

**23.12.2015 – Did you know that the name “United Nations” was coined by United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt? Serving humanity since October 24, 1945, the United Nations has been present throughout history’s most intimate moments.**



Due to the powers vested in its Charter and its unique international character, the United Nations can take action on the issues confronting humanity in the 21st century, such as peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian and health emergencies, gender equality, governance, food production, and more.

This year marked the Organization’s 70th anniversary, as well as many epic moments for the world’s largest peacekeeping body, such as the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and COP21.

## **The Sustainable Development Goals**

September 25 marked the momentous day the Sustainable Development Goals were officially adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. The SDGs, unanimously adopted by the UN’s 193 Member States at this historic summit, address the needs of people in both developed and developing countries, emphasizing that no one should be left behind. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda heralds a new era of global solidarity for promoting prosperity, equal opportunity, and environmental stewardship.



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Photo of the Grand Place in Brussels, Belgium, taken during the 2015 New Year's Eve celebrations.



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (center) and other UN leaders celebrate the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the High Level Political Forum on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, in Paris, France, 28 September 2015. UN Photo/Markus Schloker



Knin, Croatia, 28 August 1992  
A member of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) of the Kenyan Battalion plays with a Croatian child in a predominantly Serbian village near Knin. UN Photo/John Isaac



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