



United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Division for Social Policy and Development

Call for Contributions from ECOSOC accredited NGOs
Original Articles for UNSDN.org

Theme

Strategies for eradicating poverty and achieving sustainable development for all.

Article Categories

- a. Innovative policies and projects for older people
- b. Innovative policies and projects for persons with disabilities
- c. Innovative employment/income generation policies and projects
- d. Innovative policies and projects for families
- e. Innovative policies and projects for indigenous peoples
- f. Innovative policies and projects for social inclusion
- g. Innovative policies and projects for youth

The [United Nations Social Development Network \(UNSDN\)](#) is a global platform for exchanging knowledge on social development topics. It champions the advancement of social policies and practices that supports an inclusive society. The platform highlights social issues affecting the marginalised communities DSPD serves and aims to raise awareness of programmes and actions by Member States, Academia and Civil Society that aim to improve the quality of life for all persons.

Accepted articles will be featured on the [Stakeholder Engagement](#) page and the homepage of UNSDN.org. This is your *opportunity* to share your work and reach out to the greater social development community.

Deadline

Monday 1 August, 2016, COB

Email submissions as a Word document to: ngo@un.org with '**UNSDN submission**' as the subject line and include which article category or categories (if the policy/project impacts multiple social groups) you are writing about.





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Author Guidelines

Length

- Articles must be **800 words** or less
(This calls for **breavity, clarity, simplicity of language** and **logical organization of material**)

Language

- The UN standard is UK English. British spelling is used (i.e. colour, labour, programme);
- Use UN terminology where appropriate (<http://unterm.un.org>);

Format and Style

- **Purpose** or **main idea** of the article should be indicated by the title;
- Paragraphs should not be numbered;
- Avoid abbreviations, acronyms, and footnotes;
- Ensure accuracy of data;
- Avoid criticism of any UN Member State, Government leader/s or any group or persons/countries/organizations;
- Use headings to guide readers;
- Articles **must** include the following:
 - a. An outline of the innovative policy/practice/strategy the number of the Sustainable Development Goal(s) implemented;
 - b. How and why it eradicated poverty in the community;
 - c. A human interest story describing how the policy/project impacted an individual's life;
 - d. Lessons learned and recommendations for the future.
- **Optional:** Inclusion of links for readers to find more information about the policy/project.

Photo/Image

- Contributors should also include a *hi-resolution photo or image* from their NGO/project related to the article. This photo or image should be associated with the content of the article and must be an originally created photo. Please include the phot credit to acknowledge the organisation and/or name of the photographer.
- Photos and images for use can also be found at unmultimedia.org/photo or from UN-affiliated flickr.com accounts. Photos or images that you would like to use that are not originally created by your organisation or by the UN must adhere to [Creative Commons licensing](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/).
- Please include a short caption to include with your photo.

Note: All articles will be reviewed, and approved for posting *only if they adhere to the above guidelines*. DSPD will post approved articles periodically throughout the year based on content.

For an example of an original UNSDN contribution see: [Speaking for ourselves: how innovative research is breaking barriers](#)

