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Editorial

Dear Readers...

Every year on June 5th, people across the planet celebrate the United Nations World Environment Day. It is a day for action where hundreds of thousands of activities take place in virtually every country in the world to improve the environment now and for the future.



This year's theme focuses on food waste and food loss.

Think.Eat.Save. Reduce Your Food print is the new campaign that UNEP and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN, in conjunction with a rapidly growing list of partners from the public and private sector, launched earlier this year.

Food production has a profound impact on our environment. Consider that globally agriculture withdraws 70 percent of all freshwater for irrigation, 80% of deforestation, and 30% of greenhouse gas emissions. It is the largest single driver of biodiversity loss and land-use change.

Food is produced at such a high environmental cost. Yet, every year about one third of it is either wasted or lost. Meantime, one in seven people still goes to bed hungry. This enormous drain on our limited natural resources is shocking and morally unacceptable.

Food preservation is an effective way of saving food and preventing it from being wasted or lost. In fact, communities around the world have been employing food saving methods for centuries in order to prolong its shelf life.

So **think** before you **eat** and help **save** our environment!

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