## Announcements

### DPI News

**23 October 2017**

### DPI/NGO upcoming Thursday Briefings

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<td>DPI NGO Thursday briefing “Strengthening the UN’s Core: An Issue for All of Us” is organized in observance of the United Nations Day.</td>
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In case you missed it!

- [Watch](#) Africa Week 2017 Briefing: Addressing the Climate Change - Migration Nexus and its Implications for Peace and Security in Africa
- [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

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](mailto: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.
Survey on Migrant and Refugee Victims of Xenophobia and Intolerance

The TOGETHER Initiative and NGO Committee on Migration has prepared a questionnaire to collect, information and best practices from civil society organizations, private sector, educational institutions and individuals who are working at supporting refugees and migrants, with a special focus on work aimed at countering xenophobia and discrimination against refugees and migrants. The Committee aims at creating incrementally a repository of experience and best practice in this area. It also aims at creating a network for those operating in this space to become connected, partner and exchange experience. The result of the survey will be included in the document that will be submitted to the President of the General Assembly as part of the multi stakeholders’ inputs to the Global Compact on Migration.

The deadline to send information is set for November. The survey does not require more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The Survey can be accessed through this link: https://goo.gl/forms/pvMvPcvpWnlA4ruN2

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, 24 October**

Informal discussion on “How international cases are prepared, presented, argued and managed before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)” ([A/RES/71/147](https://undocs.org/A/RES/71/147)) (organized by the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Time: 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800)

**Tuesday, 24 October**


Time: 1 – 2 p.m.

**RSVP**

**Flyer**

The event is moderated by Mr. Maher Nasser, Department of Public Information. Introductory remarks by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly.

**Tuesday, 24 October**

Event entitled “Twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Minorities – Conflict prevention, statelessness, migration crisis: How can a minority rights approach help to address these global challenges?” (on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities ([A/RES/47/135](https://undocs.org/A/RES/47/135))) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Canada, Slovenia, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Minority Rights Group International)

Time: 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Konzett-Stoffl, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail katharina.konzett-stoffl@bmeia.gv.at; tel. 1 (917) 542-8436).
### Wednesday, 25 October

**Event entitled “Stopping the erosion of media freedom: Challenges, opportunities and solutions”**  
(A/RES/70/162) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Latvia)

*Time: 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.*

*Venue: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York*

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ieva Runge, Permanent Mission of Latvia (e-mail ieva.runge@mfa.gov.lv; tel. 1 (212) 838-8877).

### 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.

### Friday, 27 October

**Event entitled “Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine”**  
(A/RES/71/205) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, Ukraine and the United Kingdom)

*Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.*

*Venue: Conference Room 12, UNHQ, New York*

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ihor Yaremenko, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail ihor.yaremenko@mfa.gov.ua; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

### Friday, 27 October

**Informal dialogue on “The progress of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development (IATF on FFD) in preparing its 2018 report and online annex”**  
(A/RES/71/217) (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

*Time: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.*

*Venue: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York*

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Oliver Schwank, Financing for Development Office (e-mail schwank@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4970).
Monday, 30 October
Event entitled “Release and Reintegration of Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Groups” (A/RES/51/77) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF))

Time: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 6, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ayano Suzumura, UNICEF (e-mail asuzumura@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7509).

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

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

All are invited. No RSVP is required. 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.

**Monday, October 30**

“Combating Global Racism: Challenges for the General Assembly 72nd Session”

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** 10th floor Conference Room, UN Church Centre, 777 United Nations Plaza, NY

Commemorating the Centennials of Fannie Lou Hamer and Oliver Reginald Kaizana Tambo, the event is organized by CERAC, World Against Racism Network (WARN), the General Board of Church & Society, United Methodist Church, in collaboration with the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc.

**Tuesday, October 31**


**Time:** 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Multiple locations, UNHQ, New York

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.

**Tuesday, October 31**

An Interactive Dialogue on the New Urban Agenda for “World Cities Day”
Time: 3 – 5 p.m.  
Location: Boss Room, 8th Floor, Church Centre for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza, NY  

Invitation
Programme

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY proudly invites you to join us for “World Cities Day” along with our Co-Sponsors: UN-Habitat, the General Assembly of Partners, the Huairou Commission, Africa Development Interchange Network, International Council of Women, Global Family for Love & Peace, World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations, Global Foundation for Democracy & Development, Global Family, the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO) and UNA-USA Council of Organizations.

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
RSVP (Kindy RSVP by November 6th)

(212) 570-3593, or un@goarch.org.

Turn Your Passions Into Actions for Change

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY is pleased to present 2017 Bonn COP23 Climate Change Paper1 containing Recommendations to Governments on four critical issues: (1) implementing the Paris agreement on climate change at Bonn COP23; (2) the dangers of unmitigated climate change impacts; (3) risk-management mitigation and adaptation strategies; and (4) assistance to developing countries. The NGOCSD-NY urges your Government to act clearly and decisively on these issues, as equitable, humane, ethical, and beneficial solutions are possible.

Bonn Climate Change Paper
Letter of endorsement
NGO Spotlight

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America was formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information in 1979.

The Archdiocese consists of over 500 parishes throughout North and South America and roughly 1.5 million members, which support a variety of ministries, from addiction recovery support groups to disaster relief funds. In the Archdiocese’ own words: “The Department of Philanthropy is concerned with promoting philanthropy in its original and purest expression i.e., ‘love for one’s fellow man,’ love expressed in thought, word, and deed, cognizant of the fact that God is love.”

In addition to ministry work, the Archdiocese maintains an archives department to preserve records of Greek culture and religion in the Americas, specifically the history of the Greek-American community. The Archdiocese also provides Greek school programs to educate youth in the Modern Greek language, as well as in their faith and traditions.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese recently co-hosted a UNGA side event on child trafficking with UNODC and other organizations, and will host its 10th Annual Prayer Service & Reception for the UN Community on November 8, 2017, with a focus on interceding for migrants and refugees. (Please see the NGO Corner for details and RSVP)

For more information, visit https://www.goarch.org or social media:
Facebook: http://facebook.com/goarch
Pinterest: https://www.pinterest.com/goarch/
Twitter: http://twitter.com/goarch
Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/goarch
YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/user/GreekOrthodoxChurch

NGO Youth Corner

Next DPI NGO Youth Representatives meeting!

Date: Tuesday, 24 October,
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Location: DPI NGO Resource Centre. 
RSVP to dpingoyouthsteeringcommittee@gmail.com
Wait for a confirmation email. Priority will be given to DPI NGO Youth Representatives

Flyer

Opportunities for Youth

Did you hear? Last week, the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth 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, young people’s ideas and talents will drive the success of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals before 2030.
That’s why the United Nations is on a mission to unearth 17 of world’s greatest young changemakers. 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. 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.

Applications are open now!

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. Follow the campaign on social media at UNYouthEnvoy and find out more information about the Young Leaders for the SDGs initiative at sdgyoungleaders.org

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. 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.