



The UN & You

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A New Decade of Action for People and Planet

“What kind of a world do we want to create? As we dive into a new decade, the United Nations is launching a massive campaign to bridge the gap between the world we hope for and the world we may end up living in if we don’t better manage the dire challenges we are facing, including current climate change and inequality trends.”

In 2015, the world leaders adopted the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives of all people everywhere. Progress is being made at a rate that is not ambitious enough to ensure the delivery of the goals by 2030. We have only 10 years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. So, at the High Level Political Forum in July 2019 and the SDG Summit in September 2019, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on all the Member States and other stakeholders to “kickstart a decade of delivery and action for people and planet” in 2020.

He called on “all sectors of society to mobilize the decade of action on three levels:

- Global action to secure greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Local action embedding the needed transitions

in the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of governments, cities and local authorities; and

- People action, including youth, civil society, the media, the private sector, unions, academia and other stakeholders, to generate an unstoppable movement pushing for the required transformations.”

The launch of the [Decade of Delivery and Action](#) coincides with the 75th anniversary of the UN, with a focus on the theme “Shaping our future together,” which seeks to involve people from all walks of life to join the global conversation by participating in the [One Minute Survey](#). Share your ideas to create a UN fit to meet the needs of our times.

[ActNow](#) is another initiative from the UN for a Global Call to climate action – for individual action on climate change. It is trying to raise awareness, ambition and action for climate change and accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement. The ActNow Bot recommends daily actions to reduce carbon footprints – like traveling more sustainably, saving energy or eating less meat.

Let us join hands with people all over the world for a global conversation, and shape our future together.

Be part of a movement that asks you
to engage and show your support
for urgent climate action!

