

World Food Day 2022

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In news— World Food Day is observed annually on October 16 every year.

History of the day-

- **World Food Day is led by 'The Food and Agriculture Organization' (FAO).**
 - The annual celebration **commemorates the founding in 1945 of the FAO.**
 - Former Hungarian Minister of Agriculture and Food Dr. Pal Romany suggested the establishment of World Food **Day in November 1979.**
 - It is celebrated in more than 150 countries around the world.
 - In order to mark the anniversary of the founding of the FAO of the United Nations, every year, World Food Day is celebrated across the globe on October 16.
- **The theme for 2022 is Leave NO ONE behind.**

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)-

- It is **a specialized agency of the United Nations** that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.
- It was founded on 16 October 1945. FAO's headquarters is in Rome.
- Its goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives.
- With **195 members – 194 countries and the European Union,** FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.
- It helps governments and development agencies coordinate their activities to improve and develop agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and land and water resources.

- It also conducts research, provides technical assistance to projects, operates educational and training programs, and collects data on agricultural output, production, and development.
- The FAO is governed by a biennial conference representing each member country and the European Union, which elects a 49-member executive council.
- The Director-General, currently Qu Dongyu of China, serves as the chief administrative officer.

Note:

- The UN system, also known unofficially as the 'UN family', is made up of the UN itself and a series of Programmes, Funds and Specialized Agencies, all with their own leadership and budget.
- The Specialized Agencies are independent international organizations funded by both voluntary and assessed contributions.

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