

NEWSLETTER

United Nations Development Programme – Eritrea

HIGHLIGHTS

International Women`s Day 2022 commemorated across the country



Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. In Eritrea, the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) led the commemoration of the International Women's Day, with different activities including seminars, voluntary blood donation, and other programs undertaken across the Country.

The closure event was held at the headquarters of the NUEW, in the presence of Head of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) Mrs. Tekea Tesfamichael, Heads of UN Agencies and Government Officials. During the event, high school students were awarded for participating in a debate competition.

Implementing our People for 2030 Agenda: A colorful Family open day held at the UN Compound

As part of the implementation of UNDP's People for 2030 strategy, the country office organized a Family Day for children in May 2022 at the UN common premises, in Asmara. The initiative led by UNDP Eritrea, hosted 63 children, 12 parents, and 10 UN staff facilitators from different UN agencies (RCO, UNFPA, UNOCHA, UNAIDS, IOM, the Radio Room Communications Centre, and the UN Department for Safety and Security).

The Family Day, which was the first of its kind, entertained children from different age groups in various educational activities organized according to their needs and levels. The day-long event concluded with different sports and games activities that involved both children and parents. Both parents and wards were very excited and pledged commitment to institutionalize the Family Open Day celebration every six months.



Eritrea celebrates World Environment Day 2022

The Ministry of Land, Water, and Environment, in partnership with the UNDP Country Office, celebrated the World Environment Day on 3 June 2022. This year's commemorations were historic for the global environmental community, as they marked 50 years since the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, widely seen as the first international meeting on the environment.



The weeklong celebration was held under the leadership of the Ministry of Land, Water and Environment and, in partnership with UNDP Eritrea under the theme “Only One Earth”. Different activities were organized aimed at creating awareness, sensitizing the public, and reiterating the collective responsibility in preserving biodiversity, conserving invaluable land resources, adapting, and mitigating climate change and the clarion call to use resources wisely and sustainably.

The closure session was graced by the presence of the Minister of Land, Water and Environment, H.E. Mr. Tesfai Ghebreselassie, UN Resident Coordinator in Eritrea, Mrs. Amakobe Sande, and UNDP Resident Representative in Eritrea, Mr. James Wakiaga. Position papers were presented from different ministry staff and participants engaged in discussions related to the significant impacts of climate change in Eritrea and globally and urgent action to be taken.



During the main event, the UNDP Eritrea Resident Representative, James Wakiaga in his remarks highlighted “I would also like to applaud the Ministry of Land, Water, and Environment for the recent initiatives to update the NDC (National Determined Contribution)—a climate action plan to cut emissions and adapt to climate impacts. The NDC provides a roadmap for the nation towards reducing emissions, adapting to protect lives and livelihoods, and transforming the economy and society.”

Capacity building for young and aspiring Eritrean diplomats

The Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) –United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Joint Programme in conjunction with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO), has been supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), to deliver capacity-building training to Eritrea's young diplomats with the aim to develop the capacity of Eritrea's young diplomats to advance Eritrea's international foreign presence and relations in responding to the challenges of preventive diplomacy and conflict prevention, peacemaking and peacebuilding; and sustain Eritrea's interest and contribution to regional peace.



Since 2017, approximately 90 young diplomats have been trained over three main training sessions. At the last main training event in October 2019, it was agreed that a series of 'Follow-up Clinics' be undertaken to allow participants to deep dive into different topics of interest to MoFA. While the programme of clinics was agreed upon between MoFA and the UN, its implementation was disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak and national lockdown for most of 2020 and early 2021. As the COVID-19 restrictions were relaxed, with the financial and technical support of the UNDP Country office in Eritrea, training on international human rights instruments and mechanisms was successfully held in Asmara in July 2021. Furthermore, as agreed, as a continuation of the programme, UNDP in collaboration with the Resident Coordinator's Office, held another training on diplomatic correspondence, communication, protocol, and etiquette in November 2021.

As a continuation of the ongoing support, to ensure meaningful tools were acquired by the Eritrean diplomats, 28 young diplomats from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of information and the People's Front for Democracy and Justice (PFDJ) were trained on Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Negotiation from 12 to 19 June 2022 at the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers (NCEW) conference hall, Asmara.

International law dialogue Improving the Effectiveness of Judicial Support

The Ministry of Justice in partnership with UNDP Eritrea convened a five-day long dialogue on International Law from June 06 -10, 2022 at the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers (NCEW) hall in Asmara.

The dialogue comprised 50 officials from various arms of the Ministry of Justice including Judges of the Appellate Division, local divisions, prosecutors, advisors, and legal services division from across the country, with at least 40% of the participants being female.

The dialogue was premised on the international and regional normative human rights systems and their applicability in the country's context animated with several presentations, lectures, panels, and group discussions.



Steps towards a Green Energy at the UN Compound in Asmara

As part of the greening initiatives of the UN Common Compound in Asmara, the UNDP IT Green Energy team undertook a Green Energy Training from 18 to 29 of July 2022, covering an Energy Audit and Green Energy Training.

11 staff from different UN Agencies based in Asmara, (UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, WHO, UNHCR, SOC, UNAIDS) successfully attended the training which aimed at strengthening the local capacity of UN staff for the Implementation of Renewable Energy Solutions.



Human Resource Capacity Enhancement Programme for Media Staff at the Ministry of Information

Over the last two years, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Eritrea has been providing technical skills and expertise to the Ministry of Information (MoI) to enhance the human resources as part of strengthening the capacity of the Ministry to deliver on its mandate.

So far, 179 journalists, 106 men (59.22%) and 73 women (40.78%) have been trained over the last 15 months.



UNDP/GEF-SGP Field visit to National Greening awarded village Mesfnto

A team comprised of UNDP/GEF-SGP and NUEW staff conducted a coordinated field visit to Mesfnto village located in the Central region on 19th June 2022. Mesfnto is a village located 24 kilometers northwest of the capital city Asmara. It is to be recalled that the village was nominated and won the National Greening Award in May 2021, due to its exemplary practices on afforestation projects including for the UNDP/GEF-SGP. Additionally, Mesfnto was part of the 28 villages covered by the Sustainable Land Management project.

The field visit started with a tree seedling planting conducted jointly with the community to commemorate the Eritrean Martyrs.



Subsequently, a coordinated monitoring visit to the ongoing project of GEF-SGP was conducted. It was noted that there had been a great impact achieved by the community who planted 45,000 trees seedlings and constructed hillside bench terraces throughout 2020 and 2021. A comprehensive briefing on the afforestation project implementation progress including access road rehabilitation by the community was conducted by the village Administrator and development committee representatives.

Furthermore, the positive impact of the SLM project (already finalized in 2015) on the development activities of Mesfnto village and livelihood improvement was highlighted. The community has made a great contribution to the installation of a water supply system in their village by selling eucalyptus trees planted under the UNDP-SLM project.



IEA-Regional Report on Clean Energy Transition in the Greater Horn of Africa

Two representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Mines participated in the International Energy Agency Regional workshop on Clean Energy Transitions in the Greater Horn of Africa that was held on 16 March in Nairobi, Kenya.

Currently, in collaboration with the participating countries, IEA is conducting an analysis of energy transitions in the Greater Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda) with the objective of analyzing the energy systems of the region, identify possible trajectories through a modeling exercise, highlighting best practices in each country, and propose recommendations to accelerate energy transitions, particularly in regional cooperation. In addition, the provision of support energy policies, to foster regional energy collaboration, and helps accelerate energy transitions in the Greater Horn of Africa countries.

UNDP Country Office is providing technical and facilitation support to the Ministry of Energy and Mines for adequate and proper representation of Eritrea in the forthcoming IEA-Regional Report on Clean Energy Transition in the Greater of Horn of Africa.

Launch of the UNDP Eritrea Country Office Annual report 2021

In June 2022, UNDP Eritrea launched its 2021 Annual Report. The annual report provides a snapshot of UNDP achievements together with the Government of the State of Eritrea, sister agencies and development partners to foster national development agenda on several fronts. The partnership was anchored around our three CPD outcomes: sustainable natural resource management/ resilience to climate change and disasters; capacity development; and inclusive growth and livelihoods. The highlights of this partnership and which you will read in the report, focused on strengthening the capability of the State to deliver public goods, promoting livelihoods, and providing the youth with entrepreneurial skills, as well as, fostering climate action and promoting inclusive growth and sustainable development.

UNDP Eritrea
Annual Report 2021



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Green Environment Initiatives in support of the Eritrea Summer Programme

In July 2021, UNDP Eritrea in collaboration with the Ministry of Land Water and Environment and OCHA organized a Tree Planting exercise jointly with UN Eritrea Staff and Diplomats, as part of the 'Greening the Environment Initiative tied to the Eritrea Summer Programme with the aim to restore Eritrea's ecosystem. 300 indigenous tree seedlings were planted in the area of Mai Diminet on the Northern outskirts of Asmara.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

@UNDP team in Eritrea is delighted to welcome @AlessandraCassazza, @UNDPAfrica delegate joining the UN Regional Directors visit to #Eritrea. UNDP is committed to continuing its support to Eritrea's dev't efforts & the achievement of the #SDGs by 2030.



Alessandra Casazza and 3 others

During the UN Regional Directors visit in Eritrea for the launch of the new Cooperation Framework in January 2022, Mrs. Alessandra Casazza, Manager UNDP Resilience Hub for Africa and representing the UNDP RBA Director Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, interacted with staff of UNDP Country Office.



UNDP Resident Representative for Eritrea, Mr. James Wakiaga, during the ceremony launch of the JOURNEY NextGen UNDP Resident Representative STORYBOOK, in Nairobi, Kenya.



Honored to get a copy of the book on our Resident Representatives Journey as #NextGenUNDP from my leader @ahunnaeziakonwa during the RRs cluster meeting #FutureSmartAfrica @UNDPAfrica @UNDPERitrea



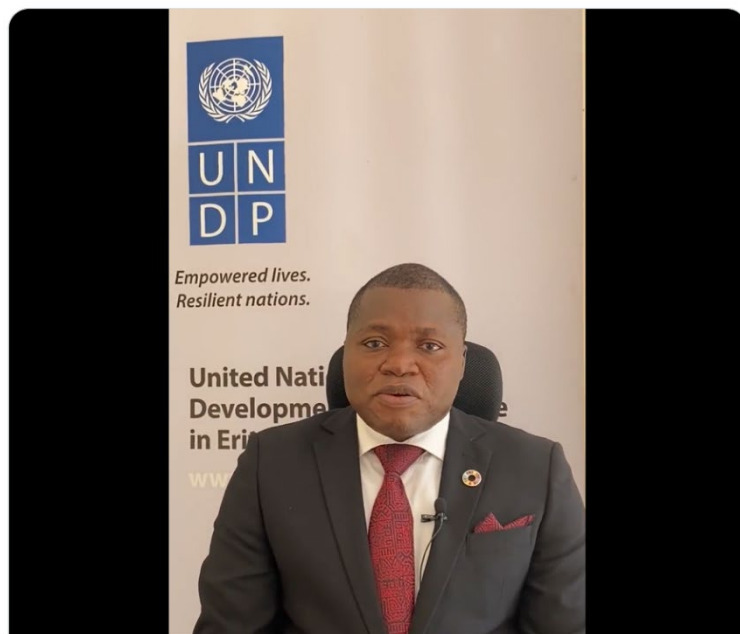
**International Women`s day, video
messages of Mr. Louis Kuukpen,
Deputy Resident Representative,
UNDP Eritrea,**

**“On this particular day, we want
to say that a world that is gender
equal is a world that empowers
and benefits
everyone”.**



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@kuukpen_louis
DRR @UNDPEritrea
#IWD2022



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International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated on 28 April
Let's empower girls toward a future in tech, let's break the stereotypes & biases that continue to prevent women & girls from pursuing careers in information & communications technology

#EritreanInnovators
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**International Day of Girls
in ICT, marked annually on
the fourth Thursday in
April highlights the need
to promote technology
career opportunities for
girls and women in the
world's fastest growing
sector.**



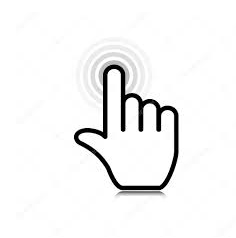
With a gender balance of nearly 40%, [#UNDPEritrea](#) strives to advance gender equity, equality, and [#womenempowerment](#) in the workplace.

We are proud to showcase the UNDP Eritrea Finance unit, which is fully run by very competent ladies.

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Courtesy visit to the UNDP Eritrea Country office by IOM - UN Migration Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa, Mr. Mohammed Abdiker.



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Congratulation to [#Eritrea](#) for presenting its first Voluntary National Review (VNR).
Eritrea's inaugural VNR report shares the country's experiences, including successes, remaining challenges, and key takeaways, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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Eritrea at the UN @Eritrea_UN · Jul 12

Eritrea will present its first Voluntary National Review (VNR) today at 17:30 EST. Join us and watch the presentation live here [#HLPF2022](#) [#Eritrea](#) [#UnitedNations](#)
[media.un.org/en/asset/k15/k...](#)

In July 2022, Eritrean delegation led by Ambassador Sophia Tesfamariam participated in the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the theme, “Building Back Better from COVID-19.”



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A close-up photograph of an adult's hand holding a child's hand. The adult's hand is dark-skinned and has a white bandage on the thumb. The child's hand is smaller and also dark-skinned. They are both wearing light-colored, possibly white, long-sleeved clothing. The background is blurred, showing hints of other people and colors.

Developing the **FUTURE** Together

UNDP continues to benefit from a strong partnership with the Government of the State of Eritrea (GoSE) and Development Partners (DPs) in supporting the GoSE implement the SDGs; UNDP works as an integral part of the UN system laying a solid foundation for Delivering as One (DAO).