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The UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited Kenya on the 9 - 11 July 2019. During this time he visited the ICT Youth Centre in Kamukunji where he addressed the young people advising them to shun away from acts which can lead to violence and terrorism. The SG together with President Kenyatta of Kenya addressed delegates at the Africa Counter Terrorism Summit which was attended by over 800 delegates from across Africa and beyond. The SG had two interviews on BBBC and KTN Television. He also held a press briefing together with the Chairman of the African Union which was attended by 40 local and international journalists. He later held a town hall with UN Staff.
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The world is now watching. We must make sure we turn our words into action to improve the lives of everyone in today’s urbanizing world.” UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif made this call to action at the packed opening of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

The vibrant five day gathering - the world’s highest decisionmaking body focused on sustainable urbanization - was opened by Kenya’s President Uhuru Kenyatta. Nearly 4,000 people attended with delegations from 127 countries, including four Heads of State and Government and 49 ministers.

The theme, ‘Innovation for a Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities’ was discussed in Plenary including High Level Strategic Dialogues as well as around 90 side events, city stage and press events.

In the opening session Ms. Martha Delgado from Mexico was unanimously elected President of the UN-Habitat Assembly which will meet every four years.
At these lively sessions participants highlighted major trends and international best practices related to cities and communities and sustainable urbanization. Leaders in their fields proposed innovative solutions to the challenges facing many cities such as urban poverty, marginalization, unemployment and climate change.

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Wednesday’s Partnership and Pledging Conference saw USD 152 million being pledged by 21 countries and the final session of the first UN-Habitat Assembly ended on a high note with five Resolutions as well as a Ministerial Declaration being agreed in the concluding session. These Resolutions will help frame the global urbanization agenda in the upcoming years, becoming global norms and policies to guide how cities and communities are planned, managed and governed.

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\textbf{UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif}
UNHCR and SUPKEM are working together for the first time ever in a campaign during Ramadan calling on members of the public, including individuals, companies, and foundations to contribute funds to increase access to education for refugees in Kenya.

Kenya is host to more than 450,000 refugees, 77 percent of whom are women and children. The majority of refugee children living in Kenya’s Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps only have access to primary education. Less than one third of refugee school-age children are able to attend secondary school and only 13 per cent of refugee youth have access to tertiary education.

“These are distressing statistics revealing the disparagingly low number of refugees accessing education in Kenya. Behind these statistics are children and youth, boys and girls, aspiring to be teachers, doctors, business owners - but instead, they are sitting in limbo, waiting for a chance to fulfil..."
their dreams,” said Fathiaa Abdalla, UNHCR Representative in Kenya.

A funding shortfall for UNHCR’s education programmes has resulted in the lack of basic infrastructure and a shortage of qualified teaching personnel essential to provide quality education to refugee children and youth in Kenya.

“By joining efforts with SUPKEM in this holy month of Ramadan, our hope is that we can draw attention and support to this growing crisis,” said Ambassador Mohamed Abdi Affey, UNHCR Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa.

UNHCR and SUPKEM hosted an Iftar fundraising dinner on 11 May 2019 for leaders from the Muslim community, business community, government representatives and members of the diplomatic corps. USD 155,000 was raised at the event.

“The holy month of Ramadan is a time where Muslims embark on a path of spiritual self-reflection and intensify our response to alleviate the suffering of others. Many refugees in Kenya have lived in forced displacement for over 20 years. With this campaign, we can help alleviate some of their suffering,” said Yusuf A. Nzibo, SUPKEM Chairman.

To support this campaign, please visit donate.unhcr.org/education

Do you want to Volunteer with the United Nations or Do you want to engage a UN Volunteer?

About UNV Kenya

Our Volunteers share light moments at the recently ended UNV retreat.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. We work with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated and well supported UN Volunteers into development programming and promote the value and global recognition of volunteerism.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme was created by the General Assembly (GA) in 1970 through GA resolution 26/59. UNV’s vision is to create a world where volunteerism is recognized and valued within societies as a way for all people and countries to achieve peace and development.

With partners, UNV advocates for volunteerism, integrates volunteerism into development planning and mobilizes volunteers.

The UNV programme in Kenya is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and serves the entire UN system, supporting the delivery of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF 2018-2022) and Kenya’s Vision 2030/MTP II.

UNV Kenya operations are therefore aligned to UNDP Kenya and UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) and UNV Global Framework.

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How to engage a UN Volunteer

Engaging a UN Volunteer is easy and quick. Agencies are welcome to engage as many volunteers as possible, what they should is to write to the UNV Kenya Team Leader - Anne-Rose Kogi via anne-roose.kogi@unv.org or visit the UNV Kenya office at UNDP Kenya Block N-Third level.

Who can become a UN Volunteer?

One can be a UN Volunteer in Kenya or serve as an international UN Volunteers in other countries. The basic qualifications are:

- Have a basic university degree,
- Minimum 22 years of age for Nationals and 25 years for Internationals,
- Minimum two years relevant work experience years.

National volunteer opportunities can be accessed via; https://www.unv.org/become-volunteer/volunteer-your-country

International volunteer programme are available through; https://www.unv.org/become-volunteer/volunteer-abroad

Online volunteer programme

UNV also supports an online volunteering platform, to give opportunity for web-based volunteering. The platform is used by organizations to post online volunteering opportunities and by volunteers to connect with these. To register to be an online volunteer, follow the link below: www.onlinevolunteering.org.
More than 100 students from the US, the Bahamas and Kenya participated in the 11th annual Remember Slavery Global Student Videoconference on 10 May 2019. The event with the theme “The Power of the Arts for Justice” was organized by the United Nations Department of Global Communications in partnership with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Associated Schools Network and UN Information Centre Nairobi.

It brought together students who through sharing artistic presentations and performances learned about the power of the arts in promoting justice and tackling the consequences of the

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Global student video conference session going on between the Nairobi and New York students.

Transatlantic Slave Trade.

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There was also an in-room activity for students from both sides.


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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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One of the youth representative narrating to the UN Secretary-General how they overcame terrorism activities
Photo by UNIC Nairobi

Youths at the ICT Resource Centre in Kamukunji. Photo by UNIC Nairobi

Youth from Kamukunji demonstrate their ICT skills to the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres

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UN Secretary-General introduces UN Senior heads of Agencies to President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Participants and the media at Kamukunji ICT centre during the UN Secretary-General visit to the area.

Youths at the ICT Centre explains to the UN Secretary-General how they have benefited out of the skills gained.

Delegates led by UN Secretary General President Uhuru Kenyatta during the Counter-Terrorism meeting at UNON.
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