Announcements
5 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, 3 p.m. The General Debate will open on Tuesday, 19 September 2017. More information...

Provisional Agenda
Draft Programme of Work

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)
Thursday, 7 September 2017
High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace will be convened by the President of the UN General Assembly and aims to highlight emerging trends that impact on the realization of a culture of peace and to enable Member States and others to exchange ideas on further promoting a Culture of Peace.

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Venue: General Assembly Hall & Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

The High-level Forum will consist of an opening session, a plenary segment, an interactive panel discussion and a closing segment. The panel discussion will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and will focus on “Sowing the Seeds of the Culture of Peace: Early Childhood Development is the Beginning”. Read more...

Thursday, 7 September 2017
Presentation of the report entitled “Journey to Extremism in Africa: Drivers, Incentives and the Tipping Point for Recruitment” (A/RES/66/282) (organized by the Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Time: 10 to 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 3, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact UNDP (Mr. Chinpihoi Kipgen (e-mail chinpihoi.kipgen@undp.org) or Mr. Lamine Bal (e-mail lamine.bal@undp.org))

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
**Thursday, 7 September 2017**
Panel discussion on “Displacement and migration in the context of disasters and climate change” – The work of the Platform on Disaster Displacement (on the occasion of the International Day for Disaster Reduction ([A/RES/64/200](https://undocs.org/A/RES/64/200))) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Time: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sylvia Wasch, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail sylvia.wasch@diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0490).

**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](https://undocs.org/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)

**Friday, 8 September 2017**
Briefing on “Sovereign Debt Restructuring: Further Improvements on Market-Based Approaches” in follow up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda ([A/RES/69/313](https://undocs.org/A/RES/69/313)) (organized by the Financing for Development Office (FfDO), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Time: 3 to 5 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 8, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Tim Hilger, FfDO, DESA (e-mail hilger@un.org).

**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.

More information

### Upcoming UN Meetings and Observances

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### UN News

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

The Secretary-General in his report on “Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse: a new approach”, pledged that the United Nations will put the rights and dignity of victims at the forefront of its efforts to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse. As Victims’ Rights Advocate, Ms. Connors will support an integrated, strategic response to victim assistance in coordination with United Nations system actors with responsibility for assisting victims. She will work with government
institutions, civil society, and national and legal and human rights organizations to build networks of support and to help ensure that the full effect of local laws, including remedies for victims, are brought to bear.

Ms. Connors brings to the position a long and multi-faceted career in human rights advocacy as well as human rights and humanitarian assistance in the academic, United Nations and civil society spheres. She is currently International Advocacy Director Law and Policy for Amnesty International in Geneva. Prior to that, she was Director of the Research and Right to Development Division at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). In 2002 she joined OHCHR, where she worked in the Human Rights Treaties Division and as Chief of the Special Procedures Branch. From 1996 and 2002 she was the Chief of the Women’s Rights Section in the Division for the Advancement of Women in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York.

Before joining the United Nations, Ms. Connors was a law teacher at the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London, the Universities of Lancaster and Nottingham, in the United Kingdom, and the University of Canberra and the Australian National University in Australia.

Ms. Connors holds a Masters of Laws, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts from the Australian National University.

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.

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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.

NGO Spotlight

The Varkey Foundation
The Varkey Foundation was associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information on 23 June 2017.
The Varkey Foundation seeks to provide underprivileged children with high-quality education by training and incentivizing teachers around the world. The Varkey Foundation offers extensive tutoring for teachers to implement their training in Varkey’s satellite schools. These solar-powered institutions seek to provide high-quality education for children in refugee camps and poverty-stricken areas throughout Africa and South America. The Varkey Foundation has also created a Global Teacher Status Index which compares teachers across 21 countries; it is the first in-depth comparison of its kind, which offers the “Nobel Prize for teaching” recognition to one worthy candidate. Finalists for this teaching prize have been designated as Varkey Teacher Ambassadors since they exemplify passion for and dedication to education.

At its annual Global Education & Skills Forum, the Varkey Foundation collaborates with UNESCO to identify and research the challenges of global education.

For more information, please visit their website at www.varkeyfoundation.org or follow them on their social media platforms:

Twitter: https://twitter.com/VarkeyFdn
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VarkeyFoundation
Google play: https://vimeo.com/varkeyfoundation
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/varkeyfoundation

NGO Youth Corner

NGO Youth Spotlight

A number of UN DPI/NGO Youth Representatives and members of the department's Youth NGO 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.

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