Announcements
Week of 20 November 2017

DPI News

#DPINGO Thanksgiving Week Hours:
NGO Resource Centre hours for Thanksgiving week will be as follows:
• Tuesday, 21 November: 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• Wednesday, 22 November: 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
• Thursday, 23 November: Closed
• Friday, 24 November: Closed
• Monday, 27 November: 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, 28 November at 9.45 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience caused, and wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

#DPINGO Briefings: Friday, 1 December 2017
Join us for our upcoming DPI NGO Briefing in observance of World AIDS Day
The Right to Health
Organized in partnership with UNAIDS
RSVP
Date: Friday, 1 December 2017
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 2, UNHQ, NY
Flyer
More Information

#MyRighttoHealth UNAIDS Campaign

DPI/NGO Subscription Service
Please note, DPI/NGO will soon launch a subscription service. Through this new service, you will continue to receive information about DPI/NGO events, including the Weekly Announcements. More details to follow.

2017 Annual Review is now open
2017 Annual Review for DPI-associated NGOs is now open. The priority deadline to submit your Annual Review is 15 December 2017. The instructions and credentials have been sent to the heads of all DPI-associated NGOs. For more information, please visit our website.
In case you missed it!

- DPI NGO Briefing on Fashion and Sustainability: Look Good, Do Good, Feel Good
  Read Article by UN Radio
- DPI NGO Chat Series: Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence | Facebook live
- Watch the Briefing on YOUNited: An In-Depth Look at How Youth can Affect Change Through Policy and Action
- Watch other DPI/NGO Briefings

DPI/NGO Thursday Briefings Fall 2017 Calendar

Woman peacekeeper wins the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year award

New York/Vancouver, 15 November 2017

A UN peacekeeper from South Africa was today awarded the United Nations’ Military Gender Advocate of the Year in Vancouver, Canada.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, presented the award to Major Seitebatso Pearl Block as part of the UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial taking place from 14-15 November for her outstanding work on the frontlines of UN peacekeeping.

Created in 2016, the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award recognises the dedication and effort of an individual peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

“Major Seitebatso is an inspiration to us all and a strong example of how peacekeeping is about our personnel taking personal initiatives and interacting with local communities to help find solutions to their problems, better protecting civilians and, in turn, saving lives,” said Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Serving as an Information Operations Officer with the United Nations Stabilization mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) from July 2016 to July 2017, Major Block developed a Mission-wide SMS campaign on conflict-related sexual violence to reach communities who would otherwise not be easily accessible.

Based in the eastern city of Goma, Major Seitebatso interacted extensively with Congolese women, men, girls and boys to better understand their concerns. She invested her personal time to train fellow staff officers and troops to be more aware of gender dynamics within the peacekeeping mission. This led the military component to develop more inclusive community engagement projects as part of the Protection of Civilians strategy combating illegally armed groups in Eastern Congo.

Upon receiving her award, Major Block said she was “honoured and privileged” and hoped the award would encourage other women to serve as peacekeepers. “I knew I had to take action from the many conversations I had with women’s groups. As a peacekeeper, and as a woman, I think we have much to contribute to making the UN more inclusive and in tune with the communities we serve”, she added.

The UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial brings together defence ministers and other senior representatives from more than 80 countries and organizations to discuss the challenges facing UN Peacekeeping including the under-representation of women, and how to work together to find solutions.

Major Block is thirty-two-years-old and married to a fellow South African army officer. They have two daughters and are based in Pretoria.
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

#MyRightToHealth
#WildforLife Campaign
Official UN Social Media Accounts
UNICEF Campaign (#RefugeesWelcome)
“Small Smurfs Big Goals” Campaign
UNITE Campaign
#BeatPollution
Children Uprooted Campaign
#NotATarget
#OzoneHeros
#NotTooYoungToRun

UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters

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What’s happening at the UN?

Tuesday, 21 November
World TV Day 2017: Spotlighting global issues through entertainment

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York
Please note that RSVP for this event is now closed. This event is open to all UN Grounds Pass holders. Guests with valid UN grounds passes can go directly to Conference Room 4.
**Wednesday, 22 November**
Workshop entitled “Strengthening Implementation and Revitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development through Public and Private Partnerships in Conflict Resolution” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Columbia Law School)

Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room F, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please click here.

**Wednesday, 29 November**
Briefing on “United to End Tuberculosis: An opportunity to end a global emergency” *(A/RES/71/159)* (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Thailand, the World Health Organization (WHO) and Stop TB Partnership)

Time: 3 – 5 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Nathita Premabhuti, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail: nathitap@mfa.go.th; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 131); please register at unhlm@stoptb.org.

**Thursday, 30 November**
Event entitled “Preserving Pluralism and Diversity in the Nineveh Region” *(A/RES/61/221)* (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, the Nineveh Reconstruction Committee and the Knights of Columbus)

Time: 3 – 5 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885); to register, please click here.

**Friday, 1 December**

Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Venue: The Graduate Institute Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

More Information

**Tuesday, 5 December**
Call for Proposals: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women is accepting applications for its 21st grant cycle (2017). The application deadline is 5 December 2017.

More Information
**Monday, 11 December**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Special event to mark Human Rights Day and launch of the year-long campaign for the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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Video-recording stations will be available in the lobby for staff and visitors to add their voice by recording an article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in their native language, for use on social media and posting on the campaign platform: [https://www.un.org/en/udhr-video/collection](https://www.un.org/en/udhr-video/collection)

For more information please contact Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York, at vasic@un.org

**More Information**

**International Days and Observances**

20 November

*Africa Industrialization Day* *(A/RES/44/237)*

20 November

*Universal Children’s Day* *(A/RES/836(IX))*

21 November

*World Television Day* *(A/RES/51/205)*

25 November

*International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women* *(A/RES/54/134)*

29 November

*International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People* *(A/RES/32/40B)*

**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.

**Wednesday, 13 December 2017**

The Olympics, the Earth & Its Citizens – Launch Event

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**RSVP**

**Flyer**
SAVE THE DATE

GlobalMindED 2018 Conference will be held in Denver, CO from June 9-11, 2018 and the theme will be Bold Leaders Delivering Inclusive Outcomes. Call for Proposals are open until October 31. However, an invitation has been extended until November 30th.

Flyer

NGO Spotlight

UNA- Uganda

The United Nations Association of Uganda is formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information.

The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) comprises over 100 UNA’s around the world. UNA-Uganda was established to promote the work of the UN and to advocate for local solutions through civil society.

Like other UN Associations, UNA-Uganda organizes a Model United Nations to educate youth in the mission and procedures of the United Nations and to provide them with the opportunity to learn diplomacy skills.

UNA-Uganda also runs several programmes, including rural livestock programmes for generating household incomes and school programmes to establish UN clubs in secondary schools and universities.

Linda Asaba, an active member of UNA-Uganda as a student and a coordinator of its secondary school program, was elected to the WFUNA Youth Advisory Council 2015-2018 session as one of 9 youth delegates representing all UNA chapters throughout the world.

Later this week, from 22-24 November, UNA-Uganda will host a WFUNA Youth Seminar in Kampala. The theme will be the 2015 Security Council resolution UNSCR 2250, which recognizes the positive role youth can have as peacemakers.

For more information, visit their website at: http://unauganda.org/

Or follow them on social media:
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UNAUGANDA

NGO Youth Corner

Opportunities for Youth

Deadline Extended* Have you worked to build peace in your community? Would you like to share your story as a young peacebuilders in the Middle East and North Africa? Youth4Peace Global Knowledge Portal invites you to become a part of our advocacy campaign, Shughel Shabab! Submit your story! Have your voice heard!

Deadline: 1 December 2017*

The Youth4Peace Global Knowledge Portal is a new multi-stakeholder partnership between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), Search for Common Ground (SfCG) and the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY).
**DPI/NGO Resource Centre**

Please note that the hours below are affected for Thanksgiving week

**UPDATED**: Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

- **Monday**: 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. *
- **Tuesday**: 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. *
- **Wednesday**: 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. *
- **Thursday**: 2 to 4 p.m.
- **Friday**: 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

**Conference Room Reservation**

**UPDATED**: Please note that the Conference Room will be available the following days and hours:

- **Monday**: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday**: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday**: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Friday**: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: It is mandatory for all visitors to sign-in at the Resource Centre and state the purpose of their visit. Failure to sign-in may result in denial of access to future conference room bookings.

To book the Conference Room please send your request via e-mail to undpingo@un.org.

Please note, a DPI-associated NGO Representative/s must be present during your scheduled meeting.

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)
- Purpose of meeting

We will send a confirmation e-mail with the booking information.

Remember to follow our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) accounts for more information about DPI/NGO Briefings, UN events, NGO events and more!

And don’t forget to check out our pictures from our recent events.