



### **14.01.2016 - The United Nations holds an unmatched database of the world's recent history.**

In 2015, the [Office of Information and Communications Technology](#) (OICT) launched Unite Ideas (@UN\_UniteIdeas), a crowdsourcing platform for open source technology solutions, to find new ways to turn this data into knowledge.

Through a series of data innovation challenges Unite Ideas invites academia, civil society, the private sector, and the public to develop solutions that will help the UN visualize new patterns in complex datasets. The challenges will provide help to UN personnel to automate the parsing of hundreds of pages of publications worldwide and to spot the latest research trends on sustainable development.

Ms. Atefeh Riazi, Chief Information Technology Officer, said of the Unite Ideas platform that it "invites the global community of data scientists to partner with the UN to harness the power of data analytics and visualization to uncover new knowledge about UN related topics."

The current #LinksSDGs challenge invites participants to use skills to build an automated tool that extracts from a set of UN publications all the messages that relate to the relationships between urban development (SDG 11), and all the other [Sustainable Development Goals](#) areas, and then visualize the results.

The deadline for this challenge is 20 January.

The winning solution will be announced on 15 February 2016. The best solution or solutions will

be showcased on the UNDSO website and on the Unite Ideas website, and may be referenced in the 2016 Global Sustainable Development Report.

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