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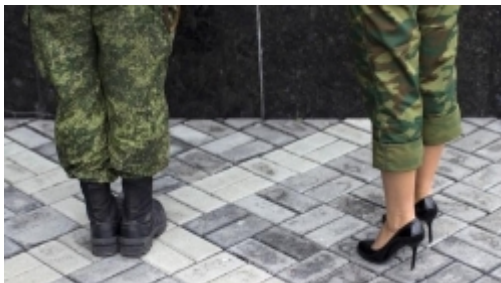
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Bring Women at the Peace Table, Build from the Grassroots to the Tree Tops



“Some people change when they see the light; others when they feel the heat”. – Caroline Schoeder, former U.S. Congress member

Viewpoint by Rene Wadlow, President,
[Association of World Citizens](#)

GENEVA (IDN) – The UN Security Council

Resolution 1325 of 2000 is a commitment to work resolutely toward greater protection of women and girls in conflict zones, to appoint more women in UN peacekeeping operations and ensuring that women would increasingly become more active participants in decision-making processes, especially at “peace table” negotiations.

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New Technique Converts Plastic Waste into High-Quality Plastic



By J W Jackie

RENO, Nevada, USA (IDN) – Every year, around eight million tons of plastic makes its way to our oceans, with the yearly input expected to double by the year 2025. The problem is most visible in developing nations (where garbage collection and recycling systems are inexistent or sub-par) but developed nations also often have low

recycling rates, and the ‘throwaway culture’ [is endangering the lives](#) of countless marine species.

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[UN Chief Hails Grand Design for the 75th Anniversary](#)



By J Nastranis

NEW YORK (IDN) – In the midst of multiple crises compounded by paucity of funds threatening the very functioning of the United Nations, Secretary-General António Guterres has announced plans emphasizing the vital significance of the world body. Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, he said, will feature a large and inclusive global conversation on the role of global cooperation in building the future we want. (P17) [CHINESE](#) | [HINDI](#) | [JAPANESE TEXT VERSION PDF](#) | [SPANISH](#)

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Liberia To Lift the Poorest Out of Poverty With \$100 In Cash



By Lisa Vives, Global Information Network

NEW YORK (IDN) – Thousands of Liberia's poorest citizens will be getting an early Christmas gift of \$100 this year as part of a five-year project which the government hopes will shrink chronic poverty and eliminate hunger.

Authorities at the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection say they have started to disburse “social cash” to the extremely poor and food insecure citizens in two counties. The money comes from the nation’s Social Safety Nets Project funded by the UN Development Program ([UNDP](#)).

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Smallholder Farmers in Africa Get Lifeline from EU



By Jeffrey Moyo

MUREHWA, Zimbabwe (IDN) – Year after year since 2015, 56-year old Hapias Zindove has delivered hundreds of tonnes of soya beans to Zimbabwe’s Grain Marketing Board (GMB). With proceeds from soya beans, he – the father of seven children – has managed to send four of them to universities. “I have risen from being a mere hands-to-mouth farmer to a big supplier of soya beans even to the GMB and big supermarkets in the country,” Zindove tells IDN in a ‘rags-to-riches story’, as he rides on success in his farming endeavors.

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Burgeoning Urban Population Will Decide the Future of Africa



Viewpoint by Henrik Maihack *

NAIROBI (IDN-INPS) – In the next 25 years, Africa’s urban population is set to double. By 2040, the majority of Africans will be living in cities. There are numerous reasons for this: climate change, violent conflicts and the hope of finding work or education, although this list could easily be extended. Urbanisation thus constitutes one of the greatest transformations facing Africa in the 21st century.

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Breaking New Ground in the Fight Against Air Pollution



By Jaya Ramachandran

GENEVA (IDN) – Air pollution is by far the world’s largest single environmental health risk and a leading cause of death by cancer. It kills 7 million people every year, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Closely linked to climate change, air pollution is a major cause of environmental degradation. It is also threatening almost

two-thirds of Europe’s [ecosystems](#). This makes air pollution a critical barrier for sustainable development.

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UN Focuses on Rural Women’s Role in Ensuring Food Security



By Santo D. Banerjee

NEW YORK (IDN) – Since the first [International Day of Rural Women](#) was observed on October 15, 2008, there is agreement that rural women and girls, including indigenous women, play a critical role in enhancing agricultural and rural

development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty. (P16)

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Costa Rica Triggers Climate Ambition towards COP25 in Chile



By Santo D. Banerjee

NEW YORK | SAN JOSÉ, Costa Rica (IDN) — On the road towards the 25th Conference of the Parties (COP25) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change (UNFCCC), to be held in Santiago, Chile, from December 2 to 13, delegates have called for “more climate ambition”.

The three-day preparatory conference – PreCOP25 – concluded in San José on October 10 emphasizing climate finance and the gender agenda as transformational focus areas of climate solutions.

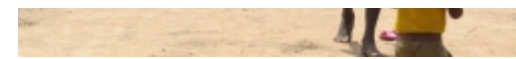
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Tanzania’s Hadzabe Win Climate Change Award



By Kizito Makoye

MANYARA, Tanzania (IDN) – At the heart of the Yaeda valley, which sprawls across a wide expanse of plains in Tanzania’s northern Manyara region, live the Hadzabe – a 40,000-year-old tribe who live in the bush. Their livelihoods still depend on



nunting and gathering wild fruits, and for many years now, they have shown a great

ability in surviving on a few dwindling resources.

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The Culture of Peace Begins with Each One of Us



Viewpoint by Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury *

The writer is the founder of The Global Movement for The Culture of Peace (GMCoP), former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations.

ALISO VIEJO, California, USA (IDN-INPS)

– My life’s experience has taught me to value peace and equality as the essential components of our existence. They unleash the positive forces of good that are so needed for human progress. Peace is integral to human existence — in everything we do, in everything we say, and in every thought, we have, there is a place for peace. We should not isolate peace as something separate. It is important to realize that the absence of peace takes away the opportunities that we need to better ourselves, to prepare ourselves, to empower ourselves to face the challenges of our lives, individually and collectively.

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World Bank's Cash Handouts Lift Tanzanians from Poverty



By Kizito Makoye

KILOSA, Tanzania (IDN) – Hidaya Juma looks gaunt and weary. Her sun-parched skin and tattered clothes tell it all. She is poor.

Juma, a 43-year-old single mother of four, who lives in Kisanga village, Kilosa district, in Tanzania’s eastern Morogoro region, lives

in a mud-walled house that is prone to flooding.

Her 19-year-old daughter Zubeda shares a dusty bedroom with two siblings. Juma sleeps in the other room with two of her children, aged nine and six.

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2015 Agenda 2030 Off-Track



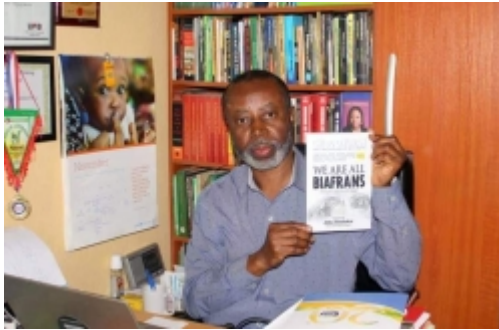
Viewpoint by Carlos Correa

The following is statement by Dr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director of the [South Centre](#) at the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 26 September 2019.

NEW YORK (IDN-INPS) – Four years after its adoption, [Agenda 2030](#), “Transforming Our World,” the United Nations’ (UN) most recent and most ambitious development agenda, is off-track.

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Advocates for Biafra and Journalists Against Corruption Face Gov't Crackdown



By Lisa Vives, Global Information Network

NEW YORK (IDN) - The war may be over in a place called Biafra – a region of states in the southern part of Nigeria – but it remains a flashpoint for ethnic tensions that simmer just below the surface.

This September, the leader of the [Indigenous People of Biafra \(IPOB\)](#), announced a meeting with world leaders at the United Nations to present the grievances of the Igbo community, including unfair treatment by successive governments.

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An 'Arduous Journey' Toward the Culture of Peace and Beyond



By Ramesh Jaura

BERLIN | NEW YORK (IDN) – “Let’s Build a Culture of Peace,” exhorted Nobel Peace laureates in an urgent call to “all countries and organizations of the world, their leaders

and citizens“, at the [17th World Summit](#) in Mérida, the capital of the Mexican state of Yucatán.

“In the midst of the current challenges of war, fear, racism, intolerance, and populist nationalism, today more than ever it is necessary to promote a Culture of Peace that follows tolerance and respect for diversity as a fundamental principle of coexistence among human beings and nations,” they declared.

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Empowerment A Solution for Inequality in Rural Morocco



By Victoria Burns and Lailah Said

MARRAKECH (IDN) – The practice of empowerment has the potential to be the key to reducing the negative impacts of alienation and inequality among women in rural regions of Morocco.

[High Atlas Foundation](#) trainer Ibtissam Niri facilitates an IMAGINE empowerment workshop among girls and women in the Agerzrane village.

“We do not speak in front of others because we are ignorant and uneducated.”

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