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**UN Day 2014 Observance  
Theme: Global Citizenship and Youth**

**Introduction**

This UN Day marks the 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. This momentous occasion comes at a time when the UN has never done more to promote peace and usher in prosperity. Today, the UN is operating across the globe and around the clock to address conflict through its Peacekeeping Operations, preserve the health and lives of citizens from deadly health outbreaks such as Ebola, promote the rights of women and girls, and fight for the protection of the environment.

**UN Day Theme**

This year the UN's theme for United Nations Day is **Global Citizenship and Youth**. Under this broad title, there are many possibilities for issues and topics to address and events and activities to organize. We encourage you to think of ways to include youth into all programming and facilitate interactive avenues for participants to join a global conversation on the UN and pressing world issues:

**10 Facts about the United Nations**

- Provides food to 90 million people in 80 countries.
- Vaccinates 58 per cent of the world's children, saving 3 million lives a year.
- Assists over 38.7 million refugees and people fleeing war, famine or persecution.
- Works with 193 countries to combat climate change and make development sustainable.
- Keeps peace with 120,000 peacekeepers in 16 operations on 4 continents.
- Fights poverty, helping improve the health and well-being of 420 million rural poor.
- Protects and promotes human rights on site and through some 80 treaties/declarations.
- Mobilizes USD 22 billion in humanitarian aid to help people affected by emergencies.
- Uses diplomacy to prevent conflict: assists some 60 countries a year with their elections.
- Promotes maternal health, saving the lives of 30 million women a year.