



World Cleanup Day

20 September 2026

Background

In the resolution [A/RES/78/122](#), 8 December 2023, the UNGA “Decides to proclaim **20 September as World Cleanup Day, to be observed annually**” and “Invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, to observe World Cleanup Day, in an appropriate manner, through **activities** aimed at **raising awareness** of its contribution to **achieving sustainable development;**”



Mandated agency for World Cleanup Day

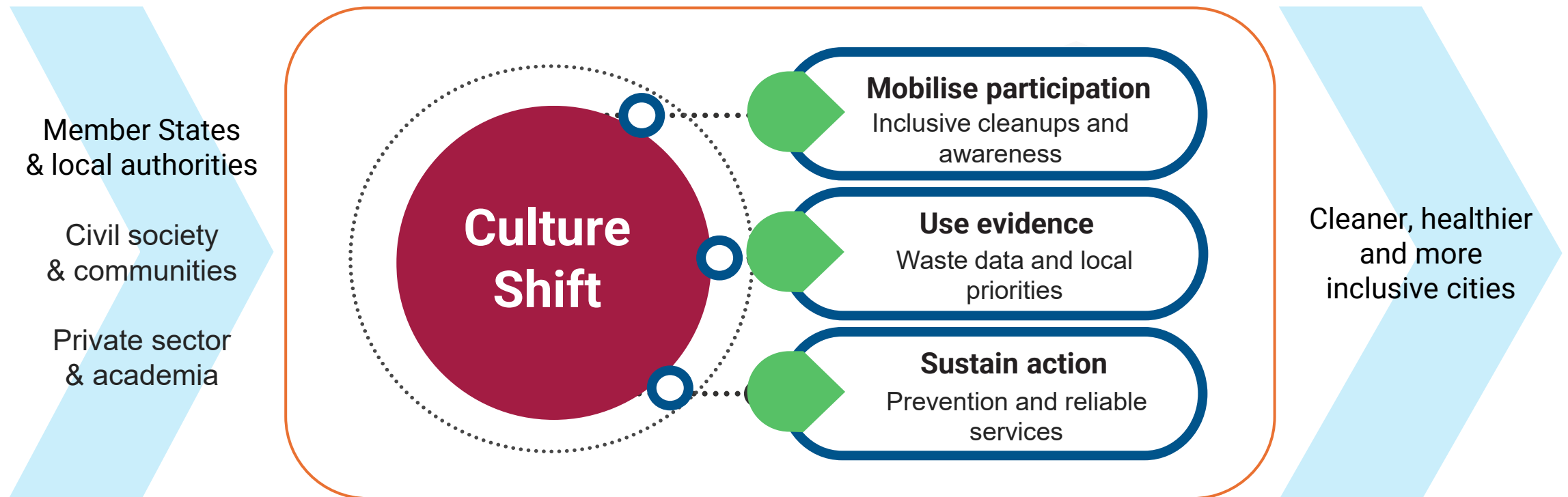
The UNGA “*Invites the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), mindful of the criteria set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, to facilitate the observance of World Cleanup Day;*”

UN-Habitat will be facilitating the Day and **substantive collective actions** tackling the **waste crisis** leading and connected to

- Policy Development and Advocacy for Sustainable Waste Management
- Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing
- Public Awareness and Community Mobilization

The power of cleanups

Observed on 20 September, World Cleanup Day connects community action with lasting improvements in waste prevention and management and combined with initiatives all year.



Member States: mobilise participation, support municipalities and share results

World Cleanup Day historically

before 2023

Movement started and cleanups organised internationally, with millions of participating volunteers all year round.

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2023

UN General Assembly adopted resolution 78/122, proclaiming 20 September as World Cleanup Day and inviting UN-Habitat to facilitate its observance.

2024

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Inaugural Observance: Cities and Marine Liter
Tromsø, Norway:
Collective action: 191 countries, with millions of volunteers*

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2025

Textile and fashion waste
Observance at UNON and community cleanups
Collective action: 190 countries, with 24.7 million volunteers*

2026

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Global Observance; From Clean Plate to
Clean City in Shaoxing, China
*Collective action: statistics to be compiled**

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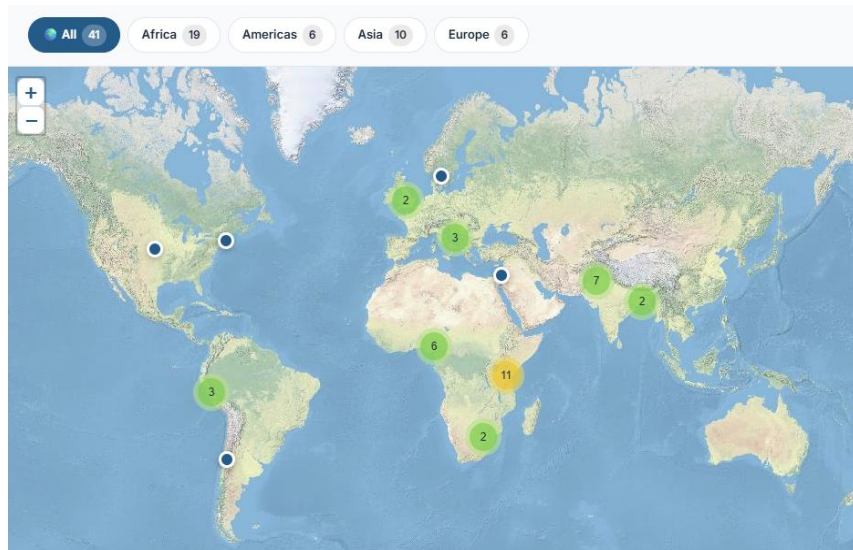
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Open call for expression of interest to host
the global observance; theme TBC

World Cleanup Day 2026 in Shaoxing, China

The Global Observance (20 September) included

- High level opening with the signing of an MoU
- Launch of call to action
- Good practices launch
- Parallel sessions & field visits



Registered
over **40**
events globally

842 people at
the opening

178 international
and 664 local
participants
representing
48 countries





Thank you!
