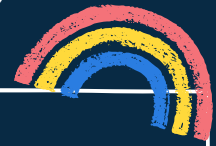




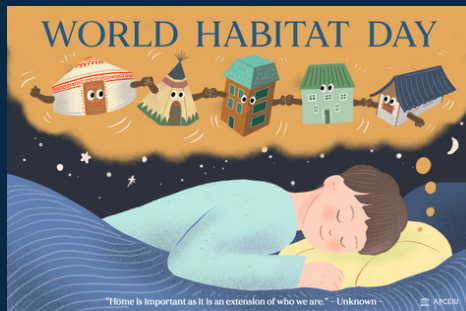
3 OCTOBER

WORLD HABITAT DAY

"Home is important as it is an extension of who we are."
- Unknown -



Why do We Mark This Day?



Have you ever helped homeless people? What does your government do to address their needs in terms of food, healthcare, housing, education, and transportation? According to UN-Habitat (2020), an estimated 1.8 billion people were living in slums and informal settlements. Some 3 billion people experience poor health due to the absence of basic services and exposure to multiple socio-economic and environmental hazards.

This day reminds us that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns. This celebration aims to emphasize the need for better shelter all over the world; prioritize affordable and adequate housing; bring positive national policies regarding human settlement; and increase the awareness worldwide on the shared responsibility for the future generation's habitat. It highlights the importance of reflecting on the basic right to adequate shelter.



Questions for Discussion

- ✓ What is the importance of having sustainable or carbon-neutral cities and towns?
- ✓ Is your community or city sustainable? If so, what makes it sustainable? And if not, how can you contribute to making it more sustainable?
- ✓ Can you think of any ideas that can help to achieve a carbon neutral city?



Meet Today's Global Citizens



Jimmy Carter

He is a former US President, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and the Founder of Habitat for Humanity. He is still actively finding ways to serve his country. Together with his wife, Rosalynn, they have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity since 1984 and have built thousands of homes.



António Guterres

As the UN Secretary-General, he calls on heightened efforts to promote partnerships as well as pro-poor policies and regulations needed to improve housing in cities.

