Welcome to D+ September 2015 Newsletter. It is the twenty-first edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in September 2015 on D+.

The festivity around D+ World’s Most Positive Countries (WMPC) is in its full swing. This year we are again fortunate to have experienced panel members to help us select the 10 most positive countries for 2015. Apart from this overall list of 10 most positive countries, for the first time ever, D+ will also compile a list of regional positive countries from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

You can have your say and participate in our global poll and vote for your positive country of the year at http://goo.gl/iUVhh

For more details on our panel members, global poll, presentation ceremony and other details visit us at http://www.dailypositive.org/Most_Positive_Countries

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Top News Of The Month

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- **Denmark** sent its first astronaut, Andreas Mogensen, into space as part of an international team on a trip to the International Space Station.
- Fares Ferjani and Ines Boubakri of **Tunisia** won Fencing gold in Men’s Individual Sabre and Women’s Individual Foil respectively at the 2015 All-Africa Games.
- The U.N. General Assembly voted to allow the **Palestinians** to raise their flag at its headquarters.
- **Ugandan** forestry activist Gertrude Kabusimbi Kenyangi was awarded the 2015 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her efforts to promote the conservation and sustainable use of her country's forest resources.
- **Venezuelan** film Desde Alla or From Afar won the top Golden Lion prize at the 2015 Venice film festival.
- Honorable Prime Minister of **Bangladesh** Sheikh Hasina was awarded the prestigious Champions of the Earth Award, the highest environmental accolade of the United Nations, by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- **Norway** ranked as the top most democratic country in the world according to the Democracy Index published by the Economist.
- The government of **Mozambique** declared the country free of landmines, more than two decades after clearance work began.
- **Afghan** refugee teacher Aqeela Asifi, who has dedicated her life to bringing education to refugee girls in Pakistan, won the 2015 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award.
- **Russian** cosmonaut Gennady Padalka broke the record for the longest amount of time spent in space as he returned from the International Space Station. Padalka totaled 879 days in space over five trips.
- Hadiqa Bashir, a 13-year-old from the Khyber Province of **Pakistan**, was honored with the 2015 Muhammad Ali International Humanitarian Award in the USA.
- Olivia Hallisey from the **USA** won the Grand Prize at the 2015 Google Science Fair for creating a novel way to detect Ebola.
- The World Health Organization announced that polio is no longer endemic in **Nigeria**.
- **India** successfully launched its first space Multi Wavelength Space Observatory ASTROSAT and six satellites into orbit.
- **Switzerland** ranked as the world’s most competitive country for the seventh year in a row, according to a World Economic Forum report.