**Announcements**

**Week of 18 December 2017**

### DPI News

**DPINGO Resource Centre will be closed at 12 noon on 20 December**

Please note, due to an office meeting scheduled for DPINGO staff, the NGO Resource Centre will remain closed on Wednesday, 20 December 2017 from 12 noon onwards. We will resume regular office hours on Thursday, 21 December 2017. Please find our updated office hours within this newsletter or [click here](#). We apologize for any inconvenience.

### TOY COLLECTION

Support our DPI-associated NGO, Fraternite Notre Dame by donating new toys for kids between the ages of 0-13 years old (price range $15-$20). Please contribute by 18 December 2017. Bring your gifts to UNITAR Building, 2nd Floor, NGO Resource Centre, 801 UN Plaza, New York 10017.

### DPI/NGO Subscription Service (UPDATED)

NGO Relations is pleased to announce that as of 1 January 2018, we will be implementing a subscription system for e-mail communications. The current mailing list will cease to be used as of 31 December 2017. All interested individuals in getting the weekly announcements, as well as other communications, from our office must subscribe to the new system. Please note that no e-mail addresses will be migrated to the new system. Also note that e-mails provided in the Annual Review will not be automatically subscribed. Any person interested in subscribing may do so through the below link or on our [website](#), regardless of whether that person is an NGO Representative. For queries on this matter please reach out to us via e-mail at undpingo@un.org, subject line EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION.

### 2017 Annual Review is now open

The 2017 Annual Review for DPI-associated NGOs is now open. The priority deadline to submit your Annual Review was 15 December 2017. The next and final deadline is **31 January 2018**. NGOs that submitted their Annual Review on or before the deadline of 15 December will be able to retrieve their UNHQ Grounds Passes, provided their Annual Review has been positively evaluated, starting 1st February 2018. NGOs that submit their Annual Review between 16 December 2017 and 31 January 2018 will be able to retrieve their UNHQ Grounds Passes, provided their Annual Review has been positively evaluated, starting 1st March 2018. The instructions and credentials have been sent to the heads of all DPI-associated NGOs. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

### DPI/NGO Youth Representatives Steering Committee Application

The Steering Committee is made of young people ages 18 to 32 serving as NGO youth representatives or leaders within non-governmental organizations or youth-led groups in
association with the Department of Public Information. Individuals will act within the capacity as Steering Committee members only when requested and approved by DPI.

Deadline for application: **Friday, 22 December 2017**

**In case you missed it!**

- DPI/NGO Briefing: The NGO Communications Workshop: Digital Strategies to Amplify UN Issues [Webcast (morning session)] | [Facebook Live (afternoon session)]
- DPI/NGO Briefing: #StandUp4HumanRights in observance of Human Rights Day and 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of human Rights
- DPI/NGO Briefing: The Right to Health in observance of World AIDS Day. #MyRighttoHealth
- DPI/NGO Briefing on Fashion and Sustainability: Look Good, Do Good, Feel Good
  Read Article by UN Radio
- Watch other DPI/NGO Briefings

**#StandUp4HumanRights**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Add Your Voice!


**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**

**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.

**Worst attack on UN Peacekeepers in recent history**

14 Peacekeepers have been killed in the worst attack on Blue Helmets. The peacekeepers were all Tanzanian troops deployed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They were killed in an attack in the conflict-torn eastern part of the country on December 7.

**Watch the Video**
# Gender Equality, 2017 Year in Review: UN Women

From the rise of the #MeToo movement to numerous new laws on violence against women and the conviction of the ‘butcher of Bosnia’ for war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity, including sexual violence, this timeline is a selection of some of the noteworthy moments for women’s rights and gender equality from around the world this year.

View timeline: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)

## Social Media & Campaigns

- #MyRightToHealth
- #WildforLife Campaign
- Official UN Social Media Accounts
- UNICEF Campaign (#RefugeesWelcome)
- “Small Smurfs Big Goals” Campaign
- UNITE Campaign
- #BeatPollution
- Children Uprooted Campaign
- #NotATarget
- #OzoneHeros
- #NotTooYoungToRun
- #StandUp4HumanRights
- #AChildIsAChild

## UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters

- [UNISPAL Newsletter](#)
- [DESA NGO News](#)

## What’s happening at the UN?

**Tuesday, 19 December**

Briefing to Member States on the outcomes of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly ([A/RES/71/231](#)) (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 8, UNHQ, NY

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Juan Rengifo, UNEP (e-mail...
Tuesday, 19 December
“Hawar A Cry For Help” Documentary Screening, Panel and Reception

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

RSVP by Thursday, 14 December 2017

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: For Non-UN Ground Pass Holders, please make sure to bring an ID document. The name(s) that you provide on the RSVP must match EXACTLY the one displayed on your ID. Line-up will start at 5.30 p.m. Please ENTER through 46th Street Visitors’ Entrance on 1st Avenue.

READ THE WORLD MIGRATION REPORT 2018

International Days and Observances

18 December
International Migrants Day (A/RES/55/93)

18 December
Arabic Language Day (Arabic)

20 December
International Human Solidarity Day (A/RES/60/209)

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.

Wednesday, 20 December
“Peace on Earth: In the Spirit of Giving” Celebration and Holiday Party organized by the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.
Location: Hardin Room, 11th Floor, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza, New York

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.

NGO Spotlight

Concepts of Truth International
Concepts of Truth (CoT) was formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information on 17 November 2017. Concepts of Truth has special consultative status with ECOSOC since 2015.

Founded in 1998, Concepts of Truth offers sexual health education and counselling services “to equip the whole person to make healthy life choices and to empower future generations.” Concepts of Truth teaches a sexual health curriculum in public schools, which has resulted in lowered rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The curriculum promotes the concept of “whole-personhood;” that sexuality is an integral part of a person’s multidimensional being, not an isolated function to be abused as a commodity.

Concepts of Truth staff travel around the United States and China to share their counselling curriculum: Concepts of Recovery: The Journey, which addresses post-abortion grief and depression, and provides professional counselling for recovery. Concepts of Truth staff members, who have personally experienced and healed from this heartache, maintain a 24/7 international crisis helpline and host an annual recovery weekend with therapeutic interventions.

Concepts of Truth regularly participates in CSW and CSocD with written statements and side events, and particularly encourages youth involvement.

For more information, please visit their website at: http://www.internationalhelpline.org/
Or follow them at:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ConceptsofTruth/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/conceptsoftruth

NGO Youth Corner
Opportunities for Youth

Call for Applications: Youth Rep for NGO

Please note that the United Nations, NGO Relations or the Department of Public Information are not involved in this offer nor in the recruitment process. This opportunity is extended by the Light Millennium, not DPI and is not an official position with the United Nations, DPI or NGO Relations.

The Light Millennium invites applications for an open position of Youth Representatives to United Nations Department of Public Information. More Information

Position Type: Unpaid (an option to incorporate with an internship possibility towards credit for a semester – in this case, Internship of the school criteria will apply); or For a year-long volunteer position (October-June).

Required Hours per Week: 4 hours per week on-site and 2-4 hours per week on-line (writing reports/social media/posting photos, etc...).

Requested Documents: A most recent resume, a government issued ID to verify birth year, and a “Letter of Intention” that will include availability and commitment.

"The Light Millennium (LM) is an NGO associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information since 2005 <http://www.lightmillennium.org>. It is a non-religious, non-political, not-for-profit (501-c-3), non-governmental (NGO), independent public benefit multi-media and culture organization. Officially formed in 2001, based in Queens, New York."
Call for Input: OHCHR Study on Youth and Human Rights

Human Rights Council Resolution 35/14 on youth and human rights, requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to conduct a detailed study on the implementation of human rights with regard to young people, the identification of cases of discrimination against young people in the exercise of their human rights, and best practices in the full and effective enjoyment of human rights by young people, highlighting the contribution of empowered youth to the realization of human rights in society, to be submitted to the Council prior to its thirty-ninth session. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful to receive any relevant information for the preparation of this report.

Information should be sent to Imma Guerras-Delgado, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail: registry@ohchr.org; cc: iguerras-delgado@ohchr.org) by 12th January 2018 at the latest.

The information provided will be made available on the OHCHR website.

DPI/NGO Resource Centre

Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

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Conference Room Reservation

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PLEASE NOTE: It is mandatory for all visitors to sign-in at the Resource Centre and state the purpose of their visit. Failure to sign-in may result in denial of access to future conference room bookings.

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.

Remember to follow our Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram 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.