

# A night around the world: cultural diversity at UPF

## **Courses, Projects and Sectors of UPF will gather to celebrate cultural diversity**

On June 15th, at FEAC's auditorium lobby, UPF will have a special moment to get together and celebrate the different cultures that are present in our region.

The event is being organized by the students of the seventh level of the Languages Course, by the UPF Mundi School of Languages and by the International Advisory. In addition to these, the Migrant Desk, the Green Office and the Project Education of Ethnic-Racial Relations will also participate.

Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, the proposal is to contribute to the promotion of “peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions in all levels” (<https://iprt.uneca.org/agenda/sdg/overview/16>)

The schedule is still under development, however, it is already confirmed that the languages studied at UPF Mundi will be represented at the event: German, Spanish, French, English, Italian, Japanese, Brazilian Sign Language, Portuguese and heritage languages such as Talian and Polish. In addition to Brazilian students and professors, foreigners and guests, countries such as Argentina, Cape Verde, Benin, Congo, United States, Mexico, Italy, Syria, Sudan, among others to be confirmed, will be represented. To find out how the event was in 2019, visit the link: <https://fb.watch/d43dPzmcNj/>

The event will seek to highlight not only the richness of the cultures that surround our Institution and the entire region, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue in achieving peace and sustainable development. It will be a night to get to know and deepen our understanding of our values and the values of others, in addition to enabling the discussion of human rights and fundamental freedom.

The event's organizing committee highlights the importance of cultural diversity for societies in all countries, as three quarters of the world's biggest conflicts have a cultural dimension. That is why organizations such as UNESCO and the UN emphasize that bridging cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only in terms of economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more satisfying intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. Events of this nature can contribute to raising people's awareness of these aspects. Therefore, cultural diversity can be considered an indispensable asset for poverty reduction and sustainable development.

## **Origin and purpose of the celebration**

In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. Then, in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared May 21st as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development and, in 2015, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development A/C.2/70/L.59, affirming the contribution of culture to the three dimensions of sustainable development, further recognizing the natural and cultural diversity of the world and recognizing that cultures and civilizations can contribute and are crucial enablers of sustainable development.

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