Announcements
28 August 2017

**DPI News**

**Solutions Summit**
Solutions Summit is an annual catalytic gathering at UN Headquarters in New York during UN General Assembly high-level week in September. This initiative lifts-up and advances the work of exceptional teams who are already developing innovative solutions that address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Read more...](#)

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**The Essential UN**
Take another look at the UN! The Essential UN website, provides a succinct and interactive way to quickly grasp the essentials of the Organization through fast facts, short videos, information cards and fun quizzes.

[The Essential UN]

**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
Children Uprooted Campaign
#NotATarget

UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters
UNISPAL Newsletter
DESA NGO News

What’s happening at the UN?

Thursday, 7 September 2017
MEET THE AUTHOR: Pamela Hanlon, in a conversation moderated by Mr. Maher Nasser, Department of Public Information, United Nations and joined by Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner, NYC Mayor’s Office for International Affairs.

Time: 1 to 2 p.m.

Event Flyer
RSVP

Friday, 8 September 2017
Event on “Second year anniversary of the 2030 Agenda: Lessons learned from the Sustainable Development Goals Fund” (A/RES/70/1) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru and the Women’s International Forum (WIF))

Time: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 5, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Veronika Bustamante, Permanent Mission of Peru (e-mail vbustamante@unperu.org; tel. 1 (212) 687-3336)

Saturday, 16 September 2017
Outtrace 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
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.

Upcoming UN Meetings and Observances

29 August
International Day against Nuclear Tests (A/RES/64/35)

30 August
International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances (A/RES/65/209)

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.

NGO REPORTER: AUGUST 2017 ISSUE
The NGO Reporter is a periodic newsletter of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee, which has long been central to the outreach efforts of the Committee. For inquiries about the NGO Reporter, please call 1 (347) 850-3968.

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.

In Action

UNAOC launches call for Young Peacebuilders in MENA
The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) is pleased to launch the call for applications for the Young Peacebuilders in Middle East and North Africa programme. The call is open to participants between 18 to 25 years old, from the region, with a strong interest in growing their ability to act as agents of peace in their community, region and beyond. The deadline to apply is 31 August 2017.
**DPI-associated NGO Spotlights**

**Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention**

The Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention (ATOP) was associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information on 8 December 2009. ATOP was created to assist disaster victims with mental health recovery and to train others in administering to traumatized populations. ATOP seeks to nurture community resilience and resolve victims’ psychological scars using education and discussion, and ultimately through forgiveness and acceptance. ATOP follows global disasters and maintains programs with the victims, including PTSD programs in Armenia, Syria, and the United States. ATOP promotes global missions based in its chapters in Pakistan, Canada, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For more information, please visit their website at: [http://bit.ly/2xHmD1B](http://bit.ly/2xHmD1B)

**NGO Youth Corner**

**Youth Voices on Substance Abuse**

DPI/NGO Briefing “Youth Voices on Substance Abuse: A Guide to Empowerment and Action” was one of the highlights of the Spring 2017 Briefings Season. Please read reflections on the Briefing published by our colleagues at DPI Academic Impact Section:

On April 20, 2017, eighteen of these students presented their perspectives on the opioid pandemic and recommended approaches to dealing with this health crisis at a briefing held under the auspices of the UN Department of Public Information, NGO Relations Section. Students were joined by Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick, whose Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy advocates expanded supportive and recovery services, and Michelle McElroy from Southern Tier Aids Program, which supports regional counselling and needle exchange programs. Also presenting were Yu Ping Chan from the UN Office of Drugs and Crime, who provided a global perspective, and Jeff Brez, Chief, NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events.

Read full article...

**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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