PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026 | 9:45 AM-2:40 PM EDT

UN Learning Centre for Multilingualism and Career Development (UNHQ 3rd Basement) | Hosted by CDOTS | OSO | DOS

Programme details + registration: languages.un.org/en/un-skills-fest-2026

KEYNOTE · SPARK TALK · REMARKS/PANEL DISCUSSION · INTERACTIVE / DEMO

MAIN PROGRAMME

9:45-10:00	**Opening Remarks** Lisa Buttenheim | DOS	Lobby (stage)
10:00-10:40	**Your Brain on Change** Dr. David Rock	Lobby (stage)
10:55-11:15	**Navigating Difficult Conversations** Shireen Dodson (Ombudsman Office)	Lighthouse
11:20-11:40	**The Power of a Global Mindset: Bridging Worldviews for Creative Breakthroughs** Raúl Sánchez (NYU) & Dan Bullock (CDOTS/DOS)	Lighthouse
11:45-12:05	**Re-engineering Our Thinking on Gender Parity** Olatunji Ayeni (OSCM/DOS)	Lighthouse
12:10-12:30*	**Tout commence par l'humain** Anne-Marie Serrano Banquet (UNDSS)	Lighthouse
12:30-1:05	**The Art of Improvisation** UN Jazz Club & Molly Flanagan	Lobby (stage)
1:10-1:30	**Why Should Anyone care? Turn what you know into something others can understand, remember and use** Laura Quinones (DGC) & Michelle Alves de Lima (CDOTS/DOS)	Lighthouse
1:35-2:15	**From Cog to Linchpin: Doing Work That Matters** Seth Godin	Lobby (stage)
2:25-2:30	**Closing Remarks** Adrian Hills | CDOTS	Lobby (stage)
2:30-2:40	**Music & Farewell** UN Jazz Club	Lobby (stage)

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS & DEMONSTRATIONS

The Spinning Ear — Room 2
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30 · 12:05 · 12:40

Who Said What? — Room 3
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30 · 12:05 · 12:40

LinkedIn Learning: AI & Leadership — Room 7
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30 · 12:05

Train an AI Agent to Enhance Your Superpowers — Room 9
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30 · 12:05

Can You Find It? The iSeek Challenge — Room 10
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30 · 12:05

Let's Speak Up Card Game — Room 11/13
Sessions at 10:40 · 11:15 · 11:50 · 12:25

Myth or Fact Board Game — Game Room (Rooms 11/13)
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30 · 12:05 · 12:40

UN Skills Library — Room 12
Sessions at 10:55 · 12:05

GJP 2.0 — Room 12
Sessions at 11:30 · 12:40

Addressing Mis-Dis and Hate Speech in Peacekeeping — Room 14
Timed sessions 11:00 (English) | 12:30 (French)

Data Has a Face — Room 15
Sessions at 11:30 · 12:05

Build Your Perfect E-Learning Course With $100 — Room 16
Sessions at 11:30 · 12:05

Candy Crush Challenge — Room 16
Sessions at 10:55 · 12:40

UN 10-1-2 Logistics for Survival — Room 17
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30

Training for Uniformed Personnel — Room 17
Sessions at 12:05 · 12:40

Tiger Teams: Building a Problem-Solving Culture — Room 19
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:30

Practical Tips for Boosting Morale and Staff Engagement — Room 20
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:25

Language Fitness for Professionals — Room 23
Sessions at 10:55 · 12:40

Take Charge of Your Language Learning Journey — Room 23
Sessions at 11:30 · 12:40

Alice in UNTERM Land — Room 24
Sessions at 10:55 · 12:05

Say More With Less — Rooms 23/24
Sessions at 11:30 (room 24) · 12:05 (room 23)

Charting the Course: People & Skills Behind Training — Meeting M
Sessions at 10:55 · 11:25 · 11:55 · 12:25 · 12:55

Exploring the CDOTS AI Lab — Lab A
Session at 10:55

* Spark Talk at 12:10 will be delivered primarily in French, with support in English and Spanish.

Interactive sessions run in parallel. Choose the topics that interest you and move between rooms throughout the day.