



10-11 DECEMBER 2018

SDGs, Agriculture Strategy and Food Security in Jordan

ESCWA organized a capacity building workshop with the Jordanian Ministries of Agriculture and Planning and International Cooperation in Amman. Participants discussed action plans and provided guidance on mainstreaming SDGs into Jordan's national agriculture and food security policies.

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11-14 DECEMBER 2018

Energy Statistics: enhancing hydrocarbon data collection

The International Energy forum, the UN Statistics Division, ESCWA and the International Energy Agency co-organized the Joint Organisations Data Initiative training and the Energy Balance Training at the UN House in Beirut. These sessions enhanced monthly hydrocarbon data collection, improving energy data quality and transparency.

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14 DECEMBER 2018

Celebrating Arabic Language Day

ESCWA organized a series of events to celebrate Arabic Language Day at the UN House. Academics, public and intellectual figures gathered to recognize the contribution and influence of Arabic in diverse areas such as science, philosophy, literature, art and universal culture.

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GLOBAL EVENTS

[Anti-Corruption Day 2018](#), 9 December

[Human Rights Day 2018](#), 10 December

[Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#), Marrakech, Morocco, 10-11 December

→read the newly adopted Global Compact for Migration [here](#)

[International Day of Neutrality 2018](#), 12 December



THE WEEK AHEAD

“It is time to reconstruct relations between people and leaders – national and international. Time for leaders to listen and show that they care, about their own people and about the global stability and solidarity on which we all depend.”

- *UN Secretary-General, António Guterres*

[Training on Technology Transfer and Innovation to support Excellence and Innovation Units in Yemen](#), Amman, Jordan, 16-20 December

[Bahrain Independence Day](#), 16 December

[International Migrants Day 2018](#), 18 December

[Arabic Language Day 2018](#), 18 December

[Qatar National Day](#), 18 December

[Executive Committee, 5th meeting](#), 18-19 December

[Technical Advisory Group on Demographic and Social Statistics](#), 18-19 December

[National Training Workshop to Improve Use of Gender Statistics](#), Amman, Jordan, 18-20 December

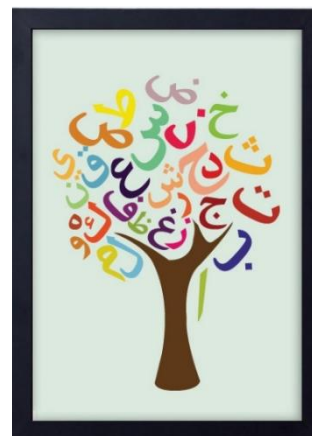
[International Human Solidarity Day 2018](#), 20 December

DID YOU KNOW?

From 2000 to 2016, the proportion of the global population with access to electricity increased from 78% to 87%, with the absolute number of people living without electricity dipping to just below 1 billion.

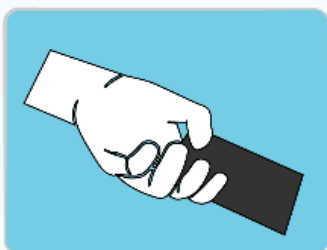


Arabic is the fifth-most-spoken language in the world, with more than 313m speakers. It is an official language in 25 countries and became an official language of the United Nations on 18 December 1973.

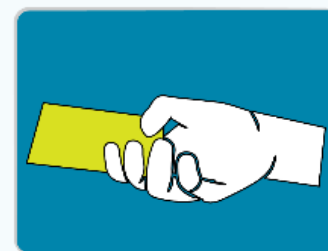
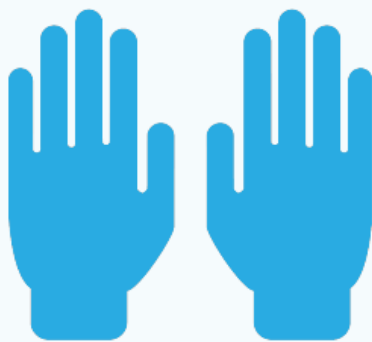
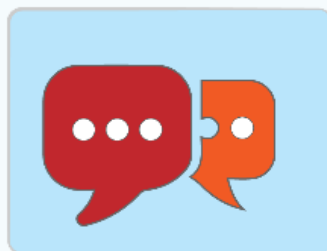
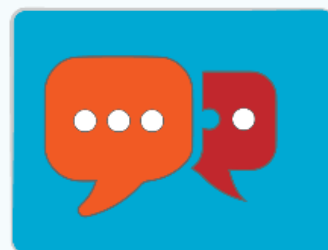


The policy of neutrality contributes to the strengthening of peace and security in relevant regions and at the global level and plays an important role in developing peaceful, friendly and mutually beneficial relations between the countries of the world.

“In the performance of their duties the secretary general and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other authority external to the organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials responsible only to the organization.



12 December
**International
Neutrality Day**



Each member of the United Nations undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities”

UN Charter, Article 100