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### **What is going on around the globe?**

#### **UN General Assembly Literacy Document**

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has released a compilation of documents in advance of its 71st regular session, including the UNESCO Director-General report on "Literacy for life: shaping future agendas and on education for democracy" (A/71/177). The report shares UNESCO's efforts to advance literacy across the world, including in the context of the education-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SDG Target 4.6 aims to ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy by 2030. The report recommends the UNGA to recognize literacy as part of the right to education; call on governments to scale up literacy programmes for children, youth and adults, particularly disadvantaged and marginalized groups; and call on UNESCO to continue to play a coordinating role in implementing recommendations and supporting Member States in achieving the education-related SDGs.

*"The world community recognized literacy as an "indispensable foundation for independent learning" in Education 2030: Incheon Declaration and Framework for Action: Towards inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all and subsequently in General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". One goal of the world community is universal literacy. Target 4.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals reflects the ambitious and transformative agenda for literacy action in the next 15 years. UNESCO continues to play a catalytic and coordinating role by supporting Member States in their efforts to create a more literate world, as well as ensuring synergies between different actions, in particular through the establishment of the Global Alliance for Literacy within the framework of lifelong learning."*

**See full report:** [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/71/177](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/71/177)

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Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Will Rogers

US humorist & showman (1879 - 1935)

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