



# CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST!



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the **United Nations** and the  
**International Organisation of la  
Francophonie**



► FROM 01 MARCH TO 30 APRIL 2016 ◀

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:

Language Level	Format	Instructions	Reference
<b>A1 and A2</b> (Basic User)	Writing a slogan (140 characters maximum)	In the context of the 16 <sup>th</sup> 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.	<a href="#">16<sup>th</sup> Summit of la Francophonie in Antananarivo</a> (November 2016)
<b>B1</b> (Independent User)	Writing a blog post (600 words maximum)	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.	<a href="#">Demain, a 2015 documentary (by Cyril Dion et Mélanie Laurent)</a>
<b>B2 and up</b> (Proficient User)	Writing a short story (1800 words maximum)	Write a short story based on the theme: "the power of words".	<a href="#">IOF's annual theme for 2016</a>

## To participate

Send an email to Pascal Schaller ([schaller@un.org](mailto: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](mailto:schaller@un.org) with the object "Creative Writing Contest").

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