Shape the future of volunteering

Volunteers are playing a key role in implementing the 2030 Agenda, but they cannot act alone. Through the Plan of Action, governments, UN, civil society, private sector and academia come together to integrate and accelerate the contribution of volunteers to the Sustainable Development Goals. The Plan of Action Online Conversations Platform is a virtual space for everyone interested to share ideas, discuss, and build momentum on the reimagining of volunteering for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
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The three discussion rooms – ‘Reimagining the future of volunteering’, ‘Volunteers as SDG accelerators’ and ‘Reimagining youth volunteering’ – have now concluded and have gathered 1,066 responses from 2,121 participants from over 100 countries. A total of 19 insights highlighting issues around access to volunteering, inclusion, new technologies, skills-building, future of work, network-building, climate action and government support to volunteering was generated, further reinforcing the outcomes of the regional consultations held at the margins of the five annual regional fora on sustainable development.

To find out more about the outcomes of the conversations, visit planofaction.insights.us

Discussion topics:

- **Reimagining youth volunteering:** We gathered ideas on how we can shape volunteering to support young people in the 21st century. This could mean policies, investments, programmes, supports and ideas that help young people from all backgrounds to benefit from volunteering, while making an impact on the challenges that the world faces in 2019 and beyond.

- **Volunteers as SDG accelerators:** We gathered ideas on how volunteering can really bolster efforts to accelerate the SDGs and reach the furthest behind. This could mean looking at distinctive contributions volunteers make to the SDGs, and understanding
which development challenges are volunteers well-placed to address.

- **Future of volunteering:** We gathered ideas on how we can work together to improve volunteering so that it remains relevant for the 21st century. This could mean sharing your vision of the future of volunteering and your ideas on how we can come together to enhance 2030 Agenda ownership, integrate volunteering and better measure the impact of volunteers on the SDGs.

**What’s next?**

This is our first attempt to kick off conversations and build momentum on volunteering and the 2030 Agenda. In July 2020, we will bring organizations together to discuss ideas and to engage with decision-makers about what needs to be done. More information will be shared on [www.unv.org/planofaction](http://www.unv.org/planofaction)

**Resources:**

**PLAN OF ACTION SYNTHESIS REPORTS ON INTEGRATING VOLUNTEERING INTO THE 2030 AGENDA IN THE UNECE REGION**

- Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNECE_EN (English)
- Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNECE_FR (French)
Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNECE_RU (Russian)

Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNESCAP_EN (English)

Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNESCWA_EN (English)

Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNESCWA_AR (Arabic)

Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNECA_EN (English)

Plan of Action Synthesis Report_UNECA_FR (French)

Plan of Action Synthesis Report_ECLAC_EN (English)
• Plan of Action_Synthesis Report_ECLAC_SP (Spanish)

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