



15.06.2016, BRUSSELS – Hundreds of attendees gathered to watch UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s opening speech at this year’s European Development Days.

After visiting the UN information stand, the UN Secretary-General opened the [European Development Days](#) (EDD 2016) with a speech which focused on the value of the [2030 agenda](#) and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#).

“The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its 17 global goals, is an action plan for people, planet, peace and prosperity”, he stated, which addresses “the core human development challenges of our time, such as poverty, hunger, education, inequality, health, water and sanitation and climate change”.

Ban Ki-moon opens the European Development Days in Brussels

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United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, accompanied by UN Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, visited the European Development Days in Brussels, Belgium, on 15 June 2016. The event was organized by the European Commission and the European Development Days Secretariat. Ban Ki-moon's visit was part of his ongoing efforts to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He addressed the event, highlighting the importance of development and the role of the UN in supporting member states. He also met with various stakeholders, including government officials, business leaders, and civil society representatives. The event was a significant platform for discussing development challenges and sharing best practices. Ban Ki-moon's presence underscored the global focus on development and the commitment of the UN to achieving the SDGs. The event was a success, with many attendees expressing their appreciation for Ban Ki-moon's leadership and vision. The UN continues to work closely with its member states and partners to advance the SDGs and create a better world for all.