

ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF UNA VOLUNTEERS

RESOLUTION

The 44th Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Associations,

Acknowledging the work and contributions of UNA volunteers worldwide to the UN SDGs on the occasion of WFUNA's 80th founding anniversary and the UN International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development 2026,

Recalling that the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2026 as the International Year of Sustainable Development under Resolution A/RES/78/127,

Noting that the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) will be celebrating its 80th founding anniversary in 2026,

Acknowledging that the work of United Nations Associations worldwide is managed and actively participated in by volunteers,

Recognizing that the UN Charter starts with the words "We the Peoples," referring to all inhabitants of the world who helped strengthen and found the UN, with much of this participation carried out by volunteers,

Recognizing the crucial role volunteers play in the attainment of UN SDGs during the 44th Plenary Assembly of WFUNA in Geneva, Switzerland, and highlighting their contributions,

Encourages member UNAs, civil society, government organizations, academia, and all stakeholders to integrate grassroots volunteerism into national development plans, remove barriers for marginalized groups, and formally measure the impact of both formal and informal volunteering;

1. Urges all organizations to recognize the importance of volunteers in nation-building toward world peace, where justice, human dignity, and equality allow everyone to flourish free from fear;
2. Recommends to the UN member countries and the United Nations Volunteers Secretariat that they look into a unified Charter of Principles for all civic volunteers, and to further establish a link with the United Nations Volunteers programme;
3. Recognizes that UN SDG acceleration and attainment can only be achieved by the active participation of all volunteers across society;
4. Acknowledges the work of volunteers of all UNAs and all organizations who devoted their talent, time, and treasure to the attainment of UN SDGs.



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