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UNESCO strives to build networks among nations that enable this kind of solidarity, by:

- Mobilising for education: so that every child, boy or girl, has access to quality education as a fundamental human right and as a prerequisite for human development.
- **Building intercultural understanding**: through protection of heritage and support for cultural diversity. UNESCO created the idea of World Heritage to protect sites of outstanding universal value.
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- **Protecting freedom of expression**: an essential condition for democracy, development and human dignity.

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