

Submission Guidelines

We welcome submissions from qualified authors from diverse academic and professional fields with a demonstrated expertise on volunteerism, resilience and development.

The *SWVR Blog* aims to provide the international community (policy makers, academia, civil society) with evidence-based insights and analysis on the contribution of volunteerism to peace and development; and drum up interest around the topics and themes of the upcoming State of the World Volunteerism report.

The theme of the 2018 State of the World Volunteerism Report is: “Resilient Communities: the role of volunteerism in a turbulent world”. We are particularly interested in receiving contributions around the topics of:

- Measurement of volunteering
Volunteering within national and thematic models and frameworks: Why measure volunteering? What does it add to our understanding of the world and how to change it? How best to measure it? What else needs to be measured in that particular area?
- Conceptualising and measuring volunteerism within the frame of work of UN agencies, international organisations, governments, etc.
- Links between volunteerism, resilience and the importance of the SWVR
- Current development trends, events and debates (gross national happiness index, better life index, youth development index, etc.)

Prospective authors should adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Style and Format:** The style and tone of your contribution is up to you. We accept contributions in a blog, video or audio (podcast) format.
- **Language:** The submission must be in English (or has English subtitles)
- **Original:** The submission must not have been published elsewhere in any form and in any language, in print or online.
- **Length:** The ideal length of the blog is 800-1,000 words and approximately 2-3 minutes for videos or podcasts.
- **Key messages:** The submission should focus on two or three key messages that are clear, compelling and backed by evidence. Avoid using jargons, acronyms and terms that are too specialized – explain complex issues in everyday language, use visuals to illustrate highly technical data.
- **Citations:** The blogs may contain links to cited data, quotes, speeches, or reports.
- **Photos and graphics:** If you include images in your blog / video, please make sure that you have the right to use the images. Do provide us with the highest possible resolution of the images in either jpg, png or gif format with the copyright information and a detailed caption that describes the action, the location and the individuals featured in the photo.
- **Author bios:** Author bios should be about 50 words long and may include links.

To submit, please first upload your video or podcast on YouTube/Vimeo/Podcast and send the link to unv.swvr@unv.org with the subject “**SWVR Blog contribution**”. We will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution and share an edited version before publishing.