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At the beginning of the new year we are taking stock of our achievements and lessons learnt in 2016 and looking forward to embracing new opportunities and further promoting social transformation, peace and prosperity. We are living in a very complex and rapidly changing world where problems are interconnected and global in nature. Conflicts and wars are becoming protracted and fragmented and natural disasters are spreading across borders, calling for collective efforts and global solutions. In this context the role of the UN as the linchpin of the multilateral system is widely recognized as crucial and indispensable. The UN’s strong normative mandate, unique legitimacy and convening power enables the Organization to set universally valid norms and standards.

2017 promises to be a year of new opportunities for the global community and for the Republic of Moldova.

On 1 January the ninth Secretary-General of the UN Mr. António Guterres took office. He is an inspirational leader with an impressive track record as a politician and diplomat who will steer the global sustainable development agenda with dedication, passion and conviction. The Secretary-General has entered the office with a strong determination to ensure the UN is fit for purpose and remains relevant in a complex, volatile and challenging world. To fulfil this goal the Organization has to redouble its efforts in three strategic areas: in its work for peace, in its support for sustainable development, and in its internal reforms. The UN family in Moldova stands ready and is firmly committed to support the implementation of this ambitious agenda.

Human rights underpin the sustainable development agenda and cut across all UN work. 2016 was a very important year for the protection and promotion of human rights in Moldova. The country was reviewed by the UN Human Rights Council under the Universal Periodic Review mechanism and received positive feedback and a number of constructive recommendations for further improvement. The UN will continue working closely with the Government, civil society and other partners to address these recommendations and ensure that all people enjoy equal rights and opportunities and no one is left behind.

There are many human rights champions in Moldova. To celebrate and recognize their achievements and important contributions the UN is organizing the Human Rights Gala on the International Human Rights Day. The 12th edition of this event was held on 8 December 2016 and numerous awards were handed out to true role models and leaders who have proven that positive change is possible and there is a solution to each and every challenge. You can read more about the Gala in the magazine.

The nationalization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its alignment with the national context commenced last year and the efforts to implement it will continue in 2017 with the UN’s and other development partners’ support. The nationalized Goals will also inform the new national development strategy, which will provide a roadmap for Moldova’s development until 2030.

2017 also marks the 25th anniversary of Moldova’s membership of the UN. Over the past two and a half decades we have established a trustworthy, strong and strategic partnership with the Government and other stakeholders and I am looking forward to celebrating our shared successes with the people of Moldova.

DAFINA GERCHEVA,
UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in the Republic of Moldova
UN Moldova has awarded human rights champions in 2016

2016 brought a number of significant events in human rights, but also multiple actions and initiatives in this field. Thus, six winners were valued for their remarkable achievements in human rights at the UN Human Rights Gala of Awards.

Today, at this event, we come to greet our champions – organizations and individuals who showed courage, creativity and perseverance in advancing human rights in Moldova. Champions who inspired many and who can motivate many more”, said DAFINA GERCHEVA, the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in the Republic of Moldova.

The six awards went to:

- **LOW VISION Association**, for its activity on social inclusion of persons with visual impairments on both sides of Nistru River;
- **Keystone International Association in Moldova**, for the support in developing community services for people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities;
- **Dmitry Kuzuk**, for his outstanding activity in social inclusion and combating stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination against people with disabilities;
- **Canal Regional**, for the series of talk-shows "Sanse Egale" (Equal Opportunities) on human rights and discriminated groups in Moldova;
- **Natalia Vozian**, for the initiative DARE2Change, the first leadership program for people with disabilities in Moldova;
- **Legal Resources Center of Moldova** for its contribution in justice reforms, and improvement of the national legislation on public funding of non-governmental organizations (“Law 2%”.)
We try to explain to the society that a disabled person is a citizen with equal rights. In this way we improve views and attitudes”, said the award winner DMITRY KUZUK.

Organized each year starting from 2004 on the occasion of International Human Rights Day, the UN Human Rights Gala of Awards has the aim to highlight the innovative and effective initiatives of protecting and promoting human rights in Moldova. In 2016, the Republic of Moldova received a large number of recommendations in this field and 2017 will be a decisive year to ensure their implementation.

This award comes with some commitments that we assume. Every person should understand that he/she is free and can be included in society”, noted TATIANA GHIDIRIMSCHI, the director of LOW VISION Association.

LOW VISION Association was awarded for its activity on social inclusion of persons with visual impairments on both sides of Nistru River.

Simone Giger, the director of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Moldova, handed the award to Ludmila Malcoci, the executive director of Keystone International Association in Moldova.

Tamara Andries was awarded for the best autobiographical movie produced at the Mobile Movie School for Disabled People.

Vadislav Gribincea, the director of Legal Resources Center of Moldova, was awarded for the contribution in justice reforms.

Every year, the UN Human Rights Gala of Awards is celebrating human rights champions.

Ina Vutcarlov, the representative of "Initiativa Pozitiva" Association.

Nicușor Untila, the 15 years old singer with a visual impairment, sang with Olia Tira

UN Human Rights Gala of Awards is the event of those who proved courage in promoting human rights in the Republic of Moldova.
The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique process which involves a review of the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States. The UPR is a State-driven process, under the auspices of the Human Rights Council and takes place every 4.5 years.

In 2016 Moldova was reviewed for the second time and received over 200 recommendations, followed by a formal commitment on the country level to develop and implement a new National Human Rights Action Plan.
The Roma mediator who drafts projects for community development

At her age of 34, Silvia Feraru from Carpineni village, Hancesti district, is a real example of initiative and social involvement. Silvia is a community mediator of Roma origin officially employed at the local mayor’s office.

“When she came to us, Silvia didn’t know how to use a computer. Today she is a valuable resource for the mayor’s office because together with the team she drafted and obtained several projects”, said ION CARPINEANU, the mayor of the village.

Carpineni village is a model of community development. At the entrance to the mayor’s office there is an access ramp and the advertisement that here the decisions are taken in a transparent manner. There are information boards in the village on domestic violence, stop corruption or native associations.

Silvia Feraru contributes directly to these accomplishments. She managed to arrange a playground, where Roma children as well as other children spend their time. Together with the paralegal, they obtained a project to install ten radio-broadcasting stations in the village. “Soon all the residents of Carpineni village, from small to old, will know what rights they have and what information they can receive in the mayor’s office”, the mediator says.

Besides the contribution to the development of the village, Silvia Feraru helps Roma to feel equal members of the community and participate in all activities organized in the village. The local patron and other celebrations take place with the participation of all children. She helps the adults in writing applications, asking for a doctor or other needed services.

“She helped me receive social assistance. My husband has a disability and we have been trying for several years to receive this support. Silvia explained me how to write the application and how to formulate it so that we can benefit from the contribution that we deserve”, said MARIA, a local Roma who has only words of praise for the mediator.

*There are 17 officially employed community mediators in Moldova. Silvia Feraru is one of them having nice results, worthy to be taken over in other communities. There are more than 10,000 residents in the village of Carpineni, 280 of them being Roma.
The society joins forces to eliminate violence against women and girls

For the 14th year, the United Nations together with the Government of Moldova, the civil society and women who have overcome violence, launched the national campaign “16 days of activism against gender-based violence”. At the forefront of the campaign were the “positive champions”, women who overcame violence and who are helping over 1,000 other women to take the first steps.

Rodica Carpenco is a positive champion. After enduring violence for 10 years, she managed to break this vicious circle. Now she works with the maternal center "Ariadna" in Drochia to help other women to break the silence.

"For seven months I worked in 12 villages where I had meetings with about 10 women in each village. After our honest discussions, they gain confidence and tell us what is happening in their lives", said Rodica.

Speak out, ask for help", is the message of Rodica Carpenco, a positive champion, for all women that are still suffering from violence. The opening event of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence" national Campaign. 25 November, Boscana, Criuleni. Photo: UN Women Moldova / Dorin Goian

For the first time, in the centre of the "16 days of activism against gender based violence" campaign, are the positive champions, the women who overcame the violence
In the discussions with the representatives of government, civil society and the media, the positive champions shared their solutions on ending violence against women. They were awarded for their great contribution and for advancing human rights.

Public forums, social video spots, theater plays, art exhibitions, discussions in communities, activities with youth, training of the police forces – these are some of the highlights of the 80+ events organized during the campaign in 25 localities across the country, from Drochia to Cahul.

In Moldova, about 63% of women experienced at least one form of violence (physical, psychological, sexual, economic, or spiritual) during their lifetime, by their partner, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (2011). 10% of women of Moldova went through all forms of violence.

Launched in 1991 by the United Nations, the campaign "16 days of activism against gender-based violence" begins on November 25, the International Day for Elimination and Combating Violence against Women, and ends on December 10, the International Human Rights Day. The campaign involves governments, the civil society and citizens to actively participate in preventing the gender-based violence. So far, over 4,100 organizations from 172 countries have joined their efforts to carry out this campaign on the global level.
For the last couple of years, IOM Moldova has managed to support the return and reintegration of two hundred migrants and overseas graduates. The programme was first announced in June 2015 on both banks of the Nistru River. Since then a team of IOM employees and consultants in partnership with the National Employment Agency (NEA) and civil society representatives in Tiraspol – "Women's Initiatives" identified potential returnees and assisted them with temporary professional placement.

The programme sought to encourage and facilitate the transfer of skills that the returned migrants and graduates acquired. The vast majority of returned migrants hold an academic degree and have a strong professional experience.

Potential returnees applied to the programme whilst being abroad. Some of the returnees were siblings and partners and decided to return to the Republic of Moldova together.

All migrants mentioned that they returned for their friends, homes and families regardless of the fact that they have managed to get good jobs abroad. Many of them felt patriotic.

Gheorghe Hincu, 56 years old

"After 14 years spent in the Portuguese Republic, my wife and I decided to return to Moldova. The decision to come back was rather personal so we can keep the family together", GHEORGHE HINCU, (gas station attendant, 56 years old).

To live, work and make a family at home is a great blessing and this needs to be valued", EVGHENI LEVINSKI, (24 years old, Tiraspol).

Evgheni Levinski, 24 years old

VICTOR MORARU, 57 years old

I wish to open a business in apiculture", says VICTOR MORARU, 57 years old, returned from the Russian Federation.

Tiraspol.

The returned migrants wished to be employed in their field of expertise. Alongside the information on employment opportunities and salary supplement, the returned migrants and graduates were invited to participate in trainings on entrepreneurship. Tatiana Roemischer, 35 years old, returned to Moldova with her husband, a German national, and started a consultancy business.

Tatiana Roemischer, 35 years old

Evgheni Levinski, 24 years old
The Republic of Moldova should guarantee children the right to vaccination

Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and WHO Regional Director for Europe visited Moldova at the end of November with the aim of focusing on the importance of women’s and children’s health, and maintaining momentum on immunization.

The programme included visits to the Ministry of Health; the National Centre for Public Health and its national vaccine storage facility; the Institute for Mother and Child Health; the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu"; the University Centre for Simulation in Medical Training; and the University Clinic for Primary Health Care.

The meeting with key specialists at the National Centre for Public Health highlighted the need to unite all efforts for enhanced surveillance and control of antimicrobial resistance. The Republic of Moldova aims at adopting its comprehensive national antimicrobial resistance work plan soon.

"Immunization saves lives. No child should suffer from illness, from lifelong disability or die due to vaccine-preventable diseases", This was the message of Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Denmark in her role as Patron of WHO/Europe.

"The importance and benefits of immunization should be promoted regularly to remove suspicions", concluded The Crown Princess after visiting the National Centre for Public Health’s vaccine storage facility which provided an overview of vaccine storage.

"We hope the Government will continue to focus on improving the quality of maternal and child health care services, so that ultimately all women and their children have access to vital health services", commented at the meeting Dr. ZSUZSANNA JAKAB, WHO Regional Director for Europe.

At the end of the meeting, the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu" organized a special event at which The Crown Princess and Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab were awarded honorary doctorates and honorary professorships at the School of Public Health Management.
UNICEF’s 70th anniversary in Moldova - a celebration for children, and with children

Children, high level officials, and a wide range of UNICEF partners, gathered on Saturday, 10 December, to mark UNICEF’s 70th anniversary. The event brought memories of past achievements and joy to all the participants.

More than 50 children from all over the country with different backgrounds and needs have participated at the event. They enjoyed entertainment activities and produced a common banner putting together their perspectives on how a better world for children should look. The event itself was co-moderated by two children - Maria Branca and Gabriel Chiriac, reporters from the National Radio Children’s studio. The studio was created by UNICEF Moldova ten years ago and has since engaged more than 500 children.

During the event, UNICEF Moldova released a new video for the #IMAGINE campaign featuring famous Moldovan artists Eugen Doga, Valentina Nafornita, Pavel Stratan, Pasha Parfeny, Natalia Barbu, Alexandru Manciu, young performers Xenia Chitoroaga, Cleopatra Stratan, Eva Timus, Nicusor Untila, as well as children’s choir ”Lia Ciocarlia”.

Nicusor Untila is an alumnus of the National Radio Children’s studio, set up with UNICEF support. He is a 15 years old singer with a visual impairment and he plays the piano, violin, flute, and takes canto lessons. Nicusor expressed excitement about his role in the initiative.

Among high level guests appreciating UNICEF’s work were the first President of Moldova, Mircea Snegur, the Deputy Prime Minister of Moldova Gheorghe Brega, the Ambassador of the European Union to Moldova, H.E. Pirkka Tapiola, and the Ambassador of Sweden to Moldova, H.E. Signe Burgstaller.

The special 70th Anniversary exhibition presented the history of UNICEF since 1946, UNICEF’s Goodwill Ambassadors, and the results achieved in Moldova since 1995 in cooperation with Government and partners.
Nicusor Untila, a young boy with visual impairment, who participated in the #IMAGINE initiative, produced in Moldova, speaking at the UNICEF anniversary event in Chisinau. From left to right: soprano Valentina Nafornita, young singers Cleopatra Stratan, Pavel Stratan, Alexandru Manciu, Nicusor Untila and event moderator Alla Dontu. Photo: UNICEF Moldova

Children enjoy the specially organized activities for them during the UNICEF anniversary event in Chisinau. Photo: UNICEF Moldova

Among high level guest of the event were (from left to right): The U.S. Ambassador to Moldova, H.E. James Pettit, the Ambassador of Sweden to Moldova, H.E. Signe Burgstaller, the Deputy Prime Minister of Moldova Gheorghe Brega, UNICEF Representative to Moldova, Nune Mangasaryan, the first President of Moldova, Mircea Snegur, the Ambassador of the European Union to Moldova, H.E. Pirkka Tapiola, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Natalia Gherman, H.E. Artur Michalski, the Ambassador of Poland to Moldova and the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Moldova Dafina Gercheva. Photo: UNICEF Moldova
The story of a disabled child cared for by a pioneer foster parent

Vasile, a disabled boy who was taken in foster care after spending several years in a residential institution, lives in Corpaci, a small Moldovan village. Vasile is turning four in January, but he is still not able to talk, walk, or even eat unassisted. He was diagnosed with a congenital locomotor and intellectual deficiency.

Even though she knew it will not be easy, Adela Uja, one of the ten foster parents in Corpaci, decided to take the boy in her care, after she went to meet his sister Maria, another 5-year-old girl from a residential institution in Balti. Maria has mentioned the little brother, Vasile that she has not seen for two years, despite the fact that he lived in the same residential institution since he was 7 months old.

"When they brought him in, I thought he was adorable, and I said that I will take both: the brother and the sister", ADELA continues.

The concept of fostering is not new to the villagers. However, it is for the first time someone accepted to foster a disabled child. Apart from Vasile and his sister Maria, Adela Uja, a former teacher with more than 25 years of experience, has in her foster placement one more sibling group: 5-year-old and 6-year-old sisters, Olga and Dana.

After coming to Adela’s house, Vasile started to make good progress in his psychosocial development. He started to walk while being held, he smiles and he learns to bite, swallow and chew food. In his journey, he is attended by a multidisciplinary team of specialists weekly, and, compared to before, when he was afraid of strangers, now really enjoys their visits.

Corpaci is one of the Moldovan localities with the most engaged foster families in the northern region, but not every community is like that. Due to UNICEF’s work in Moldova, the number of children in alternative care services almost doubled compared to 10 years ago, from six to 11 thousand, but only six in 100 children in alternative care is currently children with disabilities. That is why, over the next two years, about 25 foster families that will be able to take in children with disabilities will be supported, so that by 2017 more children will have the chance to grow in a family environment.

1 All names of the children are changed.
RED RIBBON GALA AWARDS: In Moldova everyone can benefit from HIV testing

Over 300 persons attended the Red Ribbon Gala Awards on the occasion of World AIDS Day. The event was marked by an award session, speeches from the public authorities and representatives of the UN agencies, as well as a concert offered by local artists.

Red Ribbon Awards were offered to the winners of the student works contest: "HIV: It concerns you! It concerns everyone! Test yourself for HIV!" and other three HIV positive persons with open status, who managed to be convincing by telling their life stories.

"In Moldova, HIV testing complying with the international standards is safe, voluntary, confidential and free of charge. It is available in the units of voluntary counselling and testing and through NGOs. Beginning with May 2015, the self-testing is also available and the tests can be bought in the pharmacies",

said ALIONA SERBULENCO, Vice-Minister of Health.

"Regardless of our individual situation – by knowing our HIV status, we find out how to protect ourselves, the partners or our children from HIV. We need to know that in Moldova every person can benefit from treatment, thus life can continue, in a beautiful and qualitative way".

Svetlana Plamadeala, UNAIDS Country Manager highlighted:

At the event, the singer Dara handed over the mission of the Red Ribbon Ambassador to the singer Olia Tira. Both singers noted that the involvement of personalities in this fight can break stereotypes, and empower persons living with or affected by HIV.

The Involvement of individuals from various spheres of activity in fighting HIV/AIDS proves that we can join efforts to achieve the same cause. Together, through dedication and responsibility, including the Ambassadors of the issue - we will succeed",

noted RUSLAN POVERGA, Executive Director of the NGO "Positive Initiative".

Financial resources have been collected at the event that will be used to support HIV-positive pregnant mothers.

The Red Ribbon Awards Gala was organized by UNAIDS and NGO "Positive Initiative" with the support of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Justice, the UN, the PAS Center and NGOs active in the field of HIV. The event is part of the communication campaign: "It concerns you! It concerns everyone! Test yourself for HIV!", taking place in 15 localities across the country.
THE MOLDOVA-ECO ENERGETICA GALA: the best projects promoting renewable energy were awarded

The best eco-responsible stories, ideas and technologies have been awarded at the Moldova-Eco Energetica Gala. Out of the 48 competing projects, 16 were nominated as winners. The competition involved individuals, public institutions, private companies, media and NGOs. The best of them received trophies and a money award of 1,000 euros.

THE BEST BIOENERGY PROJECT:

TB Fruit

TB produces steam by means of two thermal-based stations on the basis of solid biofuel using the 100% locally produced raw material.

THE BEST SOLAR THERMAL ENERGY PROJECT:

Experimental Prosthesis, Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Centre, Chisinau

With the assistance of the Energy Efficiency Fund, on the building of the sanatorium-and-spa treatment 48 solar evacuated tube collectors were installed. Their use brings annual savings of about 200,000 lei.

THE BEST COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY:

THE REPORTER VASILCOV VLAD, FROM AGORA.MD NEWS PORTAL

Vlad has received the trophy from the hands of the triple Pulitzer Prize winner, senior editor of New York Times, David Barstow.

Vlad Vasilcov is the most active journalist who promoted in his articles the energy efficiency and renewable energy.
The Moldova-Eco Energetica Gala took place in the framework of the Moldova-Eco Energetica Week from 28 November to 2 December, organized by the Energy Efficiency Agency, Energy Efficiency Fund and Energy and Biomass Project, funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme.

**The Moldova-Eco Energetica Gala**

The project, unique for Eastern Europe countries, comprises buildings made of mineral wool panels, energy efficient windows and industrial doors, and LED interior and exterior lighting.

**WT AgroProfi**

The "WT AgroProfi" project is awarded for efficient use of geothermal energy.

**PolimerGaz Conducte**

PolimerGaz Conducte Company was awarded for its use of solar photovoltaic energy, which allows saving gas consumption.

**The Best Geothermal Energy Project:**

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The project, unique for Eastern Europe countries, comprises buildings made of mineral wool panels, energy efficient windows and industrial doors, and LED interior and exterior lighting.

**The Best Photovoltaic Solar Energy Project:**

**PolimerGaz Conducte**

At the hydroponic greenhouse in the Falestii Noi village, vegetables are grown according to ECO standards, with a combined heating system: central biomass, geothermal pump and central natural gas. The installed voltaic park comprises 320 installed voltaic solar panels which save more than 51,000 m³ of the annual gas consumption.
The routes that turn any tourist into a Moldovan village dweller

Workshops to weave traditional carpets, agro-pensions to enjoy the finest dishes, or underground hotels. The new tourist routes, created by two associations of tourism in Chisinau and Tiraspol, help to get to know Moldova better.

The Receiver National Tourism Association from Moldova and the Association of Regional Development from Tiraspol have developed routes, which include locations on both sides of the Nistru river.

The routes have been developed in the framework of the EU-funded “SUPPORT TO CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES” Programme, implemented by UNDP Moldova.

On the left bank of Nistru, the tourists can visit the village Rascov, where besides spectacular scenery, they can contemplate some religious places. At the winery “Buket Moldavii”, the visitors can watch the production process and taste the vermouth called “Martini” of Moldova.

Those who want to be closer to nature can visit the apiary in the village Sadki where they have the chance to experiment with apitherapy and enjoy flavored teas with honey.

In “Hanganu’s Inn” in Lalova, Rezina, tourists can take boat rides and the ones fond of cooking can help the chefs prepare traditional sarmale or placinte. In the Craft Centre "Rustic Art" in Clisova Noua village, anyone can learn to weave carpets.

The cellar from Branesti promises to become a new popular tourist destination. Here, at a depth of 16 meters underground in a former stone quarry, the first and only underground hotel in Moldova - “Epoca de piatra” was established.

The new routes will offer tourists the opportunity to know our traditions, but also to test them, by getting into the shoes of a dweller of the Moldovan village”, says NATALIA TURCAN, executive director of the Receiver National Tourism Association in Moldova.

On the left bank of Nistru, the routes include both well-known and appreciated locations as well as absolutely new destinations, as the Sadki agro-pension”, says TATIANA IASKOVA, Head of the Regional Development Agency Tiraspol.
Integrated Pest Management practices are spreading fast through Moldovan farmers

Maxim Usatii, 30 years old, works on his farm since 2006. He works along with his family and two seasonal workers growing vegetables in his greenhouses in Glodeni.

In 2016 Maxim learned about FAO Farmer Field Schools from the National Agricultural Development Agency. Joining the program Maxim received training in integrated pest management and support in the form of Light Traps for pest control.

I've seen the result in my farm and I was really motivated to extend my business. Applying integrated plant protection measures allowed me to get high quality production at reduced costs.

Now Maxim applies multiple pest control techniques to minimize the use of pesticides. Light traps, natural herbs infusions, dairy products are his main allies in protecting his crops.

His success become known beyond Glodeni district.

Already 14 farmers learned here at my greenhouse and started to implement these techniques on their own crops. I enjoy sharing my experience and I'm happy that together we can build a sustainable agriculture as a heritage for our children.

In 2017 other 12 will be opened in an effort to contribute to the second Sustainable Development Goal: Zero Hunger.

Famer Field Schools is an FAO initiative started in Moldova in 2015 to promote innovative plant protection practices to grow healthy crops and minimize the use of pesticides. In Moldova there are 32 Farmer Field Schools and in 2017 other 12 will be opened in an effort to contribute to the second Sustainable Development Goal: Zero Hunger.

FAO pioneered the Farmer Field School approach and has been using it successfully since the 1980s.
1. NO POVERTY
2. ZERO HUNGER
3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4. QUALITY EDUCATION
5. GENDER EQUALITY
6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7. AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12. RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
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15-18 JANUARY
UN World Data Forum

17 JANUARY
Launching of "World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)" Report

23-28 JANUARY
Cervical Cancer Prevention Week

27 JANUARY
International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

1 FEBRUARY
Local Autonomy and Worker in Local Public Administration Day

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World Cancer Day

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International Day of Women and Girls in Science

13 FEBRUARY
World Radio Day

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World Day of Social Justice

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International Mother Language Day

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