

Media Update

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FAO

PRESS RELEASE

Advancing equal opportunities for women farmers

70% of women and girls in Pakistan are employed in the agriculture sector. They are also responsible for childcare and housework. However 60% of these women remain unpaid which leaves them more food insecure than men. Conflicts, migration, shifts in dietary patterns, livelihood systems , natural resource depletion and climate change affect women in agriculture as much as men , if not more.

It is crucial to empower both men and women farmers to end hunger and poverty. In the context of the emerging economic, environmental and social concerns it is important that the agriculture sector perform at its full capacity while also becoming efficient, inclusive and sustainable. Enhancing gender equality in rural areas is indeed a key instrument to fighting poverty and hunger.

With the potential of Pakistani rural women in focus, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) organized a training workshop for participants from development sector organizations, federal and provincial departments and various UN agencies. This training provided exposure to gender dimensions in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) . Intergrating Gender Equality in DRR and CCA was particularly emphasized upon so that the role of women in agricultural development is duly acknowledged and they be provided an enabling environment to contribute to sustainable agriculture development as well as improve food security and nutrition for themselves and their families.

Khalid Saleem, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Ghotki who attended the training said the government was planning to introduce programs based on equity and not just equality, to ensure equal rights and opportunities were provided to women in socially restrictive environment. He emphasized that



creative solutions were necessary to introduce change and initiate interventions. Gender mainstreaming at the planning stage was key, he added.

FAO Representative in Pakistan, Ms Mina` Dowlatchahi told participants about the increasing efforts FAO is making in Pakistan to ensure that women in agriculture had equal access to productive resources. She also said that there was a need to recognize and reinforce women's roles in production, marketing and service provision, eliminating their constraints in accessing productive resources required to upgrade, including capacity development, improved inputs and finance/grants.

It is important to remember that focusing on women does not mean leaving men behind: all of FAO's work on gender equality recognizes that empowering women also empowers and benefits men, and that the key to improved agriculture, food security and nutrition lies in the involvement of men, women, boys and girls.

Participants determined the needs and priorities of socioeconomic groups, set priorities for action, learned techniques for collecting sex-disaggregated data and determined anticipated impact of programme or policy on vulnerable men, women, girls, and boys.

Ms Ilaria Sisto and Ms Szilvia Lehel from FAO Rome held interactive sessions during which participants prepared and presented their cases using approaches workable in disaster prone regions of Pakistan.

UNOPS

MEDIA ADVISORY

Solar Schools Project Inauguration Ceremony in Kohat

WHEN: 11:30 AM on Monday, April 29th, 2019

WHERE: Kohat (exact location will be sent to attendees prior to the event)



WHAT: UNOPS Pakistan will be inaugurating the 1st school solarized as part of the Solar Schools Project in Kohat on April 29th. The project aims at bringing electricity to 1250 primary and middle schools across the 7 southern districts of KP, and will ultimately enable greater access to education and enhance children's wellbeing.

Chief Guests:

- Mr. Zia Ullah Bangash, Advisor for Education to the Chief Minister, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- Eng. Abdullah Al Shoaibi, Regional Manager for the Saudi Fund for Development.
- Mr. Arshad Khan, Education Department Secretary.

The event invitation and program are included below.

Media personnel are cordially invited to cover the event on April 29th in Kohat. All those interested are requested to confirm their attendance to Rabail Habib, Communications Focal Point, UNOPS Pakistan rabailh@unops.org by Wednesday, April 24th.

About UNOPS:

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is an operational arm of the United Nations, supporting the successful implementation of peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world. UNOPS began its operations in Pakistan in 1999 and significantly up-scaled activities from 2005 onwards. <https://www.unops.org/>

United Nations

World Book and Copyright Day

23 April 2019

23 April was first proclaimed as World Book and Copyright Day by UNESCO in 1995. The Day is celebrated by a growing number of partners and since its launch has shown itself to be a great opportunity for reflection and information on a significant theme.



It is observed by millions of people in over 100 countries, in hundreds of voluntary organizations, schools, public bodies, professional groups and private businesses. In this lengthy period, World Book and Copyright Day has won over a considerable number of people from every continent and all cultural backgrounds to the cause of books and copyright. It has enabled them to discover, make the most of and explore in greater depth a multitude of aspects of the publishing world: books as vectors of values and knowledge, and depositories of the intangible heritage; books as windows onto the diversity of cultures and as tools for dialogue; books as sources of material wealth and copyright-protected works of creative artists. All of these aspects have been the subject of numerous awareness-raising and promotional initiatives that have had a genuine impact. There must nevertheless be no let-up in these efforts.

Since 2000, World Book and Copyright Day has inspired another initiative of professional organizations which receives the assistance of UNESCO and backing from States: [World Book Capital City](#). Each year a city is chosen which undertakes to maintain, through its own initiatives, the impetus of the Day's celebrations until 23 April of the following year. Almost all the regions of the world, in turn, have already been involved in this process, which thus transforms the celebration of books and copyright into a recurrent activity, extending still further the geographical and cultural influence of books. Over recent years, the World Day has shown that it can be a potent symbol for the launch of major support operations, in particular in Latin America and Africa.

“23 اپریل“

“کتاب اور اشاعت کے حق کا عالمی دن“

کتابیں لوگوں کو قریب لانے، علم اور معلومات پھیلانے اور تہذیبوں، روایات اور خیالات کے تنوع کی دنیا بھر میں پھیلانے کی طاقت رکھتی ہیں۔ یونیسکو نے کتاب اور حق اشاعت کے عالمی دن کا اعلان تمام کتابوں اور مصنفین کو خراج تحسین پیش کرنے کے لیے کیا۔ یہ دن ہر کسی کو مطالعہ کرنے کی خوشی کے احساس اور کتابوں کے ذریعے معاشرتی اور تہذیبی ترقی کو فروغ دینے والے شراکت داروں کے احترام کی دعوت دیتا ہے۔ ادارے، سکول، کاروبار اور سول سوسائٹی اس دن کو شعور اجاگر کرنے والی سرگرمیوں، مثلاً، کتاب بینی کے ذریعے منا کر لکھے گئے الفاظ کی تہذیب کے بہتر انداز سے اس کے فروغ کے طریقوں کا ایک موقع فراہم کرتے ہیں اور ہر جگہ افراد کو کتابوں تک رسائی دیتے ہیں۔

<http://www.un.org/en/events/bookday>

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/basic-facts-about-the-un/id447027275?ls=1&mt=8>

English Language Day

23 April 2019

English, along with French, is one of the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat, and one of the Organization's six official languages. Because it is so widely spoken, English is often referred to as a "world language", or the *lingua franca* of the modern era.

English Language Day at the UN is celebrated on 23 April, the date traditionally observed as both the birthday and date of death of [William Shakespeare](#). The Day is the result of a 2010 [initiative](#) by the Department of Public Information, establishing language days for each of the Organization's six official languages. The purpose of the UN's language days is to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization.

Under the initiative, UN duty stations around the world celebrate six separate days, each dedicated to one of the Organization's six official languages.

“انگریزی زبان کا عالمی دن” “23 اپریل”

“ نام میں کیا ہے کہ ہم گلاب کو کسی اور ایسے نام سے پکاریں جو اسی کی طرح ایسی ہی خوشبو دے۔“ ولیم شیکسپئر، "رومیو اور جولیٹ" بشمول فرانسیسی زبان کے انگریزی وہ دوسری زبان ہے جو اقوام متحدہ کے سیکرٹریٹ کی دو دفتری زبانوں میں سے ایک ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ ادارے کی چھ سرکاری زبانوں میں شامل ہے۔ چونکہ انگریزی کو ایک بہت بڑے پیمانے پر بولے جانے کی وجہ سے اکثر دنیا کی زبان یا جدید دور کی مشترکہ اختیار کردہ زبان بھی کہا جاتا ہے۔

<http://www.un.org/en/events/englishlanguageday/index.shtml>

Spanish Language Day

23 April

“ہسپانوی زبان کا عالمی دن” “23 اپریل”

اس دن کا اعلان 2010ء میں یونیسکو [دئیے گئے حوالے میں موجود نہیں] (اقوام متحدہ کی تنظیم برائے تعلیم، سائنس اور ثقافت) کی جانب سے مختلف الانواع زبانوں اور تہذیبی تنوع کو منانے کے ساتھ ساتھ ادارے بھر میں چھ کی چھ سرکاری زبانوں کے یکساں استعمال کے فروغ کے لیے کیا گیا۔ 12 اکتوبر

کو مختلف جگہوں، مثلاً ڈی لا رزے، یا ڈی لا ہسپانیڈا، میں، جہاں ہانوی زبان بولی جاتی ہے، منایا جاتا ہے۔

<http://www.un.org/es/events/spanishlanguageday>