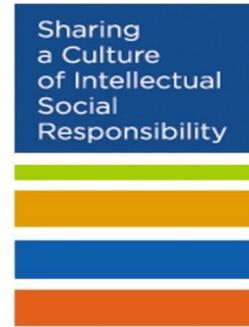




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Partnership with MIT Solve Announced!



United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) has officially partnered with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on their first ever Solve Challenge. Solve is a new initiative from MIT that aims to tackle some of the world’s greatest challenges by bringing people from various backgrounds together in order to come up with solutions and create projects. By crowdsourcing ideas, Solve hopes to build a community of technologists, researchers, business leaders, social entrepreneurs, change agents, and policy makers to support the selected projects throughout all stages until their implementation, by providing feedback and mentorship.

MIT Solve is based on four pillars:

Learn – to provide quality education by 2050 to anyone anywhere who wants to learn

Cure – to leverage innovations in healthcare delivery and medical research to make care affordable and universally available

Fuel – to double energy and food production and halve carbon output by 2050, setting a path to net-zero carbon emissions by the end of the century

Make – to provide the infrastructure and economic opportunity to support a world population of nearly 10 billion by 2050

Solve’s active challenges this year are:

Refugee Education (Learn pillar and Sustainable Development Goal 4) – How can we improve learning outcomes for refugee and displaced young people under 24? Click [here](#) to view the challenge.

Carbon (Fuel pillar and Sustainable Development Goal 7) – How can individuals and corporations manage their carbon contributions? Click [here](#) to view the challenge.

Chronic Diseases (Cure pillar and Sustainable Development Goal 3) – How can we help patients and caregivers prevent, detect, and manage chronic diseases, especially in resource-limited settings? Click [here](#) to view the challenge.

Submit your solutions for the chance to pitch your ideas to a Solve panel of judges at the United Nations Headquarters in March 2017. Finalists will be selected and provided with mentorship, training, and networking opportunities to make their ideas a reality. The deadline for submissions is **20 January 2017**.

Visit <http://solvecolab.mit.edu> to participate!

The TOGETHER Campaign



TOGETHER is a global campaign that is geared towards changing negative perceptions and

attitudes about refugees and migrants, and strengthening the social contract between host countries and communities, and refugees and migrants. It was launched by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the [UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants](#) on 19 September 2016. It will be implemented in partnership with Member States, the private sector and civil society to address the problem of increasing discrimination and xenophobia towards refugees and migrants.

The campaign calls for support from communities hosting refugees and migrants. To achieve this, the campaign will promote a strong persuasive narrative of solidarity that will showcase the shared benefits of migration to economies and societies, while also acknowledging legitimate concerns of host communities. It will also build empathy and humanize the debate by providing a platform for stories of migrants and refugees and the contributions they have made to their communities and of host communities that have benefitted from the inclusion and assimilation of refugees and migrants. It also counters some of the global misinformation and misperceptions about refugees and migrants and encourages contact between and among themselves in the destination countries. It emphasizes the economic, social and cultural contributions that migrants and refugees make to countries of origin, transit and destination.

The campaign runs until 2018, when Member States are expected to adopt two Global Compacts on Refugees and Migrants. See <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/together> for more details!

Coming Soon: Many Languages, One World (MLOW) 2017 International Essay Contest



In its fourth year, the 2017 MLOW Essay Contest will be opening soon! The contest seeks to foster global citizenship, cultural understanding and tolerance by promoting multilingualism. Sponsored

and co-organized by ELS Education Services and United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), the MLOW Student Essay Contest and Global Youth Forum bring together global-minded university students from around the world to discuss how multilingualism can help address important global issues. Winners will be invited to attend the Global Youth Forum and provided with the opportunity to speak at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in one of the UN's six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Learn more about the opportunity to speak at the United Nations for the Many Languages, One World 2017 event by visiting [ELS News & Events](#) and sign up for MLOW news updates [here](#). Follow the conversation at #MLOW2017.



United Nations Television (UNTV) produces award-winning programs covering the wide range of issues addressed by the United Nations system of organizations for broadcast and online viewing. These programs may be used to anchor lessons, to launch classroom discussions or to introduce panel presentations. Some of them are currently in use in classes and in textbooks for language and business courses.

21st Century monthly news magazine www.unmultimedia.org/tv/21stcentury

This month our award-winning TV magazine features the following compelling report:

Julio and Jorge – Beyond the Labyrinth (23'33")

In this episode of 21st Century we highlight the life of individuals around the world living with intellectual disabilities. They are often feared and shut away. From Paraguay, we bring you the story of Julio and Jorge - once behind bars, now free. But how many others are still living inside the labyrinth?



UN in Action short feature series www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unia

Short features on the UN's work in the field available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

More resources:

UNifeed [@UN_TV](#) | unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed
UN Webcast [@UNwebcast](#) | webtv.un.org
TV Spots/PSAs unmultimedia.org/tv/spots
Meetings Coverage & Press
Releases un.org/en/unpress
UN Radio [@UN_Radio](#) | unmultimedia.org/radio | soundcloud.com/unradio
UN News Centre [@UN_News_Centre](#) | un.org/news

New UNAI Logo



To all UNAI members,

Shown above is the new updated logo of UNAI. Kindly refrain from using the old logo for any promotional activities. To view the logo in all official UN languages, please visit: <https://academicimpact.un.org/content/branding>

Guidelines for use of SDG Logo



This September marked one year since the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were unanimously adopted by world leaders at a historic United Nations summit in New York. They are part of the broader campaign in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development endorsed by all countries. During the past year, the SDGs have become the benchmark for measuring progress, and governments, the private sector and civil society are already taking action to achieve the Goals.

The colorful and compelling visual graphics illustrating the SDGs (i.e., the SDG logo, the color wheel and the 17 icons) are at the heart of the success of communications about the SDGs, and the icons have already been spread far and wide, helping to raise awareness and understanding of the Goals in all corners of the world.

We are very pleased to share with you the [United Nations Guidelines](#) for the use of the SDG logo, including the color wheel, and 17 icons. The Guidelines are aimed at UN System entities as well as external partners, including Governments, NGOs, and the private sector, and describe the proper use of the SDG logo and icons.

Why join UNAI

We welcome new members to UNAI. Find out some of the benefits of membership here:

a. UNAI is a global network of schools of higher learning and research, with over 1,200 members in 120 countries. As a collaborative platform, UNAI members learn from each other and enhance each other's skills and tools.

b. UNAI shares information on a wide variety of awards, fellowships, scholarships and contests that may be of interest to students, academics and researchers.

c. UNAI provides information on UN activities and ideas for how you can get involved and contribute in your community, in your classroom or on campus.

d. You will be able to request assistance in connection with any activity in support of UNAI.

e. You and your students can join, either in person or via the internet, in "Classroom Conversations" organized by UNAI at UN Headquarters.

f. You can request briefings/interactive presentations on UN themes by United Nations experts.

g. As a member, you are required to submit a periodic activity report which is then shared with our network through the UNAI newsletter. This promotion of your activities can help enhance your school's profile both at home and internationally.

Interested? Find out more at academicimpact.un.org