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More Indigenous Doctors Aim To Close Australia's Health Gap



By Neena Bhandari

SYDNEY (IDN) - Vinka Barunga was born in the Worrara tribe of the Mowanjurn Aboriginal community in the remote town of Derby in Western Australia. As a child, she witnessed disease and suicide amongst her people, which made her resolve to one day become a doctor and help break this cycle of suffering. She is one of six, the largest

cohort of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students, to graduate in Medicine/Surgery from the University of Western Australia this year.

Australia has fewer than 300 Aboriginal doctors, but things are gradually changing. Vinka is determined to be the first full time doctor in the town of her birth, situated around 2,400 kilometres north of the state capital Perth in the Kimberley region. It is the gateway to the state's resource rich north, surrounded by mudflats on three sides, with two distinct seasons. (P38) [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#) | [KOREAN TEXT VERSION PDF](#)

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SDGs in Asia Risk Hijacking by Western Activists



By Kalinga Seneviratne

BANGKOK (IDN) – Early December three UN agencies [UNDP](#), [UNESCO](#) and [UNFPA](#) organized a three-day youth mobilizing program at the [UNESCAP](#) building here called 'Case for Space' (C4S) touted as a campaign led by over 60 partners in the region to raise awareness and advocate for the promotion of [Sustainable Development](#)

[Goals \(SDGs\)](#) in the Asia-Pacific region.

Yet, it was dominated by mainly European and American speakers and consultants, with the project being led by a UK-based activist group [Restless Development](#), which made many participants from the region to wonder whether the SDG agenda is being hijacked by westerner activists. (P37) [JAPANESE](#)

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Morocco Hosts the World's largest Solar Plant



By Fabíola Ortiz

MARRAKECH (IDN) - The ambitious Moroccan plan for harnessing heat coming from the sun in the Sahara desert and turning it into electricity has drawn international attention, also during the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP22), held in Marrakech, between November 7-18.

Two hundred kilometres Northeast drive from the COP22 venue lies the 450 hectares Noor solar complex. When it starts fully operating in 2018, it will power over one million households and curb 760,000 tons per year of greenhouse gas emissions.

The whole Moroccan capital city Rabat fits in this power station said to be the world's largest solar plant compared to the size of the European city of Barcelona. Noor is located at the desert town of Ouarzazate surrounded by the Atlas mountain range and its Berber villages. Named as the gate to the desert, Ouarzazate has also become the gate to tapping the solar energy. (P36)

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Children and Women Main Human Trafficking Targets, Says UN



By Jaya Ramachandran

BERLIN | VIENNA (IDN) – Almost a third of all humans traded around the world for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labour, or commercial sexual exploitation are children, and women and girls comprise 71 per cent of the victims of "human trafficking", according to a new [report](#) by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The [2016 UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#) is the third of its kind mandated by the General Assembly through the 2010 United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

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Between Tackling Fragility and Financing Development



By Robert Kibet

NAIROBI (IDN) – Providing financial resources to the more developed among the developing countries is a very difficult bias to overcome, according to Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the [Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development](#) (OECD).

Gurria was speaking to IDN during the Second High-Level Meeting of the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#) (GPEDC) which ran from November 28 to December 1 in the Kenyan capital.

“There is a problem with the flows of money that include aid,” said Gurria. “Who’s better to spend it? A country like Kenya that has expertise and larger companies or a country that is very poor and underdeveloped? Those countries with a higher level of GDP per capita tend to attract more because they can have large projects and a greater spending capacity.”

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More Women Should be Given Senior Posts at the UN



By Erol Avdovic

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UNITED NATIONS (IDN-INPS) - Ambassador [Anwarul Chowdhury](#) is a well-recognized analyst of the United Nations and for many years the champion for sustainable peace and development. He is a former Under-Secretary-General (USG) and High Representative of the UN. Chaowdhury was Chairman of the UN General Assembly’s Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee in 1997-1998, approving UN Secretary-General [Kofi Annan](#)’s first reform budget.

Among other important UN duties, like being Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to UN (1996-2001), he was an Initiator of Security Council resolution 1325 underscoring women’s equality.

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UN Forum Calls for Closing ‘Digital Divide’ for 4 Billion



By J Nastranis

NEW YORK (IDN) - The United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) has underlined the urgency to bridge socio-economic inequalities that impact access to or use of information and communication technologies and called for concerted actions to ensure that all people in all countries are able to reap the benefits of the Internet.

According to figures released at the 11th annual IGF in Jalisco, Mexico, the current "digital divide" is adversely affecting some four billion people or two out of three households in developing countries that simply do not have access to Internet.

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Indian Business Makes Common Cause with UN Women



MUMBAI (IDN | [UN Women](#)) - Unveiling a new partnership, UN Women and the [IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry \(IMC\)](#) organized (on December 6) a high-level



event to underline the critical link between women's economic empowerment and ending violence against women, and the need for urgent and adequate investment in the twin themes.

UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka on a visit to India was the Chief Guest at the conference titled "WeUNiTE: Investing in Planet 50-50". Private sector leaders, UN officials, gender experts and activists explored how skill development, entrepreneurship and innovation could help achieve gender equality and women's economic empowerment.

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Lesotho King Appointed UN Special Ambassador for Nutrition



By Ronald Joshua

ROME (IDN) - King Letsie III of Lesotho has been appointed as Special Ambassador of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for Nutrition. The Organization's Director-General, José Graziano da Silva, made the announcement at the high-level [International Symposium on Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy](#)

[Diets and Improved Nutrition](#) December 1-2, 21016.

The Symposium was held to explore country-level challenges and successes in the nutritional reshaping of food production, processing, marketing and retail systems. Malnutrition – including obesity and micronutrient deficiencies – blights the lives of billions of individuals and can trap generations in a vicious cycle of poverty.

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UNIDO Assisting in Sustainable Industrial Development



By Julia Rainer

VIENNA (IDN) - The need for inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) and the role of industrialization as a driver for development drew the focus of attention

as the United Nations Industrial Development Organization ([UNIDO](#)) celebrated its 50th anniversary in November.

ISID was decided as the new mandate of UNIDO by its member states in 2013. Since then, UNIDO has been striving to translate it into practice through the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP).

According to UNIDO, the PCP is not a static template, but a custom-built partnership formula with each beneficiary country maintaining ownership of the complete process by defining its needs and required support, and finally ensuring the success of its delivery.

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