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African Proverb of the Week

"The strength of a fish is in the water."

(Shona, Mozambique)



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July 2020

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2020

July 15 World Youth Skills Day

World Youth Skills Day 2020 will take place in a challenging context. The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown measures have led to the worldwide closure of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, threatening the continuity of skills development. It is estimated that nearly 70% of the world's learners are affected by school closures across education levels currently. Respondents to a survey of TVET institutions, jointly collected by UNESCO, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank,

reported that distance training has become the most common way of imparting skills, with considerable difficulties regarding, among others, curricula adaptation, trainee and trainer preparedness, connectivity, or assessment and certification processes.

July 18 Nelson Mandela Day

November 2009 - in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom, UN General Assembly declares July 18 "Nelson Mandela International Day." Resolution A/RES/64/13 recognizes Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity in: conflict resolution; race relations; promotion and protection of human rights; reconciliation; gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups; the fight against poverty; the promotion of social justice. The resolution acknowledges his contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.

July 30 International Day of Friendship

Our world faces many challenges, crises and forces of division - such as poverty, violence, and human rights abuses - among many others - that undermine peace, security, development, and social harmony among the world's peoples. To confront those crises and challenges, their root causes must be addressed by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity that takes many forms - the simplest of which is friendship. Through friendship - by accumulating bonds of camaraderie and developing strong ties of trust - we can contribute to the fundamental shifts that are urgently needed to achieve lasting stability, weave a safety net that will protect us all, and generate passion for a better world where all are united for the greater good.

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