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IN DEVELOPMENT, HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE & PEACEBUILDING
SUPPORT

30th
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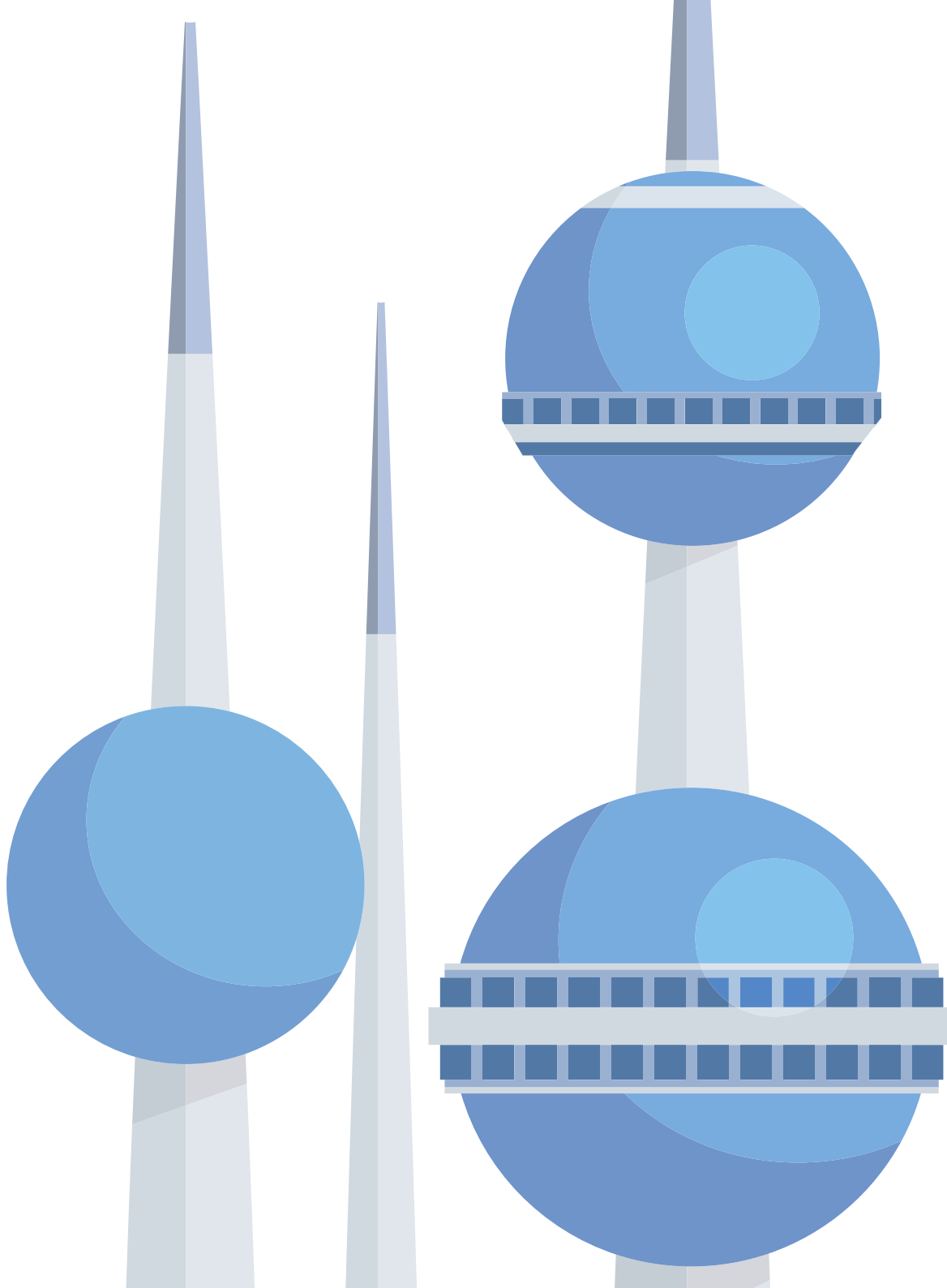
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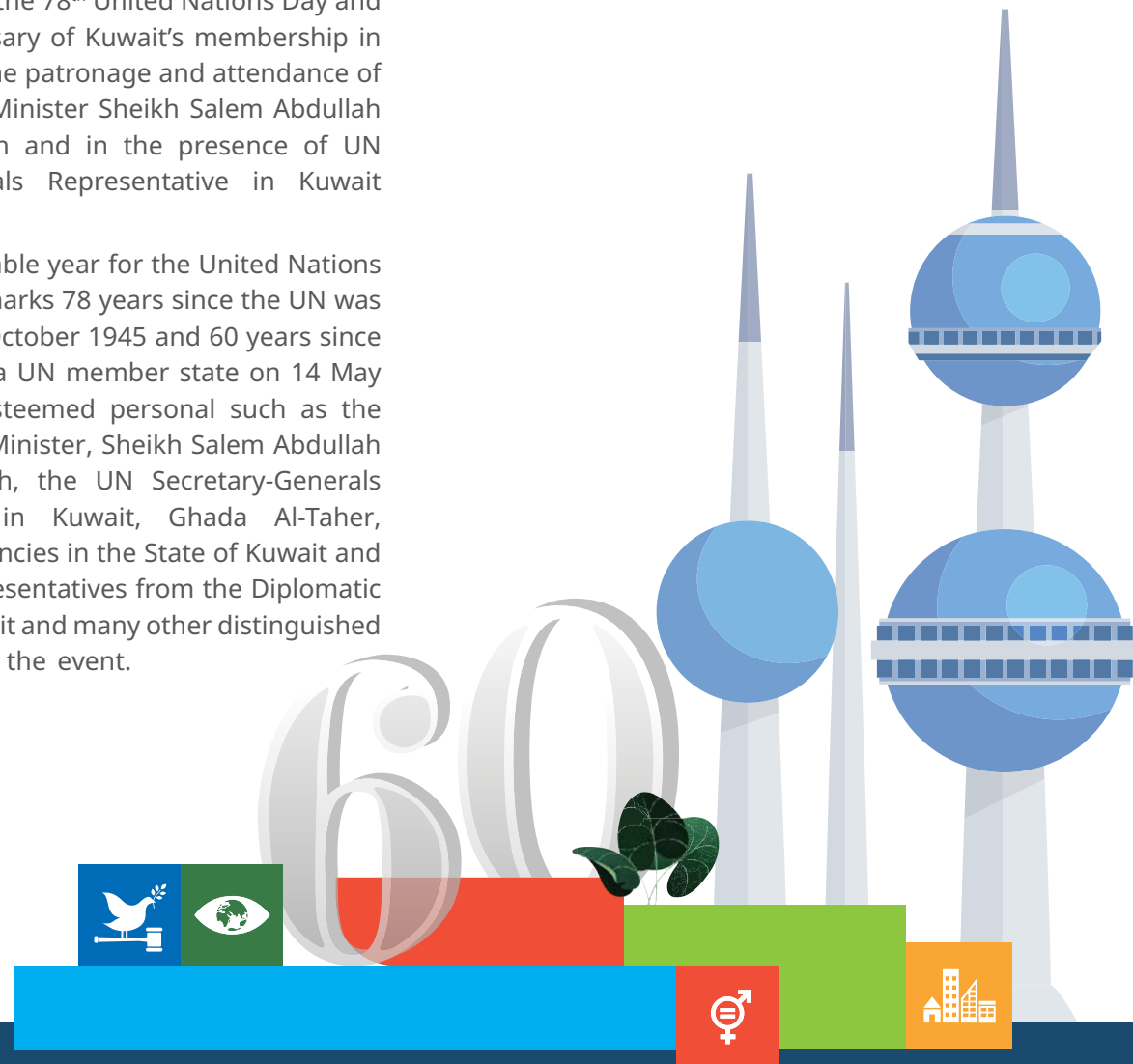
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UNITED NATIONS AND KUWAIT CELEBRATES ITS 60th ANNIVERSARY

Monday 30th of October 2023, the United Nations Office in the State of Kuwait celebrated the twin anniversaries of the 78th United Nations Day and the 60th anniversary of Kuwait's membership in the UN. Under the patronage and attendance of Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and in the presence of UN Secretary-Generals Representative in Kuwait Ghada Al-Taher.

This is a remarkable year for the United Nations in Kuwait, as it marks 78 years since the UN was founded on 24 October 1945 and 60 years since Kuwait became a UN member state on 14 May 1963. Several esteemed personal such as the Kuwait Foreign Minister, Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the UN Secretary-Generals Representative in Kuwait, Ghada Al-Taher, heads of UN agencies in the State of Kuwait and Heads and Representatives from the Diplomatic Missions in Kuwait and many other distinguished guests attended the event.



UN DAY REMARKS

Representative of UN Secretary-General & Resident Coordinator **Ms. Ghada Eltaher**

*Excellency Sheikh Salem Abdallah Al Jaber AlSabah,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,*

*Excellency Dr. Ahmad Abdulwahab Al Awadi, Minister
of Health*

*Excellencies the Ambassadors and representatives
of the Diplomatic community in Kuwait,*

Esteemed guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

All Protocols Observed

Good Evening/ Asalam Alykom,

Today, we gather here to commemorate and mark a momentous occasion — the 60th anniversary of the State of Kuwait's membership to the United Nations. It is an honor and a privilege to stand before you today to reflect on this incredible journey.

In 1963, Kuwait embarked on a new chapter in its history by becoming a member state of the United Nations. Since that day, Kuwait has remained a steadfast advocate for global unity, a leading voice committed to international collaboration, diplomacy, the pursuit of peace, and a valued partner within the international community.

Kuwait's United Nations relationship has been strengthened by sharing common principles where the United Nations Charter align closely

with the values embraced by Kuwait's leadership and people — a deep-rooted belief in justice, equality, humanitarian support, and the promotion of human rights. These beliefs and principles shaped a common position from the relentless bombardment of Gaza by Israeli forces over the past weeks. In these historical moments, it is vital to be clear on principles -- starting with the fundamental principle of respecting and protecting civilians. Nothing can justify the deliberate killing and injuring of civilians.

We mourn every life that had been lost in this conflict. We mourn and honor the dozens of UN colleagues working for UNRWA – sadly, at least 53 and counting – killed in the bombardment of Gaza.

We salute our UN colleagues and humanitarian partners in Gaza working to provide aid to those in need. I salute the State of Kuwait for the humanitarian assistance sent to Gaza through the airbridge which comes as a continuation of Kuwait's substantial efforts and contributions in humanitarian assistances regionally and globally which has been recognized in 2015 when the United Nations Secretary General named Kuwait Humanitarian Hub and late Amir Sheikh Sabah Humanitarian leader. Kuwait's unwavering commitment to alleviating the suffering of those less fortunate has been inspirational.

Over the past six decades, the partnership between United Nations agencies and the State of Kuwait had covered many areas.

In Health: WHO and Ministry of Health long history of collaboration which includes addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, noncommunicable diseases, climate change, and elderly care.

On Refugees, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees marked 32 years of collaboration with the Kuwaiti government. Kuwait has been a top donor to UNHCR in the region over the past decade, contributing to various humanitarian efforts in countries like Syria, Yemen, Ukraine, and others.

IOM (International Organization for Migration): Kuwait plays a significant role in supporting IOM's humanitarian and development programs in crisis-affected countries. The government of Kuwait has provided around \$70 million to support displaced people in countries like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria. They are also working with Kuwait on migration governance and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Kuwait is a member state of ILO and has ratified several ILO Conventions. The ILO's and Kuwait support in areas such as labor law, domestic workers' rights, and combating forced labor.

UN DAY REMARKS

Representative of UN Secretary-General & Resident Coordinator Ms. Ghada Eltahir

UN-Habitat and Kuwait have a two-decade partnership focused on sustainable urban development and environmental initiatives. A notable project involves combating sand and dust storms in Iraq, funded by the Kuwait Fund. They are also involved in environmental projects like "Greening Open Public Spaces."

IMF - CEF (Middle East Center for Economics and Finance): The IMF-CEF is a regional training center for Arab-League member countries, hosted by Kuwait. It offers training in various economic and financial areas to enhance the capacity of policymakers in the region.

UNDP, UN Women: UN Women is actively involved in women's economic empowerment and eliminating violence against women (EVAW) in Kuwait. Private sector engagement, awareness campaigns thru (Women Empowerment Principles Platform - WEPP), and capacity-building for women in politics are some of their key activities. They also focus on sharing Kuwait's development model and its achievements in implementing SDG 5

On the Sustainable Development Goals, Kuwait's contributions and commitment to the 2030 agenda and the New Kuwait vision 2035 aspirations have been reflected in 2023 Voluntary National Report where a comprehensive report

reflected progress made toward achieving the SDGs, especially in promoting sustainable cities and communities, ensuring access to clean water and sanitation, and combating climate change. The report highlighted Kuwait's efforts on women empowerment, youth engagement, and sustainable energy.

This 60-year milestone is not only a time for reflection; it is a call for even greater action. Kuwait and the United Nations are committed to continue strengthening this collaboration to address emerging challenges, such as climate change, terrorism, poverty, pandemics and clean energy. It is through true global partnership and multilateralism that we can strive towards shared prosperity as an effective partner to maintain international peace and security.

Let's acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to all those who have been instrumental in Kuwait's journey within the United Nations. We extend our appreciation to the visionary leadership, the ministry of Foreign Affairs, the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the people of Kuwait and each and everyone who have tirelessly worked to enrich Kuwait's path within the international community.

As we look to the future, in this disrupted world, let us renew our commitments We continue to work together toward a safer, more inclusive, and better world for all, regardless of borders or beliefs, for people for planet.

Thank you all for being here!



FROM KUWAIT'S FOREIGN MINISTER SPEECH

Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

On the ongoing violence in Gaza “the only way to put an end to this cycle of violence that has continued for decades is to forge a sustainable and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue on the Two State solution that reaffirms the rights of Palistanians to a life of dignity and self determination”

On the tragic loss of UN employees “I was deeply sorry to hear about the tragic loss of 35 UNRWA employees while trying to deliver vital aid to those in need in Gaza. My heartfelt condolences go out to their families, friends and colleagues during this difficult time”

On the United nations Day “We are here to pay tribute to the unwavering dedication of an institution that, for seventy-eight years, has been an advocate of international harmony and progress and a symbol of hope for global unity” he then added “ This occasion is an opportunity to say thank you and recommit ourselves to upholding the principles and goals enshrined in the United Nations Charter, namely strengthening international cooperation to ensure global peace, security, and prosperity”.

On the 60th Kuwait Anniversary “Our enduring cooperation and strategic partnership established over the years reflected our deep-rooted commitment to the mission and Charter of the United Nations. The distinguished partnership between Kuwait and the United Nations is marked by a number of significant milestones... The most important by far being the resolute stance taken by the international community, spearheaded by the United Nations security council, in liberating my county, Kuwait in 1991”.



BACKGROUND

On the occasions the 60th anniversary of the cooperation agreement between the State of Kuwait and the United Nations, this year we celebrate our strategic relations, peacebuilding, conflict resolution and development in Kuwait and worldwide, our common vision and hope for a prosperous tomorrow for the people of Kuwait since Kuwait joined the United Nations in 1963 as the 111 members.

2023 comes at the midpoint of the implementation of the development agenda 2030 and marks the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the SDGs, concurrently, it is a milestone anniversary in Kuwait and a noteworthy opportunity to highlight achievements.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

60 years is a long time...60th anniversary is a bittersweet nod to all the United Nations humanitarian and development work, but also of how much still needs to be done, us the United Nations in our mission to continue providing support and hope to the nation we serve in their aspirations to be a sustainably developed, resilient, safe and healthy place for everyone (LNOB). This year is an emotional reminder of modern-day realities, underscoring the need for all of us to be generous, responsible, and aware.



OBJECTIVE

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60th anniversary as a milestone anniversary (diamond)

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Recognition of achievements and partners (MOFA, SCPD)

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Midpoint of 2030 agenda implementation...a reminder! VNR reflections (SCF Signature)

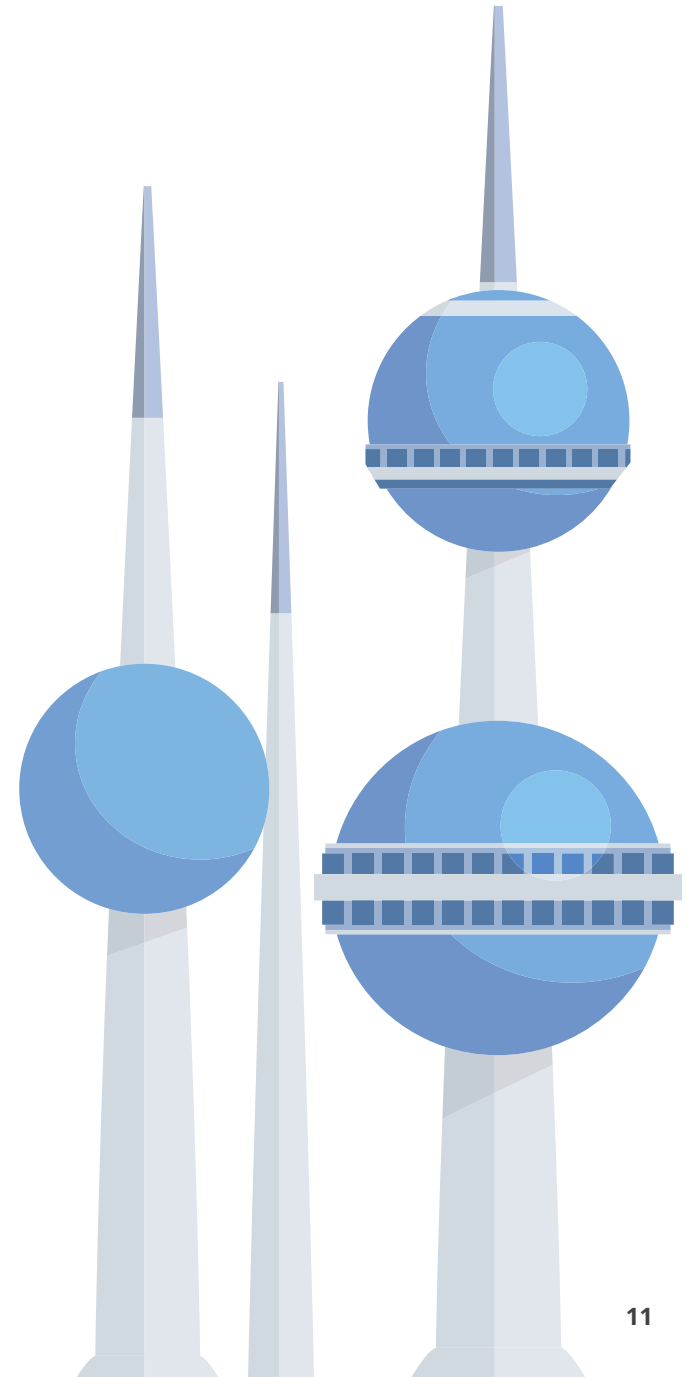
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7:00PM	Guest of Honor Arrival
7:05PM	UNCT Photo Opportunity
7:10PM	National Anthem
7:15PM	Short Video Screening
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7:45PM	Media Encounter
8:00PM	VIP Departure

**OPEN MEDIA ENCOUNTERS
PASS AROUND CANAPES**

EXHIBITION CONTINUES OPEN TO PUBLIC TILL 21:00





UN DAY DESIGN MATERIAL



DESIGN ELEMENTS



1. The colored square and rectangular shapes represent bricks stacked on top of each other to symbolize the SDG and the collaborative efforts of the UN and the state of Kuwait in creating a better country for all
2. Iconic architecture reflect Kuwait's iconic buildings.

3. The people represent a diverse group coming together to create and preserve this country.
4. The number 60 represents the 60th-anniversary of the State of Kuwait's membership in the United Nations.

SOCIAL POST



Invitation - Instagram Posts



United Nations Day 2023. [watch the video](#)



Video Produced by Kuwait funds for the UN Day 2023. [watch the video](#)



Video Produced by Newsktv for the UN Day 2023 [watch the video](#)

SOCIAL POST



A short documentary produced in collaboration with Kuwait Ministry of Information to mark #UNDay and 60th anniversary of Kuwait membership to the United Nations. 6 Decades of Partnership in Development, Humanitarian Assistance and Peacebuilding Supports.

Produced by the Ministry of Information.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

OTHER DESIGN

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7:00م - 8:00م

برنامج يوم الأمم المتحدة

حفل الافتتاح

- 6:30م | وصول الضيوف وكبار الشخصيات
- 7:00م | وصول ضيف الشرف
- 7:05م | موزة دعائية لفرق الأمم المتحدة مع ضيف الشرف
- 7:10م | التمثيل الوطني
- 7:15م | فيلم قصير
- 7:20م | كلمة سعادة غادة حاتم العتاهري
ممثلة الأمين العام للأمم المتحدة والأمين العام المساعد في دولة الكويت
- 7:25م | كلمة معالي الشيخ سالم عبدالله الجابر الصباح
وزير الخارجية في دولة الكويت
- 7:30م | جولة حول المعرض
- 7:40م | توقيع كتاب الأمم المتحدة الإلكتروني
- 7:45م | مقابلة الضيف
- 8:00م | ختام الفعالية

المعرض مفتوح للجمهور حتى الساعة 21:00

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VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW REPORT KUWAIT 2023

SOCIAL MEDIA

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 KUWAIT VISION 2035 PILLARS

Effective Public Administration

This pillar aims at reforming the administrative and bureaucratic practices for the purpose of enhancing standards of transparency, regulatory accountability, and the effectiveness of the government apparatus.

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Creative Human Capital

This pillar aims at reforming the education system for preparing the young people to become competitive and productive members of the national workforce.

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Sustainable Diversified Economy

This pillar aims at investing in a prosperous and diversified economy with a view to reducing the State of Kuwait's main dependence on revenue from oil exports.

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Partnership for the Goals

Since 1963, **Kuwait** has actively **supported global wellbeing & sustainable development**, focusing on **improved data availability** for **effective progress tracking**.

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No Poverty

Kuwait emphasizes **social welfare for all**, particularly vulnerable groups, with a **universal insurance system** to **enhance wellbeing & combat poverty**.

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Zero Hunger

The State of Kuwait is the **first Gulf country** to introduce the **soilless cultivation system**

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Affordable and Clean Energy

Kuwait heavily **depends on oil and water desalination**, prompting the **need** for a **new energy strategy** focused on **diversification & sustainability**.

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Climate Action

Kuwait commits to **carbon neutrality** in the **oil sector by 2050** and for the **entire country by 2060**, as announced at the 2022 **UN Climate Change Conference**.

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UN DAY IN THE MEDIA



MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE EVENT

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Kuwait News Agency (English)



Kuwait News Agency (Arabic)



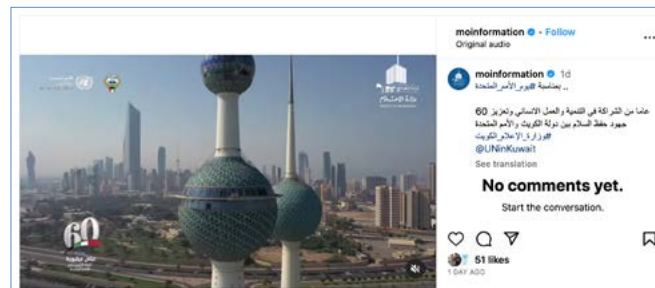
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Arabic)



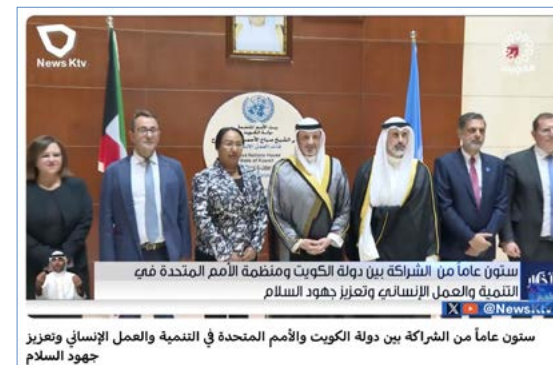
Ministry of Information (x)



Kuwait Fund (X)

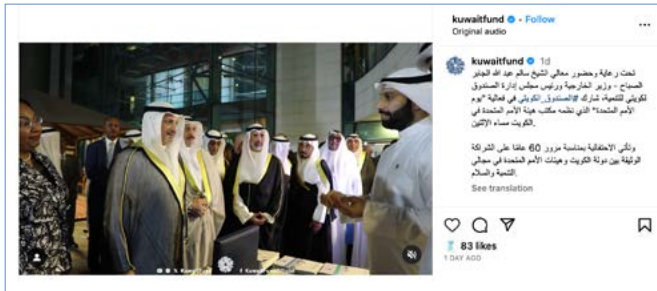


Ministry of Information (instagram)



Kuwait TV (Youtube)

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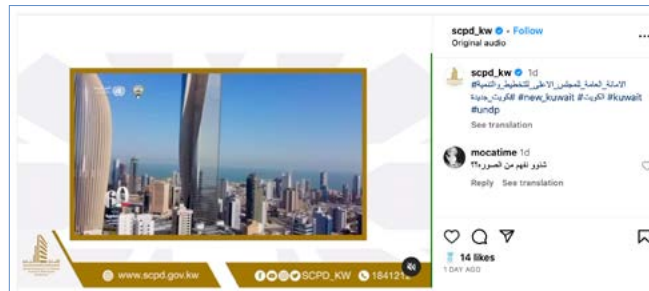
Kuwait Fund (Instagram)



General-Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning & Development in the State of Kuwait (X)



Alrai Newspaper



General-Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning & Development in the State of Kuwait (X)



Kuwait News Outlet (X)



Kuwait News Outlet (Instagram)

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