## Announcements

### 30 October 2017

#### DPI News

### #DPINGO upcoming Thursday Briefings

**DPI NGO Youth-led Briefing: YOUnited - “An In-Depth Look at How Youth Can Affect Change Through Policy and Action”**

**RSVP**

**Date:** Thursday, 2 November 2017  
**Time:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, NY

[Flyer](#)  
[More Information](#)

### In case you missed it!

- Watch the Briefing on [Strengthening the UN’s Core: An Issue for All of Us](#)
- 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 [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](#)

**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.

### Migration and Its Impact on Cities report

The World Economic Forum [Migration and Its Impact on Cities report](#) was released on Wednesday, 25 October 2017. The report provides a deep dive on migration and cities,
exploring the types, causes and patterns of migration, the most affected corridors and cities, the impact on urban infrastructure and services, the solutions that can be employed and how cities can seek to future proof themselves to address this growing challenge.

The report captures the mitigation stories from 22 of the most affected cities around the world, including from North America (Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary, New York and Boston), Latin America (Sao Paulo and Medellin), Middle East and North Africa (Dubai, Amman, Ramallah), Sub Saharan Africa (Cape Town and Dakar), Asia (Pune, Surat, Guangzhou and Davao City), Europe (Berlin, Athens, Paris, Amsterdam and Rotterdam) and Oceania (Auckland). The report also presents a high-level framework to achieve long term migrant integration and in delivering urban infrastructure and services efficiently and effectively to meet the needs of migrants.

**Highlights of the Report**

**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
What’s happening at the UN?

Tuesday, 31 October
Briefing entitled “Strengthening Preventive Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiation” (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDGF))

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 6, 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.

Tuesday, 31 October
Event on “Accessible Cities United: Enabling Future Cities to be Smart” (in observance of the World Cities Day (A/RES/68/239) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovakia and the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSDP), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in collaboration with the International Federation for Family and Development (IFFD))

Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Amine Lamrabat, DESA (e-mail lamrabat@un.org); or please click here.

Wednesday, 1 November
High-level event entitled “Global Energy Interconnection: Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals” (A/RES/71/233) (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in collaboration with the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization)

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Xin Feng, DESA (e-mail xin.feng@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5059).

Wednesday, 1 November
Workshop entitled “Conflict Resolution as the Cornerstone for Quality Education” (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 F, 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](#).

---

**Wednesday, 1 November**

Event entitled “World Tsunami Awareness Day” ([A/RES/70/203](http://example.com)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Chile, Indonesia, Japan and Maldives, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR))

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rocio Diaz-Agero, UNISDR (e-mail daz-ageroroman@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8283).

---

**Thursday, 2 November**

Event entitled “Peace, Reconciliation and Justice: The Future of Religious and Ethnic Minorities Victimized by Daesh” ([A/RES/72/1](http://example.com)) (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief)

**Time: 3 – 5 p.m.**
**Venue: Conference Room 6, UNHQ, New York**

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885); to register please [click here](#).

---

**Friday, 3 November**

**Report launch:** The SDG Fund is pleased to release its report entitled “Business and SDG16: Contributing to Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies”, focusing on the contribution of the private sector in the achievement of SDG16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

**Time: 3 – 5 p.m.**
**Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York**

For more information, contact Teresa Burelli, [Teresa.burelli@undp.org](mailto:Teresa.burelli@undp.org)
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

Up to speed

UN chief pays tribute to courage, resilience of people of Central African Republic

27 October 2017 – Addressing lawmakers in the Central African Republic, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on Friday stressed the international community’s commitment to helping tackle the myriad challenges plaguing the conflict-torn country, and strongly defended the role of the UN peacekeeping force there.

“I wish to pay tribute to the people’s courage, resilience and determination to overcome great adversity,” Mr. Guterres told the National Assembly in the capital, Bangui, on the final day of his visit to the country.

“The task of solving this crisis lies first and foremost in the hands of the people of the Central African Republic. Nobody is in a better position to help the country than its own citizens,” he added.

The UN chief noted that the country’s enormous difficulties include insecurity, a humanitarian crisis and slow progress towards development.

Armed groups are fragmenting and multiplying. One in four Central Africans is displaced. Development programmes are needed for neglected rural areas. Religion and ethnic origin have been manipulated to create division among communities, severely polarizing a fragile country.

“The Central African Republic is at risk of sliding back into open inter-communal violence,” Mr. Guterres said.

Read the full article here.
SOURCE: UN NEWS CENTRE

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>31 October</td>
<td><strong>World Cities Day</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/68/239">A/RES/68/239</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 November</td>
<td><strong>International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/68/163">A/RES/68/163</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 November</td>
<td><strong>World Tsunami Awareness Day</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/70/203">A/RES/70/203</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 November</td>
<td><strong>International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/56/4">A/RES/56/4</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 November</td>
<td><strong>World Science Day for Peace and Development</strong> (<a href="https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000019532">UNESCO 31 C/Resolution 20</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 November</td>
<td><strong>World Diabetes Day</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/61/225">A/RES/61/225</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 November</td>
<td><strong>International Day for Tolerance</strong> (<a href="https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000027485">UNESCO 28 C/Resolution 5.61; A/RES/51/95</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 November</td>
<td><strong>World Philosophy Day</strong> (<a href="https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000027508">UNESCO 33 C/Resolution 37</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 November</td>
<td><strong>Africa Industrialization Day</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/44/237">A/RES/44/237</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 November</td>
<td><strong>World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/60/5">A/RES/60/5</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 November</td>
<td><strong>Universal Children’s Day</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/836(IX)">A/RES/836(IX)</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 November</td>
<td><strong>World Television Day</strong> (<a href="https://undocs.org/A/RES/51/205">A/RES/51/205</a>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 November</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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.

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.

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

Flyer
RSVP

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

### 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.

Flyer

### NGO Spotlight

**UNA-Zimbabwe**
The United Nations Association of Zimbabwe (ZUNA) is an NGO formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information.

ZUNA was established in 1991 as a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) to support UN principles and promote education on topical issues. ZUNA frequently engages with its community, particularly with the youth. In addition to its annual Model UN event, ZUNA’s youth outreach project, “Giving Back,” incorporates public speaking skills with local and global issues at all 30 local schools affiliated with ZUNA.

ZUNA plans extensive activities for various UN official days, including World Aids Day, World Refugee Day, International Day of the Girl Child, and many others. They also organize community workshops, most recently with their Peace Walkathon, National Gender Forum, and UN Day celebration.

For more information, visit their WFUNA profile at: [http://www.wfuna.org/zuna](http://www.wfuna.org/zuna)
Or follow them at: [https://www.facebook.com/zunayouth](https://www.facebook.com/zunayouth)
Youth development links to sustainable development: SG Report

From its inception, young people were actively involved in the development of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through: (a) the formal inclusion of young people in United Nations negotiations related to sustainable development through the major group system, in particular the children and youth major group; (b) consultations with young people held at the national level by Member States to inform their national positions; and (c) the My World global survey.

Echoing this participation, as well as the growing interest in and increased policy focus on youth issues as they relate to sustainable development, youth are given specific recognition in the preamble of the 2030 Agenda, and both explicit and implicit references to youth are found throughout its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

The pledges made in the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind first, as well as its affirmation to be people-centred, ensure that youth are included in all aspects of the Agenda. At the same time, youth are given specific mention in four areas: youth employment, adolescent girls, education, and sports for peace. Finally, young people are recognized as agents of change, entrusted with fulfilling their own potential and ensuring a world fit for future generations.

The new SG report on “Youth development links to sustainable development” provides an analysis of the linkages and complementarities on youth issues between the World Programme of Action for Youth and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also describes recent initiatives in the area of youth policies and programmes based on inputs received from Member States, United Nations entities and civil society organizations. The report concludes with key recommendations for consideration by the Assembly.

Source: UN DESA-DSPD

Read the full SG Report

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.

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 @UNYouthEnvoy and find out more information about the Young Leaders for the SDGs initiative at sdgyoungleaders.org
**DPI/NGO Resource Centre**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>2 to 4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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.

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.