



MESSAGE OF THE UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, 5 JUNE 2022

Fifty years ago, in 1972, international policy on the environment succeeded in achieving a clear collective direction by organizing the Conference on the Human Environment (the Stockholm Conference), following which, in the same year, on December 15 (coinciding with Zamenhof Day, which is also the Day of the Esperanto Book and Esperanto Culture), the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/2994 (XXVII) declaring June 5 World Environment Day. The resolution called on governments and organizations to undertake annually on that day worldwide activities reasserting concern for the conservation and restoration of the environment, with the goal of deepening ecological awareness in the minds of all people.

This day should help to emphasize that protection, health, restoration and sustainable support for the environment are important in guaranteeing the diversity of our planet both because of their direct influence on the well-being of its peoples and for worldwide economic development. The day provides us all with an occasion to educate ourselves and others on the topic and to call on individuals and groups to exercise responsible collective behaviour to conserve and restore nature on our planet.

The Universal Esperanto Association (UEA), through its worldwide network of collaborating individuals and organizations covering tens of thousands of people in over 130 countries and territories, strives in various ways to achieve the goals of this day. Particularly notable is the publication in Esperanto of a guide to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals ([Gvidilo pri la 17 Celoj por Daŭripova Evoluigo](#)), and the [activities](#) of the Association of Green Esperantists ([AVE](#)); collaboration with the World Esperanto Youth Organization ([TEJO](#)), which has revised its constitution to add sustainability as one of the organization's goals; the establishment of the Climate Foundation ([Fondaĵo Klimato](#)); and the campaign for the worldwide planting of trees ([Tutmonda Arbo-Plantado](#) TAP), whose goal is to plant over 1000 trees on all continents between now and 2030, in cooperation with the UN's 2030 Agenda. In 2022 the campaign is working closely with the Association of Esperantist Agriculturalists (ATE) to plant fruit trees in Benin, with the goal of not only capturing carbon but also of supporting local economic development. For this purpose TAP is collecting donations by way of Fondaĵo Klimato. So far, 700 trees have been planted under the auspices of TAP.

UEA is firmly of the belief that international cooperation and solidarity, based on respect for diversity and communication with people through local native languages plus a neutral international language like Esperanto, is one of the foundations for the flowering of education for ecological awareness – and the re-flowering and conservation of the nature of our single planet Earth.

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