Announcements

18 September 2017

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. The General Debate opens on Tuesday, 19 September 2017.

More information...

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Agenda
Programme of Work

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).

UNGA FAQs

Attention all UN DPI NGO Youth Representatives!

The DPI NGO Executive Committee is seeking applications for two Youth Representatives to serve as ex officio members of the Executive Committee for a one year term, October 2017 - June 2018. Those appointed to these newly created positions will serve as the youth voices on the Executive Committee, as members of the Executive Committee Youth Subcommittee, and as key communicators of Executive Committee activities to Youth Representatives around the world. Those appointed need not live in the New York metro area, but must be able to call or Skype/Zoom in for each monthly meeting. Meetings are usually held one Thursday per month, from 2-4 p.m. EST.

Those interested to apply should send a cover letter, resume and a letter of recommendation from the NGO Director/President to Dr. Bill Hunter, wdh3@lehigh.edu by October 1, 2017.

Together Initiative #JoinTogether

Together Initiative

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD
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
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“Small Smurfs Big Goals” Campaign
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What’s happening at the UN?

**Tuesday, 19 September 2017**
Event entitled “Championing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 and the Pathway to Zero Hunger” (**A/RES/70/1** and **A/RES/71/245**).

Time: 5 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. Travis Renz, IFAD (email t.renz@ifad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1166). Co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP), the Rockefeller Foundation and Champions 12.3).

**Wednesday, 20 September 2017**
High-level event of the European Union-United Nations Gender Initiative (**A/RES/69/147**).

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.
Venue: Trusteeship Council, UNHQ, New York
All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Leyla Sharafi, UNFPA (e-mail sharafi@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (917) 319-8346). Co-organized by the European Union and the United Nations.

**Wednesday, 20 September 2017**

“Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and the SDG Agenda” event.

Time: 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Venue: 809 United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor (location of the Institute on International Education), New York

[Flyer](#)

Please RSVP by sending an email to duty.newyork@mofa.gov.qa. Co-organized by the State of Qatar, Center on International Cooperation, and the Silatech Foundation.

**Thursday, 21 September 2017**

High-level event entitled “Fast-Track: Quickening the pace of action to end AIDS” ([A/RES/70/266](#)).

Time: 9 – 10:30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ninan Varughese, UNAIDS (e-mail varughesen@unaids.org); to register, please click [here](#). Co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Uganda and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

**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: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

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[Concept note](#)

**Thursday, 21 September 2017**

High-level briefing on the “African Women Leaders Network” (on the occasion of the International Day of Peace ([A/RES/55/282](#))).

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Verlaine Diane Soobroydoo, Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union (e-mail
Thursday, 21 September 2017
High-level event: Official launch of the book *Income Inequality Trends in sub-Saharan Africa: Divergence, Determinants and Consequences*, which presents new findings on income inequality, its drivers, outcomes, and offers actionable policy options to African governments.

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York

Please RSVP [here](#). You will receive your pass one day before the event. Due to security, please arrive to the event at least 90 minutes in advance.

Thursday, 21 September 2017
UNGA Side Event “Localising the SDGs: Through Innovative Resource Mobilisation”

Time: 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Venue: ECOSOC Chambers, UNHQ, New York

UN Day Pass will be distributed at the Nigeria Mission House for intended participants who need access. Hosted by the Government of Nigeria.

Thursday, 21 September 2017

Time: 5 – 6 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 3, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, contact Mr. Jago Salmon, PBSO (e-mail salmon@un.org). Co-organized by the World Bank and the United Nations.

Friday, 22 September 2017
“The Impact of the SDGs on Development” is a UNGA side event

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Venue: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

Please RSVP to thamed@mofa.gov.qa. Co-organized in cooperation with UNDP and with the state of Qatar.
**Friday, 22 September 2017**

Event entitled “Childhood Obesity – A Development Time-bomb: Learning from small island developing States (SIDS) to accelerate multi-sectoral action in support of the 2025 Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) targets and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” ([A/RES/66/2](http://example.org)).

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lynda Waithe, **Permanent Mission of Barbados** (e-mail prun@foreign.gov.bb; tel. 1 (212) 551-4305). Co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Canada, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Healthy Caribbean Coalition.

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**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.

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

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. Organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

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**Thursday, 28 September 2017**

“Revealing the Unknown - Measuring the SDG Indicator on Human Trafficking Victims” meeting organized by The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children of the Netherlands on the occasion of the High-Level Meeting to Appraise the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Human Trafficking.

Time: 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room 9, UNHQ, New York

Please RSVP to unodcnv@un.org by 25 September, indicating your name and organization and if you will need a grounds pass.

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**Thursday, 28 September 2017**

Thematic dialogue on “Trade in Minors in the Digital Age: Waking Up the World to the Dire Need to Stop Trade in Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, Including Via the Internet” ([A/RES/70/179](http://example.org) and [A/RES/71/287](http://example.org)).
Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Venue: Economic and Social Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

Flyer

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Voronovich, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail voronovich.olga@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 772-2354). Co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus and the Group of Friends United Against Human Trafficking.

Wednesday, 4 October 2017
Briefing on The Preparation for the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

Flyer

Please RSVP to unodcny@un.org, indicating your name, organization and if you will need a UN Grounds Pass. Organized by UNODC in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Japan.

Thursday, 5 October 2017
“Promoting a Culture of Lawfulness: Implementing the Doha Declaration,” a side event on the occasion of the Third Committee’s deliberation on “Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations”

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

Flyer
www.unodc.org/dohadeclaration

Permanent Missions and other interested attendees are kindly requested to RSVP by latest 20 September 2017 to Ms. Yu Ping Chan (email: unodcny@un.org) indicating your name, organization and whether you will need a UN Grounds Pass.

Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2017
Africa Week 2017. Multiple events on the theme “Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

Venue: Multiple venues, UNHQ, New York

Programme

Registration for Africa Week events is available here.
### Upcoming UN Meetings and Observances

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### 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](Lifebridge Sanctuary), 333 Mountain Road Rosendale, NY 12472

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

[More information](More information)

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

**Poetry Slam for Peace hosted by Global Family 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](Invitation)

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**“Children on the Move: Preventing Child Trafficking by Implementing the UN Global Plan of Action” Panel Discussion**

Time: 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 12, UNHQ, New York

[Invitation](Invitation)

In the context of the current development of the Global Compact on Migrants and the review of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Human Trafficking, this panel will address
the cross-cutting nature of the causes of child trafficking within the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Please RSVP by 11:00 AM on September 20th [here](#).

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**
BookTalkUNA “Notes on a Foreign Country: An American Abroad in a Post-American World” Please join for a discussion with Author and Journalist Suzy Hansen.

Time: Registration: 6 p.m., Presentation: 6:30 p.m., Reception: 7:15 p.m.
Location: 809 United Nations Plaza, Kaufman Center – 12th Floor, New York

UNA Members: FREE; UNA Student Members: FREE; Guests and Non-Members: $15. Please learn more and get tickets [here](#).

**Friday, September 29, 2017**
Report “Basic Literacy for Older Persons in Nepal”

Time: 12:30 – 1 p.m.
Location: Columbia University, Earth Institute, 475 Riverside drive, Suite 253, 2nd floor, at West 119 St., New York

Invitation
RSVP required, please send email to normasimon@aol.com. Co-organized by The Center for Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University, NGO Committee on Ageing, NY and Gray Panthers.

**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

Change of time!
Time: 3 to 6 p.m.; Fundraising Reception: 6:15 – 8 p.m.
Location: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York; Fundraising Reception: AARP, New York Office, 31st Flr, 750 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10017

Flyer
The 2017 United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) will explore how technology, entrepreneurship and civic engagement can facilitate the contributions of older persons throughout the world. [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

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**


**Time:** 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Multiple locations, UNHQ, New York

The event is organized by the Permanent Mission of the Gambia to the UN, the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the UN (AU), the Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the World Urban Campaign (WUC), the World Association of Non-governmental Organizations (WANGO), the Better City Institute (BCI), etc. Please RSVP here.

**NGO Spotlight**

**UNESCO Catalonia (UNESCOCAT)**

Unesco Catalonia (UNESCOCAT) was associated with the Department of Public Information on 31 August, 1987 and has enjoyed special consultative status with ECOSOC since 2007.

The UNESCO center in Catalonia was established in 1984 to improve Catalonia’s cultural presence in the rest of the world through UNESCO’s fields of education, culture, science, and peace. UNESCOCat maintains relations with UNESCO with its “official relations” status and is a member of the Association of International Recognized UNESCO Centres throughout Europe.

UNESCOCat translates UN publications into Catalan for its 13,000-volume library, organizes interreligious dialogues in collaboration with local councils, hosts educational programs in jails, writes policy for the protection of Catalonian heritage, and actively works to promote cultural sustainability around the world.

For more information, visit their website at: [http://www.unescocat.org/en/](http://www.unescocat.org/en/)

Or follow them on their social media platforms:


Twitter: [http://twitter.com/Unescocat](http://twitter.com/Unescocat)
NGO Youth Corner

DPI NGO Youth News

Attention all UN DPI NGO Youth Representatives!

You are invited to the UN DPI NGO Youth Representatives Meeting that will take place on Friday, 22 September 4 – 6 p.m.
At WeWork, 205 E 42 Street, Meeting Room 19C.

Flyer
Please RSVP asap here.

DPI/NGO Resource Centre

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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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