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The International Year of Glaciers'Preservation is co-chaired by UNESCO et WMO (World Meteorological Organization).
Glaciers are retreating at unprecedented rates, reshaping landscapes and the world as we know it. The United Nations agencies in charge of the International Year of Glaciers'Preservation have drawn up a dozen key messages, highlighting the importance of glaciers worldwide.

1. **Glaciers are critical to life.**
2. **Glaciers are sensitive indicators of climate change and are retreating globally due to rising temperatures.**
3. **Melting snow and ice from mountains are critical for freshwater supply in many regions.**
4. **Melting glaciers, thawing permafrost and other cryo-spheric changes create new hazards and exacerbate existing hazards, increasing the risk of disasters.**
5. **Immediate, ambitious action to reduce greenhouse gas concentrations is needed to stabilize the climate, to preserve glaciers, and secure a sustainable future for all.**
6. **Glacier monitoring provides important data for climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, and it needs to be expanded.**
7. **Glaciers support the livelihoods and economies of billions around the world.**
8. **Climate change involving deglaciation is severely impacting polar regions and global oceans.**
9. **Youth inclusion can drive collective action and lead the way forward.**
10. **Glaciers have cultural and spiritual significance.**
11. **Glaciers are a crucial testimony of the Earth's history.**
12. **Glacier shrinkage unveils new post-glacial landscapes and ecosystems.**
13. **Vanishing glaciers are impacting mountain tourism.**

The United Nations has declared 2025 to be the International Year of Glacier Preservation, with the proclamation of March 21 of each year as World Glacier Day from 2025 onwards.

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