March is the International Francophonie Month, and the French section of the UNHQ Language and Communications Programme would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in a creative writing contest about some of the main areas of focus of the UN and of la Francophonie.

The contest is open to all UN system staff members (including the global Secretariat, UN missions, agencies, funds, programmes…), wherever they work in the world.

The creative writing pieces have to be written in French.

**Themes**

This year, the chosen themes are:

- The power of words
- Sustainable development

**Prizes**

- **Rewards** in all the categories (books, CD’s, DVD’s…)
- Prizes offered by the IOF, TV5 Monde and their sponsors
- The best creations will be published in a collection
This contest is meant to emphasize important topics that are addressed both by the United Nations and the International Organisation of la Francophonie.

It features the following categories:

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<td><strong>A1 and A2</strong> (Basic User)</td>
<td>Writing a slogan (140 characters maximum)</td>
<td>In the context of the 16th Summit of la Francophonie, you decide to create a slogan to invite both citizens and Heads of states to promote inclusive growth and responsible development.</td>
<td>16th Summit of la Francophonie in Antananarivo (November 2016)</td>
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<td><strong>B1</strong> (Independent User)</td>
<td>Writing a blog post (600 words maximum)</td>
<td>Write a blog post about a sustainable citizens’ initiative that was created in your region to address ecological, economic or social issues that our countries are facing.</td>
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🎉 To participate 🎉

Send an email to Pascal Schaller (schaller@un.org) with the object “Creative Writing Contest”.

Please include: your name, your duty station, your organisation, your level of proficiency, and the category you want to participate in.

You will then be provided with additional information!

Launch date and closing date

01 March: Official launch date of the contest, to celebrate Francophonie Month

30 April (midnight, New York time): Submission deadline (send your final creations to schaller@un.org with the object “Creative Writing Contest”).

23 May: Awards ceremony, in partnership with the IOF.