After the horrors of World War II, the United Nations was created to provide a forum for nations to work out their problems in a peaceful way and to help nations work together to create a better world for all. For more than 60 years since then, the United Nations has shone as humanity’s greatest hope for a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. It has helped to promote human rights, freedom and democracy, erase poverty and hunger, improve health and education, and urge the governments of the world to work together in peace.

However, the UN can only do what governments allow it to do. Across the globe, a people’s movement has been growing to convince governments to help the UN in its goals and to allow the UN to work more closely with civil society in solving the planet’s problems. People’s Assemblies have convened at the UN and in local gatherings around the world.

United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24, commemorating the anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Charter on October 24, 1945. United Nations Day is the perfect opportunity to highlight the important achievements for a better world that the UN has won for all humanity and to support the people’s movements to make it more democratic and effective.

"I am working for a better United Nations. Nothing is perfect. You should never rely on only one source, but rather rely on those you believe in the most.”
— Angelina Jolie

Do One Thing for a Better World

1. Learn more about the United Nations
2. Hold an event in support of the United Nations
3. Support the UN Association and other organizations working for a stronger and more democratic UN

United Nations Support

- Better World Campaign
  (betterworldcampaign.org)
- Citizens for a United Nations People’s Assembly (empowertheun.org)
- United Nations (un.org)
- United Nations Association of the USA (unausa.org)
- World Federation of United Nations Associations (wfuna.org)