

## #Inspirechange – Marking the centenary of the birth of Mandela

**18 July, Windhoek:** The United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Windhoek team raised awareness of the importance of eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity as part of a public awareness campaign on Nelson Mandela International Day.

One hundred years after his birth, Nelson Mandela's values of peace, justice, humility and his commitment to fight poverty and social justice still resonate and continue to inspire the world. The centenary celebration was an occasion to reflect on his life and legacy and follow his call to 'make the world a better place'.

UNIC Windhoek took up this call and shared messages of humility and peace with Namibian motorists at the intersection in Namibia's capital city. The outreach aimed to encourage people to live out Mandela's legacy and #inspirechange to ensure that no one is left behind.

The inspiring messages were attached to promotional items about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This agenda is for people, the planet and prosperity, and aims to eradicate poverty and promote prosperity – goals that Mandela dedicated his life too. He also devoted his time on Earth in service of humanity as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker.

The celebration of Nelson Mandela International Day relates to the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF 2) Pillar 2: Social Transformation, which aims to ensure the realisation of equality, justice and human dignity for all.

