staff members (MS Teams link to be confirmed)
<u>Facebook:</u>	DGACM accounts: @UNDGACM.En or @UNDGACM.Fr DGACM accounts: @UNDGACM_AR, @UNDGACM_CH, @UNDGACM_EN, @UNDGACM_FR, @UNDGACM_RU, @UNDGACM_ES
<u>Twitter:</u>	
<u>Relevant hashtags:</u>	#يوم_اللغة_العربية #ArabicLanguageDay

##### *Remote literary event (in Arabic)*

In celebration of Arabic Language Day, the Arabic Interpretation Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will organize a literary event featuring poetry and prose readings and a quiz. The event will be conducted in Arabic. This meeting is open to all UN staff members and invited retired interpreters.



<u>Title in Arabic:</u>	لقاء أدبي لمناسبة يوم اللغة العربية
<u>Date and time:</u>	Friday, 18 December 2020, 1:15-2:15 pm (Eastern Standard Time) on MS Teams
<u>Access</u>	Open to all UN staff members upon <a href="#">registration</a>
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- [Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia \(ESCWA\)](#)

*"A Book for a Goal" campaign*

Campaign aiming to connect the Sustainable Development Goals to artwork from the Arabic intellectual heritage. Eight GIF files will feature eight literary books by renowned Arabic language writers. Each book will address one of more SDGs. Each GIF file presents the goal, the book cover and an excerpt of the book. The files will be displayed on UNESCWA's social media platforms to engage the public. They will also be displayed on interactive monitors at the UN house to engage UNESCWA's staff.

<u>Title in Arabic:</u>		هدف في كتاب
<u>Date and time:</u>	Friday, 18 December 2020	
<u>Venue:</u>	Online and at the UNESWA House	
<u>Facebook:</u>	@unesywa	
<u>Twitter</u>	@UNESCWA	
<u>Relevant hashtag:</u>		#في_اللغات_قوة

- [Economic Commission for Africa \(ECA\)](#)

*In-person celebrations of Arabic Language Day at UNECA*

Remarks by senior officials, video screening, poetry reading, presentations, quiz, and a cultural/musical performance, followed with refreshments.

The event will be held in person at the UNECA Conference Center and is open to all UNECA and accredited embassies staff.



<u>Date and time:</u>	Friday, 18 December 2020, 10:00 am – 1:15 pm (East Africa Time)
<u>Venue:</u>	United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa (Ground Floor and space in front of the UN Conference Centre)
<u>Facebook:</u>	@EconomicCommissionforAfrica
<u>Twitter</u>	@ECA_official
<u>Other platform</u>	ECA's intranet: <a href="https://iseek.un.org/add">https://iseek.un.org/add</a>

- [UN Education Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#)

*Remote panel discussion (in Arabic, English and French) on "Arabic Language Academies: Necessity or Luxury?"*

Panel discussion, with remote simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English and French, on the subject "Arabic Language Academies: Necessity or Luxury?". Programme (in Arabic, English and French) available at [this link](#). For more information about this event, click [here](#).

Open to all, including the general public, upon [registration](#).



Date and time: Friday, 18 December 2020, 12 to 1.30 pm (Central European Time)

Access: Open to all, including the general public, upon [registration](#)

- [UN Information Centre in Cairo \(UNIC Cairo\)](#)

*Poetry calligraphy social media campaign*

Social media campaign by the UN Information Centre in Cairo inviting audiences to submit their favorite Arabic poetry verse in calligraphy. Entries will be showcased in an online gallery on UNIC Cairo digital media accounts.

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Facebook: @uniccairo

Twitter: @UNICCairo

- [UN Information Centre in Sana'a \(UNIC Sana'a\)](#)

In celebration of the event, articles will be published in relation with Arabic Language Day. Campaign sponsored by UNIC Sana'a and the New Yemen newspaper.

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Website: <https://yemen.un.org>

- [UN Interim Force in Lebanon \(UNIFIL\)](#)

Celebrations includes a brochure on the “History of Arabic Language”, and a video prepared and recorded by UNIFIL Language Support Unit Staff. A link to the video is accessible directly from the brochure. Both the brochure and the video will be sent by broadcast on 18 December. Additional information about Arabic Language Day to be made available from UNIFIL’s website.



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Access: Online and at UNIFIL Naqoura Headquarters

- [UN Interim Security Force for Abyei \(UNISFA\)](#)

UNISFA’s celebrations began on 3 December and will continue through 15 December. They include a briefing on Arabic Language Day in words and pictures, and a discussion about Arabic culture, literature and education with local communities.



- [UN News Arabic](#)

UN News will post a story, including a video, on calligraphy.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNNewsArabic>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UNNewsArabic>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/UNRadioArabic>

Website: <https://news.un.org/ar>

- [UN Office at Geneva \(UNOG\)](#)

*Remote Arabic literature reading (in English and Arabic)*

Remarks by UN officials, readings from Syrian writer Zakaria Tamer and Iraqi poet Nazik Malaika, with Arabic musical interludes. A video presentation by Mauritanian poet Moulay Ali will follow.

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Facebook: @UNGeneva

Twitter: @UNGeneva / @ONUGeneve

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- [United Nations Office at Vienna \(UNOV\)](#)

Pre-recorded presentation with poetry excerpts recited by speakers who hail from different parts of the Arab world to be disseminated to UNOV/UNODC staff by email and to the public via social media. Sponsored by UNOV, the League of Arab States, several Permanent Missions from Arabic-speaking countries, the UN Arab Staff Association in Vienna, and the IAEA.

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Facebook: @UN\_Vienna

Twitter: @UNVienna

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- [UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction \(UNDRR\)](#)

*Social media campaign bringing light to resources in Arabic*

UNDRR ROAS will commemorate the day through a social media campaign promoting the celebrations' logo and bringing attention to the DRR mandate in the Arabic Language.

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Facebook: <https://www.unescwa.org/@UNDRRARabsStates>

Twitter: @undrr\_arab

YouTube: [UNDRR Arab States](#)

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- [UN System Workplace Mental Health and Wellbeing team](#)

*Poetry for mental health series*

Campaign by the UN System Workplace Mental Health and Wellbeing team inviting UN personnel across the UN system to submit their original poems in any language, any form, any style, and on any topic. On Arabic Language Day, poems in Arabic will be particularly welcome. For more details about how to participate, check out this [iSeek story](#). Selected poems submitted to [mhs@un.org](mailto:mhs@un.org) prior to 17th December 2020 will be featured in the team's poetry book. To see selected entries, follow @UN4MentalHealth on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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Instagram: <https://www.unescwa.org/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/un4mentalhealth/>

Twitter: @UN4MentalHealth

Website: <https://www.un.org/en/healthy-workforce/>