**Announcements**

**16 October 2017**

**DPI News**

**This Week is #UNAfricaWeek!**

- UN News article: “Kicking off ‘Africa Week’ at UN, Guterres says women and youths can unleash continent’s potential”
- UN PGA news article: High-level Inaugural Event of Africa Week 2017

**DPI/NGO upcoming Thursday Briefing**

“Addressing the Climate Change Nexus and Its Implications for Peace and Security in Africa”, organized in observance of Africa Week (16 to 20 October) with the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (OSAA)

Date: Thursday, 19 October 2017  
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Location: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

[RSVP](#)  
More Information on Africa Week

**DPI/NGO Highlights:**

DPI USG Alison Smale moderates the High--Level Event: “Financing Africa's Infrastructure and Agricultural Development: Inclusive Growth for Economic Transformation”

Date: Tuesday, 17 October 2017  
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Location: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

Please note that RSVP for this event is closed, however, no RSVP is required for UNHQ Grounds Pass holders

[More Information on Africa Week](#)

**In case you missed it!**

- Watch Facebook coverage of [DPI NGO Tuesday Chat Series: Bullying Complicit Silence in the Face of Indignity](#)
- Watch the video of [Conversation with Youth Reach for the Stars: Encouraging Youth to Pursue Careers in STEM with Special Guests Scott Kelly](#)
- Read the summary of Briefing season’s kick-off with the President of the 72nd UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák on his agenda for the current session of the General Assembly and civil society engagement. [Briefing Video](#)

See full DPI/NGO Thursday Briefings Fall 2017 Calendar
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?

Monday, 16 October to Friday, 20 October

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.
**Tuesday, 17 October**

**Event entitled “Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies”** (on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (A/RES/47/196)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France, in collaboration with ATD Fourth World)

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact **ATD Fourth World** (e-mail nycteam@4thworldmovement.org; tel. 1 (212) 228-1339).

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**Tuesday, 17 October**


Time: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, **WIPO** (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071).

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**Tuesday, 17 October**

**Event entitled “Countering the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs): Strengthening Capacities and Stabilizing Communities”** (A/RES/71/72) (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Time: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 8, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Larisa Khiryanova, **UNMAS** (e-mail khiryanova@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4953).

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**Tuesday, 17 October**

**Panel discussion on “Building public health delivery systems that support Africa’s industrialization”** (A/RES/71/320) (organized by the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency)

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact **OSAA** (Ms. Juliet WasswaMugambwa (e-mail wasswa-mugambwa@un.org), or Mr. Jean-Victor Nkolo (e-mail nkolo@un.org)); or [click here](#).

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**Wednesday, 18 October**

**High-level event on “Regional and economic integration in Africa: How to effectively involve Africa’s youth across national borders”** (A/RES/71/254) (co-organized by the African Union Permanent Observer Mission, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
(OSAA), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency and the African Peer Review Mechanism)

Time: 3 to 6 p.m.
Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Juliet WasswaMugambwa (e-mail wasswa-mugambwa@un.org), or Mr. Jean-Victor Nkolo (e-mail nkolo@un.org)); or click here.

Wednesday, 18 October
Screening of the Documentary Film, “Until There Is Peace” and panel discussion.

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

Flyer

Please note that seats may be limited. Open to the holders of UN Grounds Pass in NY.

Friday, 27 October
Fourth Annual J. Michael Adams Lecture and Conversation organized by United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)

Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Venue: UNHQ, New York

The lecture, entitled "Women Uniting Nations: A Conversation on Struggles against Sexual Violence around the World", will be delivered this year by Prof. Ruchira Gupta, New York University, and Founder/President of Apne Aap Women Worldwide, a grassroots movement to end sex trafficking. At issue is the role of women worldwide in furthering United Nations causes, and what the United Nations can do for women worldwide. Please note the need for reserving a spot through Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fourth-annual-unai-j-michael-adams-lecture-and-conversation-tickets-29338294629) by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 October.

Up to speed

In Kyoto, Japanese comedians tackle UN Global Goals

13 October 2017 – Japanese comedians on Friday competed to make people laugh by weaving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their performance at a United Nations-supported special event in Kyoto, the country's cultural centre.

“IT is fascinating to see so many people take interest in SDGs with today's comedy performance as an entry point, thanks to the influence of entertainment,” said Kaoru Nemoto, Director of UN Information Centre (UNIC) in Tokyo. “Laughter can open up people's minds, and comedy and entertainment can break barriers.”
This creative experiment was made possible by UNIC Tokyo’s special collaboration launched earlier this year with Yoshimoto Kogyo, an entertainment giant with some 6,000 comedians under its management.

Jeff Brez, Chief, NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events of UN Department of Public Information, said that the UN needs the help of the creative community to spread the word about this master plan to guide the planet to a sustainable future through 2030. “The challenge of SDGs is that it is complex and that we need time to address. We would like to help bring everybody on board and engage in this important agenda, through simple and down-to-earth messages,” said Yoshimoto Kogyo President and Chief Executive Officer Hiroshi Osaki.

According to a news release from the event organizer, five groups took to the stage wearing a rainbow of colored t-shirts emblazoned with a SDG’s logo. Each group had to choose at least three of the 17 Goals in to their routine.

Last up were Non-Style, who managed to incorporate 11 Goals as they portrayed a baseball player and his girlfriend as the player plans to give her a birthday present. Ms. Nemoto, who served as the judge, decided to award Non-Style the prize of United Nations goods.

The event was part of the 4th Kyoto International Film and Art Festival. The festival opened on Thursday and runs through Sunday, at the Nishi Hongwanji Temple, a World Heritage site designated by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

SDGs-themed events during the festival also include a screening of a short promotional movie on SDGs produced by top Japanese creators, and a game for children to collect 17 SDGs stamps featuring the comedians’ messages.

Read the article here.

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.

Virtual Hackathon for Sustainable Development

Use your tech skills to bring Science & Technology knowledge to millions of users in developing countries. By participating in this challenge your solution could reach the rest of the world.

Bring together data from a curated list of reputable sources worldwide to match innovators, entrepreneurs, and everyday users with the science and technology they need to build a sustainable world.

Find out more information here.

October UN Meetings and Observances

16 October
World Food Day [FAO] (A/RES/35/70)
17 October
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  (A/RES/47/196)

20 October (every five years, beginning in 2010)
World Statistics Day (A/RES/69/282)

24 October
United Nations Day (A/RES/168 (II); A/RES/2782 (XXVI))

24 October
World Development Information Day (A/RES/3038 (XXVII))

27 October
World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (UNESCO 33/C/Resolution 53)

31 October
World Cities Day (A/RES/68/239)

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, October 23
2017 “The Spirit of the UN” Awards

Time: 1 – 3 p.m.
Location: 2nd Floor, UN Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, New York

Flyer

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY is honored to Co-Sponsor the 2017 'Spirit of the UN' Awards of the NGO Committee on Spirituality Values & Global Concerns-NY. The CSVGC-NY bestows the SUNAs each year to members of the United Nations community whose work is an expression of the core principles spirit and vision upon which the United Nations was founded, as expressed through the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Week of Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns. RSVP at csvgcny@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 24
United Nations Day celebration through “Spices for Peace”

Time: 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: UN Church Centre, 777 UN Plaza, New York

Flyer

RSVP

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY is proud to support this Special Session with UNA-USA Council of Organizations, Global Foundation for Democracy & Development and Kitchen Connection together with our partners and supporting organizations to highlight. Author and Food Expert: Nargisse Benkabbou will join us live from her home in Morocco. She'll teach us her recipe for Amlou and share her thoughts on the connection between this dish and SDGs 8, 11 & 15.
**Tuesday, October 31**


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](#).

**Friday, 3 November**

“The 2017 Humanitarian Awards Dinner” Celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of the United Nations

Time: 6 p.m. onwards
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.

**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, NY, UNHQ, New York

[Flyer]


**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 is established to improve the standards of education for underprivileged children throughout the world. The Foundation believes every child deserves a vibrant, stimulating learning environment that awakens and supports their full
potential. Its mission is for every child to have a good teacher. The Varkey Foundation does this through building teacher capacity, advocacy campaigns to promote excellence in teaching practice at the highest levels of policy making and providing grants to partner organisations that offer innovative solutions in support of their mission.

For more information:
Website: https://www.varkeyfoundation.org/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/VarkeyFdn
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VarkeyFoundation

**NGO Youth Corner**

**Opportunities for the Youth**

The UN Youth Envoy has just announced the call for applications for the next class of Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals! The world is currently home to the largest generation of young people in history. With 50% of the world’s population being under the age of 30, the ideas and talents of young people will drive the success of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. That’s why the United Nations is on a mission to unearth 17 of world’s greatest young changemakers, innovators, and ground-breakers!

Launching the Class of 2016 was a huge success—after a year of advocacy, they’ve spoken on hundreds of platforms and reached millions of people spreading the message of the Goals. Selected from over 18,000 nominations, the first class of Young Leaders for the SDGs are 17 global citizens who come from many different backgrounds, represent every region in the world and are recognized for their outstanding leadership in their efforts to achieve the Goals.

Until November 3rd, we’re on a mission to unearth 17 of the world’s greatest young leaders working across all sectors and from every corner of the world to make up the next Class of Young Leaders for the SDGs.

We’re so excited to hear about the work of the next generation of innovators, changemakers, and ground-breakers, but to do so, we need your help in finding the next class of Young Leaders. We can’t achieve the Sustainable Development Goals without empowering young people, and we certainly can’t recruit the world’s best young changemakers without your support.

We’re most so grateful for outreach support from colleagues across the UN System and beyond.

Check out all social media assets and more on this Trello Board and find out more information on the Young Leaders for the SDGs initiative at sdgyoungleaders.org
Please see the presentation here.

**DPI/NGO Resource Centre**

Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

Updated Resource Centre hours*

- 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

### Updated Conference Room hours*

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.

To book the Conference Room, please send your request via e-mail to [undpingo@un.org](mailto: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](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com), and [Instagram](https://instagram.com) 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.