



**Reimagining
Volunteering**
for the 2030 Agenda
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Daily Digest

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TOP STORY

GTM2020 closes with a clarion call to supercharge ideas to solutions for volunteering in the Decade of Action

Volunteering is a game-changer in this Decade of Action - if well supported and integrated into wider development efforts.

At the global meeting on 'Reimagining Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda', over 4,000 stakeholders added their voice and cemented their commitment to go further, faster and together to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda through volunteering.

"Millions of volunteers are a formidable force for transformation and acceleration of the 2030 Agenda", stressed Olivier Adam, UNV's Executive Coordinator.

The meeting's main outcome document, [A Call-to-Action on Volunteering in the Decade of Action](#), calls for the alignment of volunteer efforts with the 2030 Agenda and for deepening the engagement and common solidarity of the global volunteering community to help deliver the SDGs.

A [Global Synthesis Report](#) finds that volunteering is still not deeply embedded into wider efforts advance the 2030 Agenda. It also highlights the gaps in the measurement of volunteer work and in the data and evidence on volunteerism particularly from the global South.

Furthermore, the diversity of volunteer action needs to be recognized. The paper '[Volunteering practices in the 21st Century](#)' released this week highlights that volunteer action comes in many forms and dimensions from online to onsite, local to

global, and ranges from mutual aid, service delivery, campaigning, participation, and leisure. The volunteers themselves also add to this enormous diversity -- they come from different social, cultural and economic backgrounds, age groups, genders and from across all geographical regions.

The Call-to-Action thus encourages Governments, United Nations entities, Volunteer-Involving Organizations, Academia, Private Sector and Civil Society to recognise this diversity and jointly create new models to shape people action as a transformative resource for the SDGs.

A toolkit on [Acceleration Matrix: Volunteering for the SDGs](#), [Policy Blueprints: An Enabling Environment for Volunteering](#) and the [Measuring Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda: Toolbox of Principles, Tools and Practices](#) launched this week aim to support policy makers to realise this vision. All these resources can be accessed in [UNV's newly launched knowledge portal](#).

Finally, the **Call-to-Action** outlines seven key areas that require urgent action:

1. Scale up access to volunteering and volunteering opportunities across the SDGs
2. Ensure that volunteering is well supported beyond formal, organization-based opportunities
3. Address inequalities and risks in volunteering
4. Strengthen structures for people's ownership of development processes through volunteering
5. Create new models for voluntary action to supercharge ideas to solutions
6. Measure the impact on well-being of volunteers and the 2030 Agenda
7. Strengthen the alignment of volunteer efforts with SDG gaps and challenges

The four-day meeting was encapsulated in three words by Toily Kurbanov, UNV's Deputy Executive Coordinator, "**Reflection** of the diversity of volunteering practices. **Recognition** of volunteering efforts through solid evidence and policy coherence. and **Regionalization** to include diverse perspectives and regional and local contexts".

#GTM2020 ON SOCIAL MEDIA

GTM2020 on the web and social media

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Day 1: Reimagining Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda

Main highlights: [Day 1](#)

Recording: [Session 1](#)

Day 2: Global Volunteering Snapshot

Main highlights: [Day 2](#)

Recording: [Session 2](#) and [Session 3](#)

Day 3: Next-generation Volunteering Support

Main highlights: [Day 3](#)

Recording: [Session 4](#)

Regional break-out sessions

- o [Africa](#)
- o [Arab States](#)
- o [Asia Pacific](#)
- o [Latin America and the Caribbean](#)
- o [Europe and Central Asia](#)

Day 4: Call-to-Action

Recording: [Session 5](#)

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RESOURCES

- [Call-to-Action on Volunteering in the Decade of Action](#)
- [Policy Blueprints: An Enabling Environment for Volunteering](#)
- [Flourishing in the New Normal](#)
- [Acceleration Matrix: Volunteering for the SDGs](#)
- [Global Synthesis Report on the Plan of Action to Integrate Volunteering into the 2030 Agenda](#)
- [Measuring Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda: Toolbox of Principles, Tools and Practices](#)

VISUAL SUMMARY



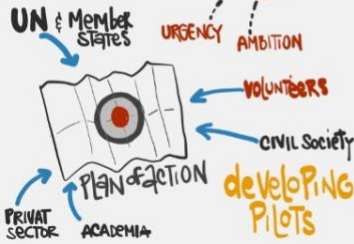


CALL to ACTION



We celebrate the **SPiRiT** of all forms of Volunteering

Helping meet **GOALS & PRINCIPLES** of the **AGENDA 2030**



VISION
going **FURTHER**
going **FASTER**
going **TOGETHER**

objectives
Ownership (for all)
integration
measurement

- Mobilize everyone, everywhere
- DEMAND URGENCY & AMBITION
- SUPERCHARGE IDEAS to SOLUTIONS

INTEGRATED NATIONAL, Sectoral & LOCAL PLANS

Decade of action

