We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future

Franklin D Roosevelt September 20, 1940
In 2015 FIRST is in 83 Countries around the world
I’ve been in politics my whole life – Politics Divides countries... Science & technology unites the world.

FIRST is already working in Israel as I hoped. We are now working to spread it throughout the Middle East.

FIRST is a blessing in its own right ... It will do more all over the world to make our world a better place for people.

Shimon Perez
Ghana joins the FIRST movement
**INTRODUCTION**

The International FIRST Charter is the organizing document for FIRST, a global organization dedicated to inspiring innovation and recognition of science and technology among young people.

**PURPOSE**

FIRST of all, we believe that education in the United States is the key to a better future for our country and our world. We recognize that the key to preparing our youth for tomorrow is through education, specifically in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We must inspire the next generation of innovators to solve the challenges of the future.

**MISSION**

Our mission is to provide a platform for young people to showcase their creativity and innovation in science and technology. We believe that through these events, we can inspire the next generation of innovators to make a positive impact on the world.

**FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

1. FIRST is committed to providing equal opportunities for all participants, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, or any other characteristic.
2. FIRST is committed to fostering a culture of respect and inclusivity.
3. FIRST is committed to promoting ethical behavior and responsible use of technology.
4. FIRST is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

**THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST MOVEMENT**

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**THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST COMMITTEE**

The International FIRST Committee is responsible for the overall direction and management of FIRST. It is composed of members from the United States and other countries, who provide guidance and oversight to ensure the success of FIRST initiatives.

**THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST CHARTER**

This Charter outlines the structure and governance of FIRST, including its mission, goals, and principles. It serves as the organizing document for all FIRST events and programs globally.