

### Basic facts

The UN was established in 1945 with 51 member states. These are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippine Republic, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia

Nigeria became a member in 1960 after her independence.

The newest member, Republic of South Sudan was admitted in July 2011 after formally seceding from Sudan. Presently there are 193 members.

### Mental Health Day

The World Health Organization (WHO) marking the World Health Mental Day 2017 recommends that Employers and Managers put in place workable initiatives to promote mental health and support those with mental health.

This will prevent a negative working environment, reduce physical and mental health problems, harmful use of substances and alcohol, absenteeism and lost productivity.

WHO also stresses that Mental Health intervention should be delivered as part of an integrated health and well being strategy, that covers prevention, early identification, support and rehabilitation.

### Quiz

- a) What is SDG 2
  - b) What is SDG 3
  - c) What is the full meaning of the acronym WTO
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### To-date Positions

President of the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly  
Miroslav Lajcak ( Slovakia)

President of ECOSOC  
Marie Chatardova (Czech Republic)

President, Human Rights Council  
Mr. Vojislav Suc (Slovenia)



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### Upcoming International Days July - December

#### January – June

##### January

- 27 - International day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

##### February

- 4 - World Cancer Day
- 21 - International Mother Language Day

##### March

- 8 - International Women's day
- 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 25 - World Down Syndrome Day

##### April

- 2 - World Autism Awareness Day
- 7 - World Health Day
- 25 - World Malaria Day
- 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work

##### May

- 3 - World Press Freedom Day
- 15 - International Day of Families
- 29 - International Day of UN Peacekeepers

##### June

- 1 - Global Day of Parents
- 5 - World Environment Day
- 12 - World Day against Child Labour
- 23 - International Widows Day

### Security Council Non Permanent Members

2017-2018	2018-2019
Bolivia	Cote D'Ivoire
Ethiopia	Equatorial Guinea
Netherlands	Kuwait
Kazakhstan	Peru
Sweden	Poland

In a press release, the Director General of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Ms Irina Bokova, stated that "Education is a shared responsibility between government, schools, teachers, parents and private actors. Accountability for these responsibilities defines the way teachers teach, students learn and government acts. It must be designed with care and with the principles of equity, inclusion and quality in mind"

#### Answers to Quiz

- a) End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and sustainable agriculture
- b) Ensure healthy lives and promote well being for all at all ages World Trade Organization

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