United Nations Day 2019
Most Prominent Open & Upcoming Funding Opportunities for NGOs

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International days are occasions to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. These days offers many actors the opportunity to organize activities related to the theme of the day.

Every year on 24 October, world celebrates the International United Nations Day to remember the organization of the United Nations and its agenda of promoting human rights, diversity and progress across the world.

The event is instituted primarily to disseminate the aims and accomplishment of the United Nations Organization to the people worldwide. This day also celebrates and honors all the work done to promote peace around the world.

This year, the United Nations has declared climate change the defining issue of our time. Therefore, the theme for UN Day 2019 is "Our Planet. Our Future."

To celebrate United Nations Day, we have compiled some of the best Open and Upcoming opportunities for you.

**Most Prominent Funding Opportunities**

**2020 United Nations Public Service Awards**
Nominations are now open for 2020 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) that recognizes excellence in public service at the local, regional and national levels...[more]

**UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme**
Applications are open for “UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme” (UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers’ Fellowship Programme) in the framework of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust for the Capacity-Building of Human Resources...[more]

**2019 UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education**
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is accepting nominations for the 2019 edition of the King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Education...[more]

**Global Media Competition to Promote Quality Reporting on Labour Migration**
The International Labour Organization (ILO) has launched its fifth annual Global Media Competition to recognize exemplary media coverage of labour migration...[more]

**Nominations Open for UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize**
The sixth edition of the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers has opened the call for nominations...[more]

**UN-Habitat launches Call for Proposals on Public Space Implementation Projects**
UN-Habitat’s Global Public Space Programme has launched a call for proposals (CFP) to seek partnership

in the implementation of innovative public space projects in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, and more.

“Country-level Stories of Change on Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR)” Project
Applications are now open for “Country-level Stories of Change on Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR)” project and more.

Join the 2nd UNWTO Tourism Startup Competition and Lead the Transformation of the Tourism Sector
Applications are now open for 2nd UNWTO Tourism Startup Competition which is a global initiative with an aim to find and foster the development of startups looking to lead the transformation of the tourism sector and more.

Generation Unlimited Youth Challenge inviting Young Innovators across Ghana
Applications are now open for Generation Unlimited (GenU) Youth Challenge 2019/20 in Ghana to bring together bright young minds to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing their generation and more.

UNDP seeking Proposals for Czech Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals Challenge Fund
UNDP is seeking proposals for Czech-UNDP Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals to respond to the development challenges by transferring Czech expertise and innovative solutions for SDGs to partner countries and more.

GEF-UNDP Small Grant Programme inviting National or Sub-national NGOs or Academic institutions – Bhutan
Applications are now open for the GEF- UNDP Small Grant Programme to enhance development of Country Programme Strategy (CPS) for Operational Phase 7 (2019-2023) and more.

Calling Not-For-Profit Organizations to Support Indigenous Peoples’ Networks
Small Grants Programme (SGP) is seeking proposals from competent regional not-for-profit organizations in the Asia Region to ‘Support indigenous peoples’ networks in the implementation of CBD provisions on the protection and transmission of traditional knowledge (TK) and the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing (ABS) and more.

Call for Proposals for NGOs, Academic Institutions and Registered CBOs “Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine”
UN Women has launched a new call for proposals for NGOs, Academic Institutions and Registered Community Based Organizations “Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine” and more.

UN Women announces Call for Proposals For Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund – Palestine
UN Women has announced call for proposals for Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund to boost women’s participation in political decision making and build leadership and empowerment in peace and security and more.

Diversity Fund to Support CSOs/NGOs/CBOs for promoting Tolerant and Inclusive Society (Bangladesh)

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UNDP is currently seeking applications for Diversity fund support to CSOs/NGOs/CBOs and their coalitions for promoting tolerant and inclusive society in Bangladesh...[more]

**UNDP Georgia: Small Grants Scheme on Local Economic Development Initiatives for CSOs**
UNDP Georgia has announced Small Grants Scheme on Local Economic Development Initiatives for Civil Society Organizations...[more]

**Top Upcoming UN Grant Opportunities**

**United Nations Democracy Fund**
The United Nations Democracy Fund invites civil society organizations to apply for project funding. This is the Thirteenth Round which provides grants of up to US$300,000 per project. Project proposals may be submitted on-line in English or French, the two working languages of the UN.

*This year the applications will open from mid-November 2019 until mid-December 2019.*

UNDEF invites project proposals covering one or more of eight thematic areas:

- Gender equality
- Community activism
- Rule of law and human rights
- Youth engagement
- Strengthening civil society interaction with Government
- Media and freedom of information
- Tools for knowledge
- Electoral processes

UNDEF supports two-year projects that empower civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. Proposals are subject to a highly rigorous selection process, with fewer than two per cent of proposals chosen for funding.

For more information, visit this link.

**UN Trust Fund to End Violence**
The UN Trust Fund annually opens its Call for Proposals which is available in six languages, accepts multi-year grant applications for up to US$1 million in English, French and Spanish. The UN Trust Fund most recently opened a Call for Proposals for civil society organizations for 3-year grants to address violence against women and girls in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa as part of the Spotlight Initiative.

*Stay tuned in late 2019 for information on the next Call for Proposals.*

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, an inter-agency mechanism managed by UN Women on behalf of the UN system, supports innovative and pioneering programmes aimed at preventing and responding to all forms of violence against women and girls.

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The fund selects grantee partners through a demand driven bi-annual call for proposals and since launching in 2009 has delivered US$56.5 million to 96 programmes in 72 countries. Since 1996, the UN Trust Fund has awarded US$ 140 million in grants to 493 initiatives in 139 countries.

For more information, visit this link.

**Youth Solidarity Fund (YSF)**

The Youth Solidarity Fund (YSF) supports youth-led organizations that foster peaceful and inclusive societies. Seed funding is given to projects, for and by young people that demonstrate innovative and effective approaches to intercultural or interfaith dialogue. The Fund responded to calls for action made by youth-led organizations around the world on the importance of establishing funding mechanisms for youth.

*Stay tuned for the next grant cycle!*

Through a competitive evaluation process, YSF will award seed funding (up to USD 25,000) for the implementation of selected projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to intercultural or interfaith dialogue and advance the mission of UNAOC.

The funded projects are youth-led and youth-focused (18-35 years) but have an impact on entire communities, often involving religious or political leaders, policy-makers, and educational institutions and media organizations. The Fund also links small scale and local work to larger movements for social and global change, for a broader and deeper impact.

UNAOC offers technical support and capacity building to the organizations during and/or after the implementation of funded projects in the areas of gender mainstreaming, media relations, advocacy, financial management, networking, sustainability, monitoring and evaluation.

For more information, visit this link.

**UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture**

The UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture is a unique and universal humanitarian tool available to the UN and OHCHR providing direct assistance to victims of torture and their family members wherever torture occurs – as outlined in its Mission statement.

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The Fund aims at healing the physical and psychological consequences of torture on victims and their families, and thus restoring their dignity and role in the society. It has also become a knowledge-sharing platform in the field of victims’ rehabilitation and redress.

This is implemented through the award of grants to a variety of channels of assistance, including, civil society organizations, associations of victims and their family members, private and public hospitals, legal clinics, public interest law firms and individual lawyers.

For more information, visit this link.

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**International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)**

The International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) is a multi-donor fund established to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in developing countries through strengthening the means to create, produce, distribute and have access to diverse cultural goods and services. As a multi-donor fund, the IFCD promotes South-South and North-South cooperation, while contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and gender equality.

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The IFCD invests in projects that lead to structural change through:

- The introduction and/or elaboration of policies and strategies that have a direct effect on the creation, production, distribution of and access to a diversity of cultural expressions, including cultural goods, services and activities;
- The reinforcement of human and institutional capacities of public sector and civil society organizations, deemed necessary to support viable local and regional cultural industries and markets in developing countries.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Public authorities and institutions from eligible countries (developing countries, Parties to the 2005 Convention).
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from eligible countries (developing countries, Parties to the 2005 Convention)
- International non-governmental organizations (INGOs) registered in countries Parties to the 2005 Convention

The IFCD has provided more than US$ 7 million in funding for nearly 100 projects in over 50 developing countries, covering a wide range of areas, from the development and implementation of cultural policies, to capacity-building of cultural entrepreneurs, mapping of cultural industries and the creation of new cultural industry business models.

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).

**Indigenous Fellowship Programme (IFP)**

The Indigenous Fellowship Programme (IFP) is a comprehensive human rights training programme to build the capacity and expertise of indigenous representatives on the UN system and mechanisms dealing with human rights in general and indigenous issues in particular, so they are in a better position to protect and promote the rights of their communities at the international level.

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The IFP is accessible in four different languages: English, French, Spanish and Russian. The selected candidates are entitled to a return flight ticket, living expenses and basic health insurance for the duration of the training.
The date of the training programme usually coincides with the annual meeting of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (June/July), thus allowing the fellows to participate more actively in that Mechanism. For more information on the sessions available in the training programme.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- The candidate must be indigenous (non-indigenous persons will not be taken into consideration, even if they have close links with indigenous communities and/or organizations).
- Age should not be a limitation to participation in the programme.
- Formal education should not be a limitation to participation in the IFP given the socio-economic barriers confronted by many indigenous peoples that limit access to formal educational institutions.
- Candidates should agree to train other indigenous persons after the return to their respective communities/organizations.
- The candidate should be proposed and his/her candidacy supported by his/her indigenous organization and/or community. It is desirable that the sponsoring organization has a firm constituency or membership and that it is representative.
- The candidate should have a good working knowledge of the language, in which the programme is imparted.

A pre-selection of 15 to 20 candidates per language group is made by previous indigenous fellows. The selection process also entails interviews of pre-selected candidates who applied to either the English, French, Spanish or Russian language components of the programme.

For more information, visit this link.

**Reham Al-Farra Memorial Journalism Fellowship**

The Reham Al-Farra Memorial Journalism Fellowship is a unique opportunity for young (22 to 35), working journalists from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to cover the United Nations. Hosted every fall at UN Headquarters, the programme brings a select group of journalists to New York to cover the opening of the General Assembly for their news outlets.

*Stay tuned for the next grant cycle!*

During the 3-week programme, fellows have an opportunity to attend special briefings, interview senior officials and exchange ideas with colleagues from around the world. In previous years, fellows have met with the UN Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly and permanent representatives to the United Nations. The programme also arranges visits to various news organizations, such as the New York Times, Democracy Now! and WNYC radio.

**Eligibility Criteria**

To meet the eligibility requirements, candidates must:

- be between 22 and 35 years old

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• be a fulltime working journalist
• be proficient in English
• possess a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the start of the Programme (programme begins September 2019)
• be a national of a developing country or country in transition, as defined by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

The fellowship has been awarded to 596 journalists from 168 countries. Upon completion of the programme, fellows are expected to continue working in journalism and promote better understanding of the United Nations in their home countries. The programme does not provide basic skills training, as all fellows are working journalists.

The Fellowship covers travel to New York and provides a daily subsistence allowance to cover accommodation and related expenses.

For more information, visit this link.

**GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)**

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) provides financial and technical support to communities and Civil Society Organizations to meet the overall objective of global environmental benefits secured through community-based initiatives and actions.

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The Programme funds grants up to a maximum of $50,000. In practice, the average grant has been around $25,000. In addition, the SGP provides a maximum of $150,000 for strategic projects. These larger projects allow for scaling up and cover a large number of communities within a critical landscape or seascape.

The SGP believes that community-driven and civil society-led initiatives can generate environmental benefits, while supporting sustainable livelihoods, gender equality and civil society empowerment. These are actions needed at the local and regional level to address global environmental challenges and complement other areas where the GEF works.

The SGP remains one of the GEF’s flagship initiatives and it enjoys strong and broad support from its stakeholders, country governments, GEF donors and civil society and community based organizations.

For more information, visit this link.

**UNHCR NGO Innovation Award**

The UNHCR NGO Innovation Award celebrates efforts and achievements that advance the innovative delivery of services to refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR. A prize of USD 10,000 will be granted to each winner. One representative of each winning NGO will be invited to an award ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland (or another location).

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The objective for the Award 2019 is to explore how you can create or foster new kinds of inclusive partnerships and/or connectivity solutions that include people in novel ways and thus improve the delivery of services to refugees, those who welcome them and beyond.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- NGOs with a valid registration certificate in the country of operation.
- Proposed or ongoing project on:
  - Novel, inclusive partnerships;
  - And/or novel, inclusive connectivity solutions;
- You can apply to the award with a proposal you aim to work on or describe an ongoing project within 2019 (completed projects are not eligible for the Award);
- NGOs that have the drive and interest to find new ways to solve challenges facing the humanitarian sector serving refugees. They strongly encourage refugee-led NGOs to apply.

UNHCR believes that to harness the innovation efforts by all members of society, they need to include a wide range of colleagues, partners and Persons of Concern as well as host communities into our work – not forgetting the importance of cognitive diversity, race, ability and language.

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).

**UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**

Each year, UNHCR searches for heroes supporting refugees, internally displaced and stateless people. The winner receives USD 150,000 to invest in their humanitarian work. Four regional finalists are also selected and honored.

*Stay tuned for the next call for nominations which opens in November 2019.*

Any individual, group of people or organization that has displayed extraordinary humanitarian work on behalf of refugees, displaced or stateless peoples is eligible to be nominated. Former and current UNHCR staff, including United Nations Volunteers (UNVs) working for UNHCR offices, are ineligible.

The following criteria will be considered to determine the winner:

- The deed for which the person/ entity is nominated should take place outside the framework of normal professional duties and go beyond the call of duty;
- It should demonstrate courage;
- It should raise awareness for displaced people; and
- It should reflect the values of UNHCR.

Nominations can be submitted in any of the official languages of the United Nations (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese).

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).
**WFP Innovation Accelerator**

WFP Innovation Accelerator program is accelerating high-potential solutions to disrupt hunger worldwide. Apply for financial support, mentorship and access to WFP operations, partners & technical experts.

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You will receive up to $100,000 in equity-free funding, with further funding dependent upon progress and measurable achievement of key targets. Successful teams will work with WFP units on the ground to further develop and refine their solutions.

WFP Innovation Accelerator Program is looking for innovations that meet the following expectations:

- Impact for the people they serve and potential to reach Zero Hunger
- Feasibility, including time to deliver impact, technology maturity, and user traction
- Level of innovation
- Financial sustainability with a clear business case that does not rely on WFP funding
- Team strength, experience, and commitment

You'll have the chance to work with technical and industry mentors who will provide guidance and accelerate your progress. Teams will be able to tap into and leverage their strong network of public, private, and government partners to accelerate implementation.

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).

**Young Champions of the Earth**

Young Champions of the Earth is a forward-looking prize designed to breathe life into the ambitions of brilliant young environmentalists. It aims to celebrate and support individuals aged between 18 and 30 who have outstanding potential to create a positive environmental impact.

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More than just an honorary title, Young Champions of the Earth Prize aims to nurture the next generation of environmental leaders. Up to 50 applicants who clearly articulate their skills requirements and demonstrate a strong willingness to learn will be granted privileged access to mentoring opportunities.

They will be able to seek technical guidance and professional advice from a broad community of experts drawn from Covestro’s 16,000 global staff members. These mentors will share their experience through webinars, thematic online roundtables and individual support.

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).
**Equals in Tech Awards**

The Equals in Tech awards is the world’s largest event celebrating those working to close the gender digital divide. Every year, EQUALS gives awards to individuals as well as organizations that help girls and women gain equal access, skills and opportunities within the tech industry. Winners are chosen from five categories: Access, Leadership in SMEs, and Leadership in Tech, Research and Skills.

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Winners from non-profit organizations receive a paid trip to the awards ceremony (for the 2019 awards, this will be held in Berlin), and that’s not all. They also get to meet and mingle with like-minded entrepreneurs, investors, activists, teachers, and leaders. And they join an Advisory Panel that chooses future award winners.

The call for nominations is open to all individuals and organizations, regardless of their languages and nationalities, who wish to submit projects aimed at advancing gender equality using ICTs. However, they respectfully request that your nomination form should be submitted in English.

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).

**UNESCO International Literacy Prizes**

UNESCO International Literacy Prizes have rewarded excellence and innovation in the field of literacy. Over 485 projects and programmes undertaken by governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals around the world have been recognized. Through these prestigious Prizes, UNESCO seeks to support effective literacy practices and encourages the promotion of dynamic literate societies.

*The next call for nominations will be launched early 2020.*

Currently there are two UNESCO International Literacy Prizes:

1. **The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize (2 awards)**
   - Established in 1989, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Korea. It gives special consideration to the development and use of mother-tongue literacy education and training.

2. **The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy (3 awards)**
   - The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, established in 2005, with the support of the Government of the People’s Republic of China. It gives special consideration to literacy amongst adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women.

Each of the five prizewinners receives a medal, a diploma and US$20,000.

For more information, visit this [link](http://www.fundsforngos.org/).