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## LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Culture has many meanings and facets: depending on the context, it is understood as a set of social practices, nourished by spiritual and intellectual beliefs and values; an expression and source of identity; or a manifestation of creativity and beauty.

The various aspects of culture are intrinsically linked to development. Culture influences how humans cultivate and protect the Earth's resources, how human relationships are defined and how knowledge is transferred within a community. In addition to human development, the cultural sector and culture tourism are important income sources for the respective regions.

While cultural practices can interfere and contrast with development principles and the human rights-based umbrella of UN action, they can equally serve as the foundation of inspiration and elevation of the human spirit that carries development forward.

In this UN Leaders Programme, we will explore strategic leadership through the "culture and development" lens. What are the tension points between culture and development, and how can they be overcome? Is a global culture of common values emerging? What leadership is needed in this rapidly changing world, and how can one best develop the required qualities and skills?

These and other leadership issues will be explored through content impulses, discussions, peer-sharing, and reflection, at the next UN Leaders programme.

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