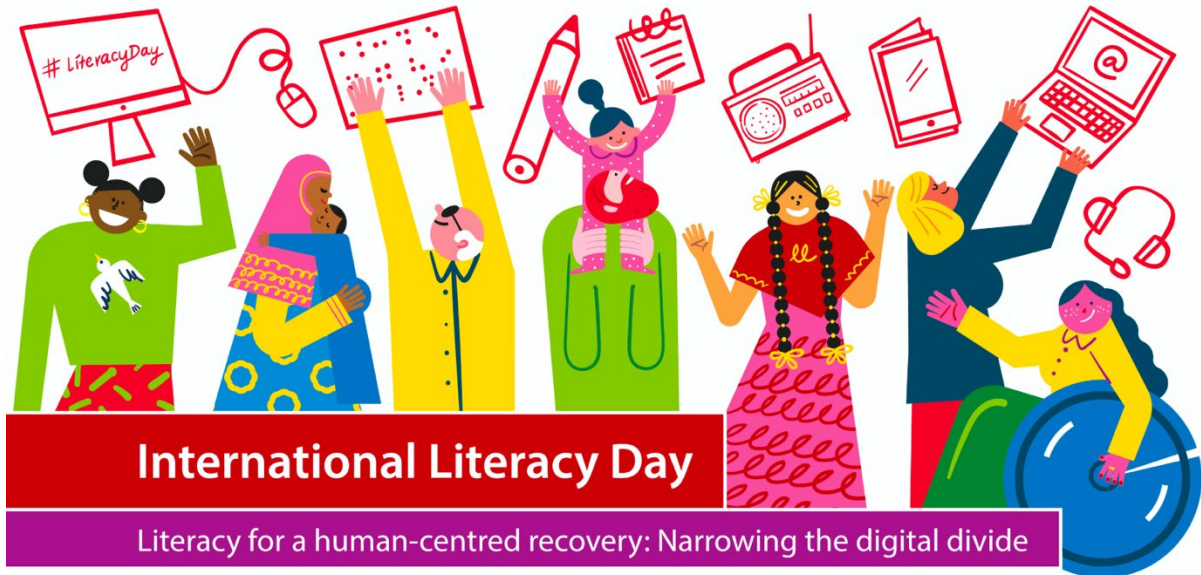


## Celebrations around the world



8 September 2021

Every year on 8 September, International Literacy Day is celebrated around the world to advocate and bring awareness to the importance of promoting literacy and closing the literacy gap. The UNESCO International Literacy Day will feature a selection of events and celebrations that will be taking place around the world on 8 September and beyond for the occasion of the Day.

If you are preparing an event and wish to appear on this list, please fill out the form and send back to UNESCO to [ildcelebrations@unesco.org](mailto:ildcelebrations@unesco.org).

## Bangladesh

### Activity 1:

- **Organized by:** UNESCO Dhaka Office; Bureau of Non-Formal Education of the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh
- **Title of event:** Online webinar on Literacy for a human-centred recovery in Bangladesh
- **Date:** 20 September
- **Language:** English and Bangla
- **Place and time:** Online

- **Short description:** The online webinar will bring together government officials, representatives of development partners, NGOs and the Private Sector, and aims to (a) share good practices in literacy learning and teaching in high-tech, low-tech and no-tech scenarios in the challenging times of Covid-19; (b) explore the interplay between literacy and digital skills and the ways in which digital skills can be meaningfully integrated into literacy programmes; (c) discuss the necessary measures to address literacy learning losses; and (d) build partnerships for establishing a resilient system for the acquisition of literacy and digital skills.

#### Activity 2:

- **Organized by:** UNESCO Dhaka Office; Bureau of Non-Formal Education of the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh
- **Title of event:** Quiz competition on the occasion of International Literacy Day
- **Date:** 10-16 September
- **Language:** English
- **Place and time:**
- **Short description:** On the occasion of International Literacy Day 2021, the UNESCO Dhaka Office is organizing an online quiz competition to raise awareness about the importance of literacy and lifelong learning in Bangladesh and beyond.

## Cambodia

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- **Title of event:** The celebration of International and National Literacy Day
- **Organized by:** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS), in collaboration with UNESCO and NGOs
- **Date:** 8 September
- **Language:** Khmer
- **Place and time:** Online
- **Short description:** Over 100 participants from technical departments of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, concerned Ministries, development partners, NGOs, local authorities and literacy teachers will join the online celebration of International and National Literacy Day. The main idea is to focus on reading and writing skills as well as digital skills as part of today's literacies and explore the potential of technology-enabled literacy programmes. In Cambodia, the MoEYS has decided to highlight the important link between literacy and lifelong learning with the national theme "Literacy is the foundation of lifelong learning".
- **Link to a website for more information:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/moeys.gov.kh/videos/570107987460184>  
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50928341/pm-stresses-literacy-and-lifelong-learning/>  
<https://www.moeys.gov.kh/index.php/kh/non-formal-education.html#.YTbWe50zZPY>

## Cameroon

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- **Title of event:** International Literacy Day 2021
- **Organized by:**
- **Date:** 6-10 September
- **Language:** French
- **Place and time:** Yaoundé
- **Short description:** The national literacy week programme will be dedicated to celebrate the International Literacy Day and bring awareness to the importance of literacy. Radio and TV transmissions, expositions and round table discussions will highlight the theme “Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide”.

## Cuba

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- **Title of event:** International Literacy Day 2021
- **Organized by:** Cuban National Commission for UNESCO, the National Museum of Literacy, the Ministry of Education of Cuba and the UNESCO-Havana Office
- **Date:** 8 September
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Place and time:** Online
- **Short description:** The online conference will be dedicated to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Literacy Campaign.
- **Link to a website for more information:** <https://bit.ly/2YBJher>

## Nepal

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- **Title of event:** Province wise thematic workshop on organisation development of Community Learning Centers; Facilitator’s Elocution and International Literacy Day Event
- **Organized by:** UNESCO Regional Office Kathmandu
- **Date:** 9-10 August; 12-13 August; 16-17 August; 19-20 August; 25-26 August; 1st and 6th September
- **Language:** Nepali
- **Place and time:** Online

- **Short description:** To mark International Literacy Day 2021, UNESCO Kathmandu in collaboration with Shikharapur CLC and CEHRD is organising a series of capacity-building virtual workshops in all the 7 provinces. A total of 5 provincial events on different themes has been organised. Elocution among the CLC facilitators in the theme of CLC development facilitator's role, community development was held on 1 September. A grand event with participants from 7 provinces was held on 6 September with 3 speakers representing each province.

## Somalia

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- **Title of event:** International Literacy Day 2021
- **Organized by:** The Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education of the Federal Government of Somalia jointly with USAID, and UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
- **Date:** 8 September
- **Language:** Somali and English
- **Place and time:** Jazeera Hotel, Mogadishu, Somalia and online, 08:00 – 13:30
- **Short description:** The day will be marked by a panel discussion in two sessions discussing the topics on “Challenges facing the improvement of literacy in Somalia” and “Mobilization of adequate technical and financial support for the promotion of literacy programmes”. Prior to the day of the event, public service announcements on literacy will be broadcasted on radio and TV.
- **Link to a website for more information:**  
Zoom Meeting  
<https://unesco-org.zoom.us/j/93205343162>  
Meeting ID: 932 0534 3162 / Passcode: 318813

## South Africa

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- **Title of event:** Webinar on “Literacy for human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide”
- **Organized by:** Education Sector of the South African National Commission for UNESCO in partnership with Project Literacy, the Departments of Basic Education and Higher Education and Training
- **Date:** 7 September
- **Language:** English
- **Place and time:** Online
- **Short description:** The webinar will provide a platform to discuss opportunities to reinvent the future of literacy teaching and learning, in the context of the pandemic and beyond.
- **Link to a website for more information:** <https://bit.ly/2VsEieY>

## Thailand

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- **Title of event:** Inauguration Ceremony of International Literacy Day 2021
- **Organized by:** Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education, Ministry of Education Thailand
- **Date:** 8 September
- **Language:** Thai and English
- **Place and time:** Online event via Zoom, 13:30-15:45 UTC+7 Bangkok Time
- **Short description:** The Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education (ONIE), Ministry of Education Thailand is organizing the Inauguration Ceremony of International Literacy Day 2021 via Zoom. The ceremony will be presided over by the Deputy Minister of Education, Permanent Secretary for Education, Secretary-General of ONIE, and the Director of UNESCO Bangkok (TBC). The event will be broadcasted live via ONIE's Facebook and ETV television nationwide.
- **Link to a website for more information:** <http://www.nfe.go.th/onie2019/>