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CIFAL Flanders is the Antwerp-based UNITAR affiliated international training centre on peace, human rights and sustainable development, with focus on the implementation of the [Agenda 2030](#) (SDGs), the [New Urban Agenda](#), the [Paris Agreement](#) (COP21), the [Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact](#) and the [UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights](#).

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Executive Director UNITAR Nikhil Seth keynote at celebration United Nations Day in Brussels

On 24 October, in the context of [G-STIC](#), Nikhil Seth, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of United Nations Institute for Training and Research, opened the United Nations Day colloquium and marketplace, a joint initiative of CIFAL Flanders and [VITO](#) and with support of [UNRIC](#) and Brussels Airport.

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CIFAL Flanders' methodology presented at annual CIFAL Global Network directors meeting in Geneva

Last week, Peter Wollaert presented the CIFAL Flanders' Action Learning Methodology for implementing Agenda 2030 in subnational and local authorities at the XIV CIFAL Global Network Steering Committee at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva.

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What is the progress of Belgium in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?

A study, commissioned by the Federal Institute for Sustainable Development (FIDO), charts the evolution of the sustainable development goals for 2030 and indicates the important points of action.

» [Read the full study](#)



Mayors and governors from around the world adopted the Mechelen Declaration on Cities and Migration

The conference aimed at helping to build a more positive narrative on migration from the perspective of local and regional authorities, recognizing that people migrate mainly to cities, as reflected and embedded in the process of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). Read the full article [here](#).

» [Read the Mechelen Declaration](#)



UNITAR newsletter latest edition is out!

The theme of this edition is "Innovation in Learning: virtual reality and other innovative approach to learning". UNITAR highlights various programmes' innovative approaches to learning.

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Belgium provides an extra 7 million euro for Least Developed Countries Fund

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation Alexander De Croo decided to make available an additional grant of 7 million EUR for the Least Developed Countries Fund. This way, Belgium wants to help the most vulnerable countries to become more resilient against the impact of climate change.

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New United Nations Systems Chart

In recent years, a lot of (structural) changes have happened within the UN. That is why it was necessary to issue a new system chart with an overview of all UN bodies and their interconnections. Please find the English and Dutch version on our website.

» [Download the charts](#)

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