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United Nations
SECRETARY-GENERAL MESSAGE

United Nations Day
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United Nations Day highlights the enduring ideals of the Charter, which entered into force on this date 74 years ago.

Amid stormy global seas, the Charter remains our shared moral anchor.

At this time of turbo-charged change, the United Nations remains focused on the real problems of real people.

We are working for a fair globalization and bold climate action.

We are pushing for human rights and gender equality -- and saying “no” to hatred of any kind.

And we are striving to maintain peace – while bringing life-saving aid to millions caught up in armed conflict.

The United Nations itself is becoming ever more agile and accountable as we enhance support to countries.

Next year marks the Organization’s 75th anniversary. This milestone is a critical moment to shape our future, together.

I invite you to join the conversation.

Together, let us advance the well-being of “we the peoples”.

Thank you.
24 October 2019

The United Nations has declared October 24th as a day dedicated to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event is aimed at reminding the world of the importance of these goals and encouraging action towards their achievement.

The SDGs are a set of 17 interconnected goals that aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. They are designed to be achieved by 2030 and cover a wide range of issues, from education and health to climate change and peace and justice.

In his message on the occasion, Secretary-General António Guterres emphasized the need for continued action to achieve the SDGs. He stated, "The SDGs are a blueprint for a better future. They are the foundation for building a more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable world. But we are running out of time."

Guterres called on all stakeholders, including governments, businesses, civil society, and people everywhere, to take action to advance the SDGs.

"The SDGs are not just a set of targets to be achieved. They are a call to action. A call to change the world for the better. A call to leave no one behind," Guterres added.

The Secretary-General also highlighted the role of the United Nations in supporting countries in their efforts to achieve the SDGs. "The United Nations is the global partnership for sustainable development. We are committed to working with all partners to make the SDGs a reality," he said.

Guterres concluded his message by encouraging everyone to "Act now, act together, and act for the future of our planet and its people."