

ABOUT US

UNESCO Office in Jakarta was established as a field office in 1951. It is the cluster office for Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Timor-Leste as well as the Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. As a cluster office, UNESCO Jakarta covers all areas of UNESCO's competencies in education, natural and human sciences, culture, communication and information.

The Communication and Information Unit implements UNESCO's mandate to foster freedom of expression and to build knowledge societies especially media freedom, the safety of journalists, ending impunity for crimes against journalists, access to information, media information literacy, preservation of documentary heritage, open educational resources, and the innovative use of ICTs.

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COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION



DAYS CELEBRATED BY UNESCO

- 13 Feb [World Radio Day](#)
- 3 May [World Press Freedom Day](#)
- 28 Sep [International Day for Universal Access to Information](#)
- 2 Nov [International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists](#)
- 3 Dec [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- 10 Dec [Human Rights Day UNESCO Awards](#)



UNESCO AWARDS

- [UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize \(est. 1997\)](#)
- [UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities \(est. 2002\)](#)
- [UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize \(est. 2004\)](#)



INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS

- IFAP - [Information for All Programme](#)
- IPDC - [International Programme for the Development of Communications](#)



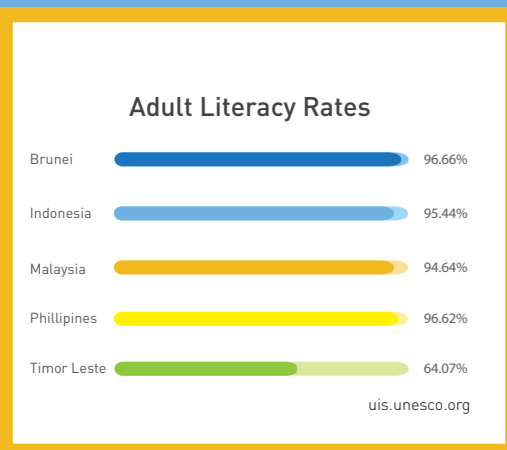
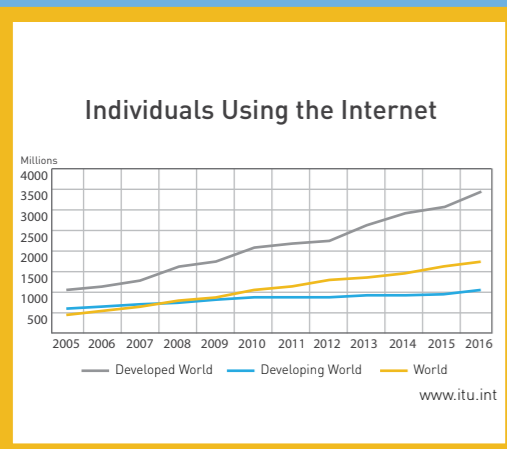
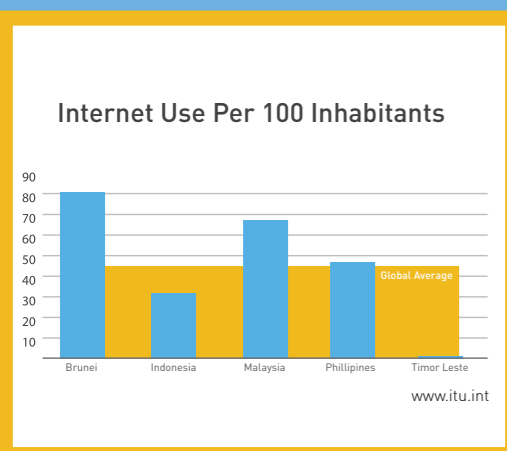
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REPORTING ON SDGS

The SDGs are a set of 17 global goals adopted by the UN in 2015 to guide global and national development policies to 2030. In particular, Goal 16 commits all countries to build effective, accountable, and inclusive societies. UNESCO has been tasked as the Custodian Agency for Indicator 16.10.2 on access to information.



FOSTERING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

UNESCO is the United Nations agency with a specific mandate to promote "the free flow of ideas by word and image". We work to foster free, independent, and pluralistic media in print, broadcast, and online. Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right which contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

UNESCO actively works to ensure the safety of journalists, media workers, and social media producers who engage in journalistic activities. We are the global facilitator for the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity. We work in a multi-stakeholder approach to promote better legislation, protection mechanisms, updating journalism curricula, engaging the judiciary system, and the security forces on these issues.

MEDIA & INFORMATION LITERACY

Media and Information Literacy (MIL) empowers citizens to understand the functions of media and other information providers, to critically evaluate their content, and to make informed decisions as users and producers of information and media content. One focus of UNESCO is the training of teachers to sensitise them to the importance of MIL in the education process, enable them to integrate MIL into their teaching, and provide them with appropriate pedagogical methods, curricula, and resources.

AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

- 13 Feb World Radio Day
- 3 May World Press Freedom Day (WPFJ)
- 28 Sep International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)
- 2 Nov International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists

IPDC

The International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) is the only multilateral forum in the UN system designed to mobilise the international community to discuss and promote media development in developing countries. The Programme provides financial support for media projects and seeks an accord to secure a healthy environment for the growth of free and pluralistic media.

POLICY & REGULATIONS

We work with national authorities to ensure that legislations and policies are in line with international standards in order to ensure a free, independent, and pluralistic media can flourish.

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE SOCIETIES

Knowledge and information have significant impact on people's lives. In particular, ICTs have the power to transform economies and societies. UNESCO works to create inclusive knowledge societies and empower local communities by sharing and increasing access to information and knowledge in UNESCO's domains.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The right to access information held by public bodies is an integral part of fundamental freedoms. This includes empowering people with disabilities. 15% of the world population live with disabilities. However, ICTs have the potential for making significant improvements in the lives of people living with disabilities.

PRESERVING DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE

UNESCO established the Memory of the World programme in 1992. It aims to raise awareness of the growing dangers impacting the preservation of documentary heritage in various parts of the world. The programme includes the MoW Register, which lists documentary heritage based on its world significance and outstanding universal value.

OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES

Open Educational Resources (OERs) are any type of educational materials that are in the public domain or introduced with an open license. The nature of these open materials means that anyone can legally and freely copy, use, adapt and re-share them. OERs range from textbooks to curricula, syllabi, lecture notes, assignments, tests, projects, audio, video and animation.

EMPOWERING TECH-SAVVY YOUTH

By providing young women and men with basic technical skills and the confidence to develop, promote, and sell locally relevant mobile applications, the Youth Mobile initiative aims to create employment opportunities and at the same time create solutions in different fields such as agriculture, health and education. These youth-made innovations can contribute to the fulfillment of the SDGs.

INFORMATION FOR ALL PROGRAMME

The IFAP is an intergovernmental programme through which governments of the world pledge their commitment to harness the new opportunities of the information age to create equitable societies through better access to information.

"Advancing the mutual knowledge and understanding of peoples, through all means of mass communication and... to promote the free flow of ideas by word and image"

- UNESCO Constitution 1945

