



Week 2: Lesson 2

Theme: UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

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1. What does UN stand for?

United Nations

2. What is the aim of the UN?

The UN Charter sets out four main purposes:

- Maintaining worldwide peace and security
- Developing relations among nations
- Fostering cooperation between nations in order to solve economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian international problems
- Providing a forum for bringing countries together to meet the UN's purposes and goals

3. Where is the head office of the UN?

New York

4. When was the UN established?

History of the United Nations

The predecessor entity to the UN was the League of Nations. The League of Nations was established during WWI in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles (one of the peace treaties adopted at the end of WWI). The League of Nations' goal was to encourage cooperation between countries and keep international peace and security. Unfortunately, the League of Nations failed to prevent WWII and, therefore, was seen as a failure.

The phrase 'United Nations' was first used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1942 Declaration by United Nations to describe the group of countries signing such declaration. The Declaration by United Nations was a pledge by twenty-six nations to fight together as the Allied Powers against the Axis Powers during WWII. The Axis Powers was a coalition of countries in WWII headed by Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Two months after WWII ended, the representatives of the Allied Powers and twenty-four other countries met in San Francisco for the United Nations Conference on International Organization. The conference's sole purpose was to draft the UN Charter. On June 26, 1945, the United Nations Charter was signed by 51 countries, including Poland, which did not attend the conference but signed later. Shortly after the UN formation, other countries began joining. After the ratification of the UN Charter, the remaining members of the League of Nations met and unanimously voted to transfer all of its assets to the United Nations and formally dissolve the League of Nations.

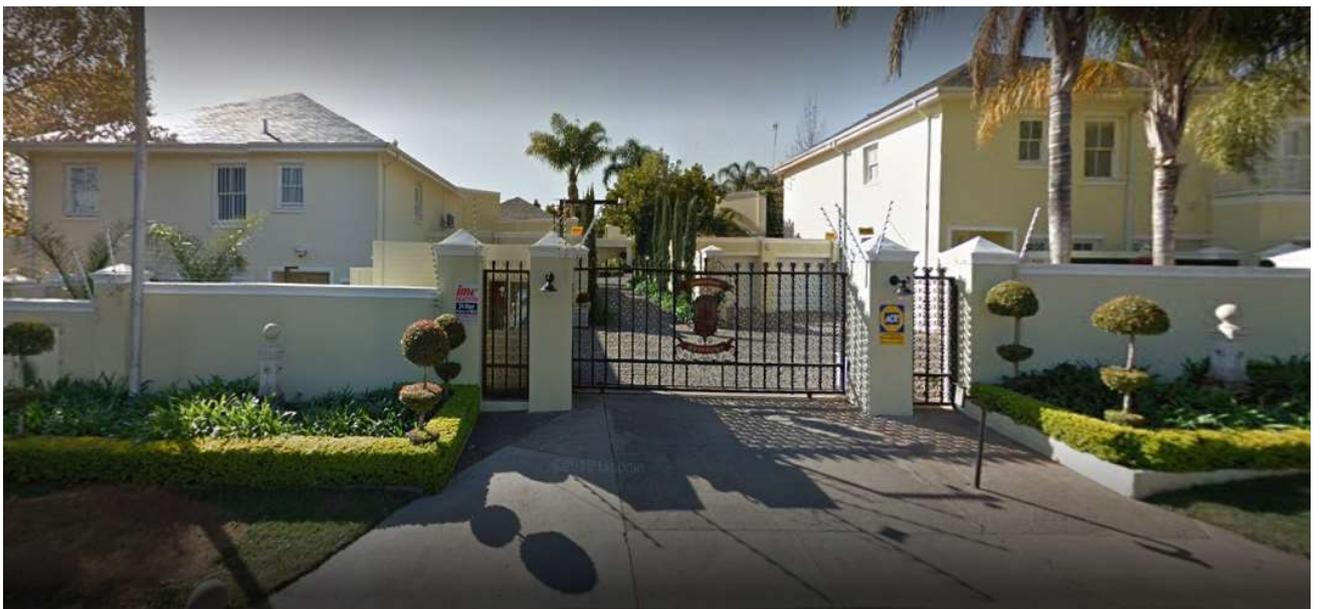
5. How many countries belong to the UN?

Originally there were 51 nations which belonged to the UN, today there are 193 countries

6. Is South Africa part of the UN? If so, where are the UN offices in South Africa?

Yes

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7. What are the SDG's?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.

8. What is the main aim of the SDG's

The SDG's are designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".

9. By when should each country in the UN reach these SDG's

2030