# Announcements

## 06 November 2017

### DPI News

#### #DPINGO Orientation Programme: 9 November 2017

Orientation Programme for Representatives of NGOs Newly Associated with the Department of Public Information

**RSVP**

Date: Thursday, 9 November 2017  
Time: 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.  
Location: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, NY

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#### #DPINGO Thursday Briefings: 16 November 2017

Join us for our upcoming Thursday Briefing on **Fashion and Sustainability: Look Good, Feel Good, Do Good**  
*Using Fashion as a Vehicle for Change*

**RSVP**

Date: Thursday, 16 November 2017  
Time: 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
Location: Conference Room 4, UNHQ, NY

[Flyer](#)  
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#DPINGO Tuesday Chat Series

RSVP

Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2017
Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Location: NGO Relations Resource Centre

Flyer
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In case you missed it!
- Watch the Briefing on **YOUUnited: 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**

Looking for NGOs working with children in Post-Conflict Environments and Refugee Camps
Are you an NGO working with children in post conflict environments and refugee camps? Please inbox NGO Relations at undpingo@gmail.com if you are interested in collaborating with middle school students from the Valhalla Union Free District in Westchester County, New York to design and implement a book project to benefit refugee children.
UN Climate Change Conference 2017
The UN Climate Change Conference - November 2017 will take place 6-17 November in Bonn, Germany and will be presided over by the Government of Fiji.

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
#BeatPollution
Children Uprooted Campaign
#NotATarget
#OzoneHeros
#NotTooYoungToRun

UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters

UNISPAL Newsletter
DESA NGO News
**What’s happening at the UN?**

**Tuesday, 7 November**

Information session on the “*Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*” (*A/RES/686 (VII) and A/RES/796 (VIII)!*) (co-organized by the Department of Political Affairs (*DPA*) and the Office of Legal Affairs (*OLA*))

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Blanca Montejo, DPA (e-mail montejo@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8385)

**Thursday, 9 November**

Event on “Universal Healthcare: Integration of Physical and Mental Healthcare for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NDCs)” (*A/RES/68/271 and A/RES/70/1*) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Jamaica and Thailand, the World Health Organization (*WHO*), the United Nations NGO Committee on Mental Health (*CMH*), the International Council of Women (*ICW-CIF*), the Communications Coordination Committee of the United Nations (*CCCUN*) and the Pan-Pacific and South-East Asia Women’s Association (*PPSEAWA-USA*)

Time: 3 – 6 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 8, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tyesha Turner, Permanent Mission of Jamaica (e-mail jamaica@un.int or events2@optonline.net; tel. 1 (212) 935-7509)

**Thursday, 9 November**

PLURAL+ 2017 will celebrate 29 award-winning videos of the 320 entries received from all around the world. PLURAL+ supports the outreach of youth-produced videos addressing the topics of migration, diversity, social inclusion and the prevention of xenophobia.

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York

Register
More Information

**Monday, 13 November**

Workshop entitled “Peace, Justice, and Inclusion Through Mediation” (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 9, 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.

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

Up to speed
UNIC Beirut promotes TOGETHER during migration meeting

Ambassadors of Arab and Western countries, government representatives, civil society, media and experts who attended a recent meeting at the UN House in Beirut, learned about the UN’s TOGETHER campaign at a booth set up by UNIC Beirut.

On the sidelines of the ESCWA’s Regional Consultation on International Migration in the Arab Region, the outreach activity was aimed to raise awareness of TOGETHER campaign, its values and goals, and how to contribute to it. Staff from the UN Information Centre (UNIC) Beirut raised banners and took photos of participants with the campaign logo, who, in turn, posted them on their social media accounts with the campaign’s hashtag.

UNIC Beirut also aired audiovisual material explaining the campaign, which was launched in 2016 to promote respect, safety and dignity for refugees and migrants. Staff also distributed an activity book produced by UNIC Beirut that included games, crosswords puzzles and other riddles to encourage awareness of the campaign, as well as, the values of tolerance, acceptance and equality to kids aged five to fifteen years old.

Participants expressed their appreciation of the timeliness and relevance of the TOGETHER campaign, and some stated they were already pushing its message of acceptance in their programmes and activities.

Several high-ranking officials stopped by, including: Mohamed Ali Al-Hakim, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA); Sigrid Kaag, Special Coordinator for Lebanon; William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General; and Philippe Lazzarini, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Lebanon.
The ESCWA Regional Consultation on International Migration was organized in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), League of Arab States (LAS), and United Nations members of the Working Group on International Migration in the Arab Region, to prepare for the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Participants discussed regional migration issues, priorities and challenges.

SOURCE: UN iSeek

How can civil society help #BeatPollution?

The third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will take place in Nairobi from 4 to 6 December 2017 under the theme “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet”.

In the run-up to the Assembly, UN Environment is leading a global campaign to #BeatPollution. This campaign aims to inspire people, civil society organisations, governments and the private sector to reduce their pollution footprint and call for leaders to take decisive action on pollution. Civil Society is critical to driving this message.

Find out more information here.

October/November UN Meetings and Observances

6 November
International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict (A/RES/56/4)

10 November
World Science Day for Peace and Development (UNESCO 31 C/Resolution 20)

14 November
World Diabetes Day (A/RES/61/225)

16 November
International Day for Tolerance. (UNESCO 28 C/Resolution 5.61; A/RES/51/95)

16 November (third Thursday in November)
World Philosophy Day (UNESCO 33 C/Resolution 37)

19 November
World Toilet Day (A/RES/67/291)

20 November
Africa Industrialization Day. (A/RES/44/237)

19 November (third Sunday in November)
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. (A/RES/60/5)

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.

Monday, 13 November
Invitation to attend the 5th instalment of the event series 'Peace Is...' with a focus on the promotion of women's empowerment under the theme 'Peace Is... Solidarity.' This event is hosted by Ambassador Koro Bessho, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN, and co-hosted by the UN Missions of Indonesia, Germany, Colombia, and Belgium in cooperation with the UN Department of Public Information.

Time: 2 – 3 p.m.
Venue: UN Visitors Lobby

For inquiries, contact (212) 521-0671, or email: agnes.mallari@dn.mofa.go.jp

Wednesday, 8 November
10th Annual Orthodox Prayer Service & Reception for the United Nations Community. Interceding for Migrants and Refugees

Time: Doors open: 6:15 p.m. Procession begins: 6:45 p.m.
Venue: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral, 337 East 74th Street, New York

For more Information, contact (212) 570-3593, or email: un@goarch.org.

Thursday, 16 November
Invitation: Creating the Conditions for Decent Work for All - Localizing Sustainable Development Goal 8, an initiative part of the Global Vision | Urban Action program of the NYC Mayor’s Office for International Affairs

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

Additional information: 

- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- 17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD
- TOGETHER
To RSVP, email: IARSVP@cityhall.nyc.gov. To register, please RSVP by Monday, November 13, 2017.

**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.

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**NGO Spotlight**

**Lehigh University**

Lehigh University was formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information on 13 July 2004.

Founded in 1865 in the town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Lehigh celebrates its local history and tradition while seeking to lead the world in collegiate innovation and excellence.

Lehigh has ambitious plans to add multiple state-of-the-art facilities as well as to increase their student and faculty population, expanding campus diversity and research capacity without altering their student-faculty ratio. Lehigh claims competitive global opportunities and academics with a hands-on education and faculty mentorship.

More than one hundred fully-funded internships are available world-wide to Lehigh students, 37 of whom have chosen to intern at the UN. Lehigh was the first NGO in the world to create a UN Youth Representative program and the sixth university to formally associate with the UN. Lehigh brings more than 1500 faculty and students to UN events each year.

For more information, visit their website at: https://www1.lehigh.edu/home
Or follow them on Social Media:

- Twitter: @LehighU
- YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/user/lehighuofficial](https://www.youtube.com/user/lehighuofficial)
- Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/lehighu/](https://www.instagram.com/lehighu/)
- Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/lehighu](https://www.facebook.com/lehighu)

**NGO Youth Corner**

“**Commemorating International Day for Tolerance**” - Interview with Andreas Tzekas

Every year on 16 November, the international community celebrates the International Day for Tolerance. The rich diversity of global cultures, forms of expression, religions, gender identity and other various ways of being human make us unique citizens of the world. Acquiring and maintaining the skills and values of tolerance helps individuals,
communities, and nations respect the multicultural facets of humanity and uphold the values of peace and diversity.

The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples. This imperative lies at the core of the United Nations Charter as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is more important than ever in this era of rising and violent extremism and widening conflicts that are characterized by a fundamental disregard for human life. The acts of intolerance often breed-violence, terrorism, xenophobia, racism, anti-Semitism, marginalization and exclusion. As a result of these acts, vulnerable groups such as ethnic minorities, refugees, migrant workers, immigrants, women, those with disabilities and youth are further disenfranchised. The ultimate price is a global discontent marred by conflicts and violence and their tangible consequence on efforts geared towards sustaining peace at the national, regional and international levels.

Since every part of the world is characterized by diversity, escalating intolerance and strife potentially menaces every region and culture. In an age marked by globalization characterized by rapid mobility, large-scale migrations and displacement of populations have become a result of the drastic changing social patterns. The need for greater tolerance has become a cherished principle as societies integrate and become more inter-dependent.

An interview with Andreas Tzekas, a long-term member of the National Scout Association of Greece, highlights how his organization uses the skills of tolerance in their daily lives to help “build bridges” and facilitate mutual understanding between refugees or migrants and the local natives. Andreas Tzekas emphasizes the nexus of tolerance and peace as precursors to global progress and development.

Read the full interview
Source: UN Youth Flash

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 3 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday: 2 to 4 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.

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

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