Call for Expressions of Interest

Host World Environment Day 2028 or 2029

A global platform for your country's environmental leadership and ambition



World Environment Day
Over 5 decades of global action

Celebrated since 1973, World Environment Day is UNEP's longest-standing and flagship international day, bringing governments, businesses, civil society and millions of people together every year.

Recent campaigns have generated

421M
Social media impressions (2024)

4,000
Events registered (2024)

5.2M
Website visits (2025)

56,000
News articles (2025)

180M
Video views (2026)

3M
Social media engagements (2026)

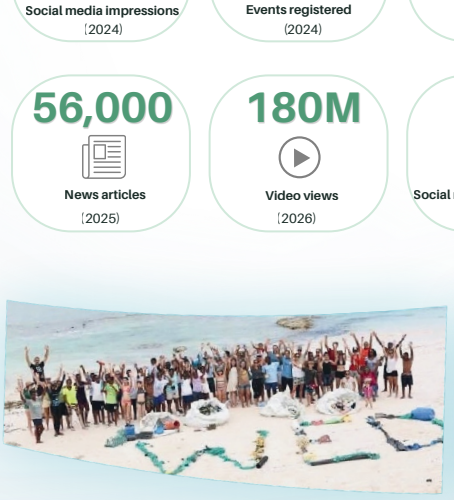
Hosting is an opportunity

Lead: Put your country's environmental priorities on a global stage and demonstrate leadership on an issue of international importance.

Showcase: Bring your innovation, policies, businesses, institutions, cities and communities to a worldwide audience.

Connect: Bring governments, international organizations, business, civil society and young people together around shared priorities.

Reach: Extend your national story through UNEP's multilingual global campaign, media network and digital platforms.







From high-level dialogues to digital storytelling, the host country helps shape the global conversation around the environmental issues that matter most to its people and the world.

Use the platform to showcase progress, launch initiatives, convene partners and build public engagement. Your work becomes part of a global conversation.

Hear from previous hosts

Republic of Azerbaijan | WED 2026

Hosting World Environment Day 2026 gave the Republic of Azerbaijan a powerful platform to showcase our environmental priorities, achievements and initiatives to the world. The Day's global reach carried our messages far beyond Baku, while UNEP's engagement, including Executive Director Inger Andersen's visit, brought greater visibility to our environmental efforts and helped inspire young people to take action. We are proud to have hosted this global celebration and encourage other Member States to seize the opportunity to showcase their progress and inspire action for the planet.

— Rashad Ismayilov, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan, Host of WED 2026

Republic of Korea | WED 2025

Hosting World Environment Day 2025 gave the Republic of Korea a global stage to showcase our environmental priorities and bring partners together around shared challenges. The official events in Jeju welcomed high-level delegations from 19 countries and over 10,000 participants. A ministerial roundtable fostered dialogue on cooperation to end plastic pollution, while the launch of the Action for Circular Economy Initiative highlighted our commitment to a more sustainable future. We are proud to have hosted WED 2025 as a contributor to global efforts to turn ambition into action.

— Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment, Republic of Korea, Host of WED 2025



Role of UNEP and the host country

UNEP brings

- Media, social media channels and live broadcasts reaching audiences worldwide
- Multimedia content that puts your country and leadership in the spotlight
- Senior UNEP participation in your high-level events
- Your country's logo featured across World Environment Day materials

The host country brings

- USD 1.1 million to UNEP in support of the global World Environment Day campaign, including multilingual storytelling, international outreach, partnerships and media coverage
- A national programme of activities around 5 June, from policy dialogue to national events
- Joint hosting is welcome: two or more Member States may submit a joint expression of interest

Ready to host?

Put your country at the centre of a global conversation

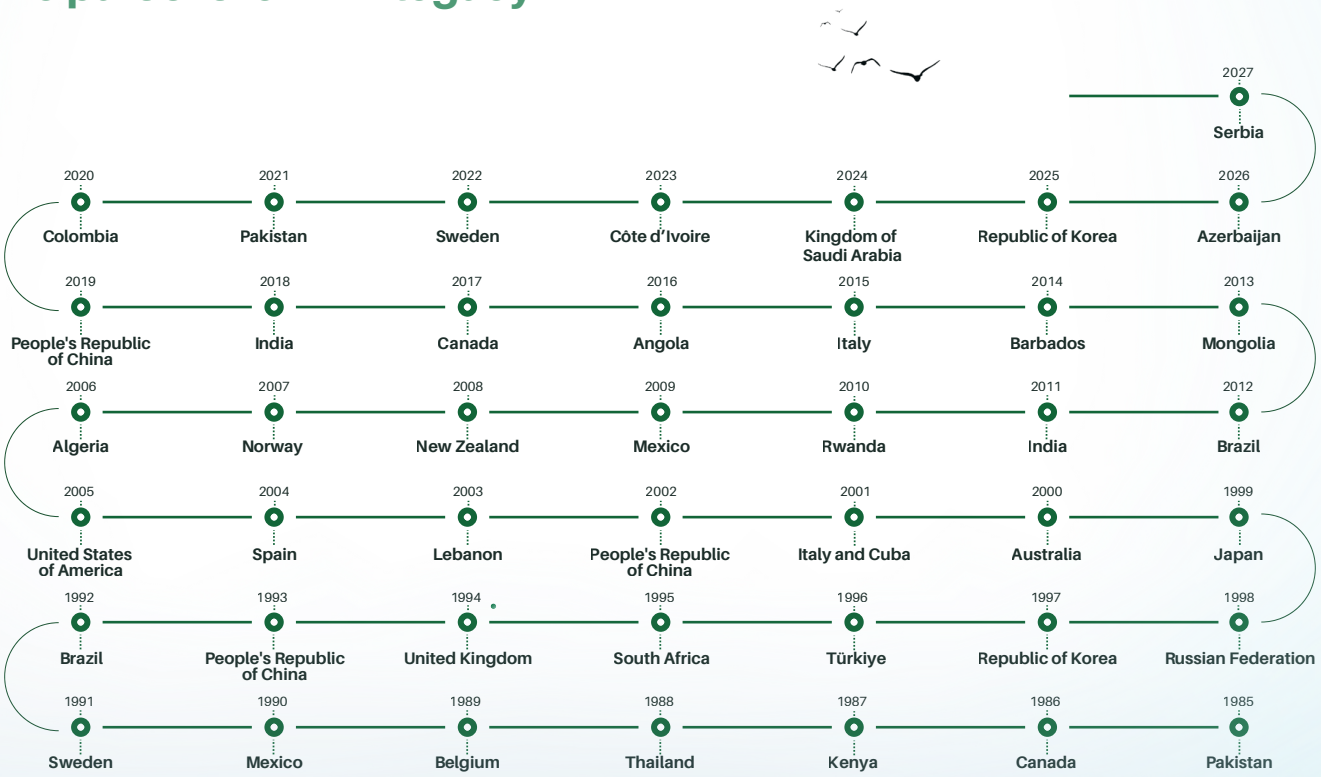
Use World Environment Day to showcase what your country is leading, bring partners together and share your work with the world.

Complete the Expression of Interest form (download here) and submit it by **15 January 2027** to:

Daniel Cooney | UNEP Communication Director
daniel.cooney@un.org

More on recent World Environment Day campaign reports:
2026 | **2025** | **2024** | **2023** | **2022** | **2021**

Be part of the WED legacy



World Environment Day Host Country Expressions of Interest Form

Submit to: Daniel Cooney, UNEP Communication Director
Email: daniel.cooney@un.org | **Deadline:** 15 January 2027

1. Please state the name of the country expressing interest in hosting World Environment Day.

2. Please provide the name and contact information of the ministry or government office submitting the expression of interest.

Ministry / Office: _____

Contact person: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

3. Please indicate your preferred year for hosting World Environment Day.

□ 2028 □ 2029

4. Please briefly describe the suggested theme for World Environment Day. (Examples of past themes are available here.)

5. Please confirm that the Government, as the prospective host country, will provide UNEP with USD 1.1 million in support of the global World Environment Day campaign.

□ Confirmed

Authorized representative: _____

Title: _____