Announcements
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DPI News

72nd Session of the UN General Assembly

The 72nd Regular Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 72) will convene at UN Headquarters on Tuesday, 12 September 2017, 3 p.m.
The General Debate will open on Tuesday, 19 September 2017. More information...

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Please note that representatives of NGOs in possession of regular, annual grounds passes will not have access to (or nearby) UNHQ during this period without special event passes. Learn more on the NGO Access to the United Nations Headquarters during the General Debate of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA72)

Together Initiative #JoinTogether

Learn about the latest UN global initiative that promotes respect, safety and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes in search of a better life.

TOGETHER WEBSITE

DPI Resources

2017 DPI Communications Guidance

The News and Media Division of DPI is proud to feature: In Case You Missed It, a look back at some of the noteworthy news developments that took place over the past two weeks in the UN system.

Social Media & Campaigns

WildforLife Campaign
Official UN Social Media Accounts
UNICEF Campaign (#RefugeesWelcome)
“Small Smurfs Big Goals” Campaign
UNITE Campaign

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Together Initiative #JoinTogether
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| Tuesday, 12 September 2017 | High-level panel discussion on “The road to the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA+40)” (on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (12 September (A/RES/58/220)) (organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)) | Time: 1 to 2 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 12, UNHQ, New York  
All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mithre J. Sandrasagra, UNOSSC (e-mail mithre.sandrasagra@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5493). |
| Tuesday, 12 September 2017 | Prayer service on the occasion of the opening of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Archdiocese of New York) | Time: 6 p.m.  
Venue: Church of the Holy Family (315 East 47th Street)  
All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail event@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885). |
| Saturday, 16 September 2017 | Outrace Poverty: 5K/10K Run/Walk a scenic course and help raise money for the UNFCU Foundation | Registration: 8 a.m.  
Race Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Venue: Firefighters Field, Roosevelt Island, 425 Main St., New York, NY 10044  
[Flyer][RSVP] |
| Sunday, 17 September 2017 | The UN Development Programme (UNDP) and partners announced the 15 winners of the Equator Prize 2017, recognizing local and indigenous communities from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The winning organizations, which showcase innovative solutions for tackling poverty, environment, and climate challenges, will be honored at a celebratory gala in New York on September 17, 2017. |
Thursday, 21 September 2017
The Permanent Mission of Italy to the U.N. invites to the high-level event “Women Mediators Networks: From Paper to Practice. How to strengthen synergies and complementarities for greater efficiency and impact”.

Registration: 8 a.m.
Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Venue: UNHQ, Conference Room 7

Friday, 22 September 2017
“Sustaining Peace Through the Strengthening of Human Rights in International Law” is a side event on Implementation and Integration of the Human Rights Framework for the Promotion of International Peace and Security organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Time: 3 – 5 p.m.
Venue: UNHQ, ECOSOC Chamber

Please indicate in your registration that you need a special ticket for this event to ensure that you receive your ticket in person. You may contact Ms. Olivia Jordon at +1 (917) 717-9539 for more information.

Upcoming UN Meetings and Observances

12 September
United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (A/RES/58/220)

15 September
International Day of Democracy (A/RES/62/7)

16 September
International Day of the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (A/RES/49/114)

21 September

26 September
International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (A/RES/68/32)

27 September
World Tourism Day
28 September
World Rabies Day [WHO]

28 September (last Thursday of September)
World Maritime Day (IMCO/C XXXVIII/21)

30 September
International Translation Day (A/RES/71/288)

**UN News**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Jane Connors of Australia as the first Victims’ Rights Advocate for the United Nations.

Marked annually on 8 September, the International Day this year is devoted to better understanding the type of literacy required in a digital world to build more inclusive, equitable and sustainable societies. In Paris, opening the International Conference on International Literacy Day, Ms. Bokova today said that technologies must be more accessible and work for people.

As part of this year’s events, UNESCO awarded its annual Confucius Prize for Literacy to The Citizens Foundation, a Pakistani literacy programme with an online platform for women and out-of-school girls. In 2016, the programme enrolled 14,020 girls and women, of whom nearly 80 per cent completed the curricula, per information on the winning organization. Local communities run nearly all of the Foundation’s 1,440 school units in the poorest slums and villages in the country.

The other winners this year are from Canada, Colombia, Jordan and South Africa. Read more on this year’s winners.

Read more about the International Literacy Day 2017 [here](#).

**NGO Corner**

Please note that the events announced here are not organized by the United Nations and do not necessarily reflect the official opinions of the Organization.

*Sunday, September 17, 2017*
Transforming Our World: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Time: 2 to 6 p.m.
Location: Lifebridge Sanctuary, 333 Mountain Road Rosendale, NY 12472

Admission is by donation. RSVP: Tel 1 (845) 658-3439 or click [here](#) to email.

[More information](#)

*Tuesday, September 19, 2017*
Poetry Slam for Peace hosted by Global for Love and Peace in collaboration with The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY & the United Religions Initiative

Time: Doors open at 6 p.m.
Location: NUYORICAN POETS CAFÉ, 236 East 3rd Street, Between Ave. B & C
## Invitation

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**

“Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents and Participation of Older Persons” – 27th Anniversary Celebration of International Day of Older Persons at the United Nations and Fundraising Reception

**Date:** 15 October 2017  
**Time:** 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Fundraising Reception: 5 – 7 p.m.  
**Location:** ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York; Fundraising Reception: AARP, New York Office, 31st Flr, 750 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10017

[Learn more...](#)  
Registration is open until September 29, 2017. Registration is required for both events.  
[Register here](#)

## Sunday, October 15, 2017

**Peace Boat’s Floating Festival for Sustainability in New York City**

**Date:** 15 October 2017  
**Time:** 5 to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Onboard Peace Boat’s vessel, the Ocean Dream, docked on the west side of Manhattan

This event is invitation only, and advanced online registration is strictly required due to port security regulations. Registration will close on October 5, 2017.  
[Register Here](#)  
[Flyer](#)

## NGO Spotlight

**Fundacion Cultural Baur**

Fundacion Cultural Baur, A.C. was associated with the Department of Public Information in 2001.

Based near Mexico City, Mexico, the Fundacion manages the Carol Baur School, which teaches social justice and human rights by engaging students with local, vulnerable communities and allowing them to put their projects into practice after surveying specific needs. The students study environmental challenges and sustainability such as agriculture and high-protein food alternatives for poverty-stricken areas. The Carol Baur System of education has been presented to ministries in Europe, as Baur students consistently place in national and international competitions for robotics, alternative energy, and other sciences. The Carol Baur School organizes BIMUN: the Baur International Model United Nations, and is a member of the 25 Youth Leaders of the World Schools. Carol Baur students represented Mexico at the 2006 Student Conference on Human Rights in New York, and in 2012 the school was awarded a Diversity and Social Inclusion prize by UNESCO for the students’ work on migration rights.
NGO Youth Corner

NGO Youth Spotlight

A number of UN DPI/NGO Youth Representatives and members of the department's Youth Steering Committee participated at this year’s International Youth Summit, which was part of the 10th Annual Boston Green Fest. The festival took place on 11-13 August 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts. It is the largest multicultural environmental music festival in the region.

NGO Youth Representatives and Youth Steering Committee members conducted a live chat with students who attended the festival from around the world. They also helped at various workshops at the EcoKidsCenter, which took place during the three days of the festival. The Green Fest weekend-long program allowed young people to explore many facets of sustainability through film, fashion, forum and exhibitors.

“Boston Green Fest was an amazing experience, I have been helping to coordinate this festival since the beginning of this year. The Green Fest has helped me to meet amazing people who are concerned about creating a sustainable green future for all. The Green Fest Youth Summit on 13 August 2017 provided a unique experience that gave me a broader insight on the crucial role that young people can play in mitigating environmental issues,” said Nishat Mirza, a DPI/NGO Youth Representative from Voices of Bangla.

DPI/NGO Youth Representatives plan to integrate the information and ideas they received into their respective NGO youth programmes and youth engagement activities. The Foundation for a Green Future, Inc. is the festival organizer and is a not-for-profit entity that educates communities about the importance of stewardship and sustainability.

DPI/NGO Resource Centre

Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday: 2 to 4 p.m.
- Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Conference Room Reservation

The Conference Room will be available the following days and hours:

- Monday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
To book the Conference Room please send your request via e-mail to undpingo@un.org

We will need the following information:
- Name of the organization
- Name of person responsible for the booking
- Contact information (e-mail address and phone number)
We will send a confirmation e-mail with the booking information

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