

# INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.  
If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."  
- Nelson Mandela -

## Why do we mark this day?



International Mother Language Day raises awareness of the diverse languages used around the world and fosters multilingualism. UNESCO first declared it in 1999, and the United Nations General Assembly officially recognized it in 2002 with the adoption of a UN resolution on multiculturalism.

The day is observed to help save the hundreds of languages that are on the verge of extinction around the world.

## Questions for Discussion

- Why do we need to protect mother languages?

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- As a global citizen, I pledge to support this day by

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## Meet Today's Global Citizen



**Hanada Taha**

As a teacher and a lover for Arabic language, Dr. Hanada Taha has developed standards to measure text levels in Arabic and upgraded the Arabic language curriculum in many Arab countries. She has contributed much to the development of Arabic language in education and is widely known as the world's most influential Arabic teacher.