



## **WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**

World Science Day for Peace and Development on November 10th highlights the impact that science has on our society and our daily lives. When one thinks of science, they probably think of conducting experiments, testing hypotheses, and making predictions about the universe. Science is also about gaining knowledge about the world we live in.

The three primary goals of science consist of describing, predicting, and explaining. When we can describe, predict, and explain things, it helps to improve the world around us. This is why the United Nations believes that scientists play such an essential role in helping us to understand our planet better. Increased understanding allows us to make better choices. It provides the necessary tools to make our societies more sustainable and even more peaceful.

Development include:

- Strengthening public awareness on the role of science
- Promoting solidarity for shared science between countries
- Renewing commitment to the use of science to benefit societies
- Drawing attention to challenges faced by science

Despite the significant progress made in the field of science, much disparity still exists throughout the world. This disparity is especially evident in developing countries where there is limited access to science, technology, and innovation (STI). This lack of access makes it challenging for people in these countries to enjoy the benefits of STI.

During the observance, scientific leaders promote ideas for closing these gaps. It is also their desire to make scientific research and data available to all.

#### **HOW TO OBSERVE #ScienceDayForPeaceAndDevelopment**

UNESCO highly encourages individuals, organizations, research institutions, professional associations, science teachers, and the media to organize activities and events for this day.

Here are some ways to participate:

- Incorporate the four primary objectives for this day into official speeches
- Organize classroom discussions on the role of science in your life
- Visit local schools to speak about careers in science
- Deliver scientific presentations and demonstrations to young people
- Arrange visits to your local science museum
- Discuss with others some of the most important scientific discoveries in history
- Share your thoughts on how science can help bring about worldwide peace and stability



#ScienceDayForPeaceAndDevelopment or #WSDPD

## **WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT HISTORY**

A World Science Day for Peace and Development was initially proposed in 1999 at the World's Scientific Conference in Budapest. In 2001, [UNESCO](#) made the official proclamation for WSDPD. The first-ever World Science Day for Peace and Development was held on November 10th, 2002. Since then, this day has helped to generate projects, programs, and funding for science around the world. Recent themes include:

- 2019: Open science, leave no one behind.
- 2018: Science: a human right.
- 2017: Science for global understanding.
- 2016: Celebrating science centers and science museums.