DPI News

DPI/NGO 2017 Fall Briefings Season Kick Off: One on One with PGA

Join us for a dialogue with H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák on his agenda for the seventy-second session of the UN General Assembly and civil society engagement at the 2017 Fall season kick off briefing.

Date: Friday, 6 October 2017
Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, NY
Flyer
RSVP

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

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

**Ozone Heroes Campaign**

The Ozone Heroes campaign seeks to inspire the same collaborative energy that propelled the Montreal Protocol’s mission and led to its continued success in protecting all life on Earth. The campaign was launched on 15 September 2017 at Montreal’s Centre for Sustainable Development.

Press release

Join the Ozone Heroes campaign!

The Ozone Heroes campaign comes at a time when international collaboration is required in order to address pressing global issues and hopes to illuminate the ways in which human partnership can solve these issues as it did for the depletion of the ozone layer. The campaign journey follows the Guardians of the Galaxy and Iron Man as they discover humans are the heroes who solved the global crisis of ozone depletion. The campaign serves to emphasize that our human qualities are what equip us to solve the world’s most pressing problems.

Everyone is invited to join the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol by participating in the campaign by visiting [www.ozoneheroes.org](http://www.ozoneheroes.org) where one can discover his or her own ozone superpower.

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**WildforLife Campaign**

**Official UN Social Media Accounts**

**UNICEF Campaign (#RefugeesWelcome)**

**“Small Smurfs Big Goals” Campaign**

**UNITE Campaign**

**Children Uprooted Campaign**

**#NotATarget**

**OzoneHeros**

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**UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters**

**UNISPAL Newsletter**

**DESA NGO News**

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**What’s happening at the UN?**

*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

[Flyer](#)
Thursday, 28 September 2017

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Venue: Economic and Social Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

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
Panel discussion on “Introduction of Technology in Elections: Benefits and Risks” (A/RES/70/168)

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 9, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rahel Brugger Piriz, Electoral Assistance Division (e-mail bruggerpiriz@un.org). Co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

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

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 October 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.

Friday, 3 November 2017
“The 2017 Humanitarian Awards Dinner” Celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of the United Nations

Time: 6 p.m.
Venue: 45th Street and First Avenue, Visitors Entrance, UNHQ, New York

Invitation
Admission to the 2017 Humanitarian Awards Dinner is by invitation only. Reservations are required. Click here for more information, to purchase individual tickets or tables, download a printable invitation, and to learn more about corporate sponsorships. You may also contact Ann Nicol at (212) 907-1353.

Upcoming UN Meetings and Observances

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)

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.

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.

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

Special Meeting “The Recent Mass Destruction of Major Hurricanes: Facing the Devastating Impact of Climate Change”

Time: 1 – 4 p.m.
Location: Boss Room, 8th Floor, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza (East 44th Street at First Avenue), New York

[Invitation](#)
[Programme and Bios](#)
Organized NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY.

**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

[Updated Flyer](#)
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
The theme is “Effectively Planning and Managing Urban Spatial Development to Implement 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and New Urban Agenda”

Time: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Multiple locations, UNHQ, New York

Flyer

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.

NGOs In Action

“Trump speaks to U.N. General Assembly” Published in The Brown and White, The Lehigh University Student Newspaper

“President Donald Trump addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York City on Sept. 19. Members of the Lehigh community watched the broadcast of the speech in the Global Commons in Williams Hall.
Bill Hunter, the director of fellowship advising and U.N. programs, said broadcasting the event highlighted the importance of college students getting the chance to become a part of the bigger world around them.
“Specifically through the U.N. partnership,” Hunter said, “our goal is to take the opportunity to get Lehigh students as close to global decision makers as possible. Any chance we get to get more insight into the U.S. priorities at the U.N., that’s something very valuable to share with the Lehigh students.”

While some members of the Lehigh community watched Trump on television, Matthew Cossel, ’17, watched the speech in person.
“Before President Trump came out, I felt butterflies in my stomach because I’d never seen Trump in person before,” he said. “He’s someone you see on television who gives so many speeches, but watching him in person (was) very powerful. The speech definitely has more weight to it when you hear it in person. It definitely makes you pay attention more.”

Cossel graduated from Lehigh in May and landed an internship as a briefings intern in the United Nations Department of Public Information’s NGO Relations and Advocacy Office. Cossel works with nonprofit organizations that partner with U.N. for various events. He said his main responsibility is working on the team that sets up NGO briefings.”

Read the full article here.
“Stevie Wonder, Pharrell, & More Call for Peace and Progress at Global Citizen Festival” by Colleen Curry

“After more than 60,000 fans took action on human rights issues to attend the sixth annual Global Citizen Festival, world leaders responded in ways that will change the world for millions of citizens. […] The all-star turnout would not have been possible without Global Citizens taking action on behalf of human rights around the world. Global Citizens took more than 1.6 million actions ahead of the 2017 festival. In the two months leading up to Global Citizen Week, Global Citizens took over 1.6 million actions urging leaders to tackle extreme poverty. This collective cry helped drive 29 commitments, 55 announcements and 13 calls to action, that totaled $3.2 billion, which are set to affect the lives of 221 million people.”

Read the full article [here](#).

The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Amina J. Mohammed was among the distinguished speakers at the Festival which took place on Saturday, 23 September 2017 in New York.

You can [watch](#) the recording of the Festival which took place on Global Citizen is an NGO associated with DPI.

**NGO Spotlight**

**Institute for Multicultural Communications Cooperation and Development**

The Institute for Multicultural Communications Cooperation and Development (IFMCCADI) was associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information on 23 June 2017.

IFMCCADI utilizes technology to improve civil society relations and bridge cultural divides from its base in Manhattan. In New York City, IFMCCADI hosts special guests at frequent Harvard Club lectures and organizes forums and concerts for New York’s low-income demographic. IFMCCADI’s international initiative is currently focused on Latin America through its weekly TV show, “The 50-50 Show,” featuring entrepreneurs, activists, scholars, and other professionals. IFMCCADI also plans to publish a thematic video series after visiting several countries to encourage dialogue between the countries, as well as with the United States. IFMCCADI has enjoyed special consultative status with ECOSOC since 2004.

For more information, please visit their website at: [www.ifmccadi.org](#) or follow them on their social media platforms:

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/IF_MC_CA_DI](#)
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/IFMCCADI/](#)

**NGO Youth Corner**

“UN chief calls for ‘meaningful’ youth engagement in peace efforts, not just symbolism” UN News

Young people must be meaningful partners in conflict prevention and sustaining peace, and the United Nations should think outside the box on how to relate to youth.
globally, Secretary-General António Guterres told a ministerial event held [on Monday, 21 September] on the margins of the General Assembly’s annual debate. “Young women and men and their contributions to peace should stand at the very core of what will become our new common approach,” Mr. Guterres said, explaining that he has set in motion reforms to rethink the UN’s work on preventing war and sustaining peace. The event, co-chaired by Jordan and Norway, was held in support of Security Council Resolution 2250, a ground-breaking resolution adopted in 2015 which recognizes that “young people play an important and positive role in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security.”

Mr. Guterres noted that in today’s uncertain and unsettling world, young people find themselves left out of decision-making and increasingly unemployed. “We must do better in bridging these gaps and drawing on the enormous initiative, energy and ideas of the world’s young people. We must make the most of the power of young women and men as drivers of a culture of peace,” he said.

In a larger sense, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by UN Member States in 2015, provides a tremendous foundation for action, he said, as it rightly defines young people as “critical agents of change” and as a priority across its 17 Goals. “In all we do, our destination is clear: empowerment,” he said. “We must commit to engaging young people fully – not as a symbol or to simply check a box. The goal must be meaningful participation.”

In June, Mr. Guterres appointed Jayathma Wickramanayake as his Envoy on Youth to advance youth rights and priorities.

Please read the article here.