Announcements
Week of 04 December 2017

DPI News

#DPINGO Briefings: Thursday, 7 December 2017
Join us for our upcoming DPI/NGO Briefing in observance of Human Rights Day and the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Stand Up for Human Rights

RSVP
Date: Thursday, 7 December 2017
Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 2, UNHQ, NY

Flyer
More Information
Add Your Voice
#StandUp4HumanRights

#DPINGO Chat Series: Tuesday, 12 December 2017
Join us for our next Chat Series on the Road:
“Food as a Vehicle Towards Understanding - Chocolate Edition”
Organized with Kitchen Connection and Voices of Bangla
2:30 to 4 p.m.
Whole Foods Market, 2nd Floor, 226 E 57th St., NY 10022

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DPI/NGO Subscription Service

Please note, DPI/NGO will soon launch a subscription service. Through this new service, you will continue to receive information about DPI/NGO events, including the Weekly Announcements. More details to follow.

2017 Annual Review is now open

2017 Annual Review for DPI-associated NGOs is now open. The priority deadline to submit your Annual Review is 15 December 2017. 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

Are you a young person serving as an NGO Youth Representative or leaders within non-governmental organizations or youth-led groups in association with the Department of Public Information? Read below for a wonderful opportunity!

DPI is looking for new members for the Youth Representatives Steering Committee. The Committee will be composed of up to twenty-five (25) NGO Youth Representatives to DPI, (ages 18 to 32) currently serving in non-governmental organizations or youth-led organizations associated with and in good standing with the Department of Public Information. Click on the links below for more information.

Deadline for application: Friday, 22 December 2017

Read Terms of Reference
Application form

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.

In case you missed it!

- 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

DPI/NGO Thursday Briefings Fall 2017 Calendar

A STORY OF VIOLENCE, TOLD IN 16 OBJECTS

16 objects show the reality of gender-based violence around the world

Violence against women and girls is the most pervasive human rights abuse in the world, affecting every country and community. One in three women will experience some form of abuse in her lifetime.

Feature Story | View the Picture Story

(Source: UNFPA)
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

#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

UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters
UNISPAL Newsletter
DESA NGO News

What’s happening at the UN?

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
**Tuesday, 5 December**
Event entitled “World Soil Day 2017: Caring for the Planet Starts from the Ground” (in observance of the World Soil Day (A/RES/68/232)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia, Lesotho, the Netherlands and Thailand, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD))

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. David Maciejewski, FAO (e-mail maciejewski@un.org)

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**Thursday, 7 December**
INVITATION: Meet Robin Andersen and Purnaka L. de Silva, editors of “The Routledge Companion” with Under Secretary-General Adama Dieng, UN Special Adviser on Prevention of Genocide. Moderated by Mr. Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, DPI.

Time: 1 – 2 p.m.
Venue: UN Bookshop, GA Building, Visitors’ Concourse, UNHQ, New York

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**Friday, 8 December**
Briefing to Member States on the Secretary-General’s Action Plan for the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028 (A/RES/71/222) (co-organized by Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and UN-Water)

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 6, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Leanne Burney, UN-Water (e-mail leanne.burney@unwater.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5003).

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**Friday, 8 December**
Event entitled “Launch of the 2017 Economic Report on Africa: Urbanization and Industrialization for Africa’s Transformation” (A/RES/71/256*) (co-organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ben Idrissa Ouedraogo, OSAA (e-mail ouedraogob@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3068); or Ms. Semia Solange Guermas de Tapia, UNECA (e-mail guermastapia@un.org).
### Friday, 8 December
Event in observance of the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Genocide Convention and the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime (9 December) (A/RES/69/323) (organized by the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect)

Time: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Venue: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Lihi Rapoport, Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (e-mail osapg@un.org).

### Monday, 11 December
Special event to mark Human Rights Day (on the occasion of the Human Rights Day (A/RES/42/3 (V)) (10 décembre) (co-organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

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All are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).

### Monday, 11 December
United States Postal Service (USPS) Diwali Stamp “The Power of One” Award Ceremony (A/RES/69/250) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Georgia and India, the Diwali Foundation USA, Inc., in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Ukraine and the United Kingdom and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)-New York)

Time: 4 – 5:30 p.m.  
Venue: Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Ruslan Varankov, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail ruslan.varankou@gmail.com).

### Tuesday, 12 December
Event on “10 Years of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance (IDRL): Where to Now?” (A/RES/71/127) (organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC))

Time: 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 11, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Florencia B. Giordano, IFRC (e-mail florencia.giordano@ifrc.org; tel. 1 (212) 338-0161, ext. 200).
**TOWARDS THE 2018 GLOBAL COMPACT: Italian Vision**

In order to improve migration governance, the Italian vision is to shift the focus on human mobility from an emergency approach to an encompassing and long-term one, turning massive irregular migration flows into predictable and manageable migration channels.

Read the full vision by Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN

### International Days and Observances

- **5 December**
  - **International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development** *(A/RES/40/212)*

- **5 December**
  - **World Soil Day** *(A/RES/68/232)*

- **7 December**
  - **International Civil Aviation Day** *(A/RES/51/33)*

- **9 December**
  - **International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime** *(A/RES/69/323)*

- **9 December**
  - **International Anti-Corruption Day** *(A/RES/58/4)*

- **10 December**
  - **Human Rights Day** *(A/RES/423 (V)*)

- **11 December**
  - **International Mountain Day** *(A/RES/57/245)*

- **12 December**
  - **International Day of Neutrality** *(A/RES/71/275)*

- **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.

**Tuesday, 5 December**

BookTalkUNA presents “The Internationalists: How a Radical Plan to Outlaw War Remade the World”. Join the discussion with authors Oona A. Hathaway and Scott J. Shapiro
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Cultural Services of the French Embassy, 972 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10075

**Registration**

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**Wednesday, 13 December**

The Olympics, the Earth & Its Citizens – Launch Event

Time: 3 – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

General Inquiries: gangwon.gc@gmail.com | Press Contact: Janet Appel janetappel54@aol.com (212) 258-2413

**RSVP**

**Flyer**

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**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**

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**NGO Spotlight**

**United Nations Watch**

UN Watch was formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information on 12 December 2005. Additionally, UN Watch has special consultative status with ECOSOC since 2002.

UN Watch was founded in 1993 in Switzerland with the purpose of advocating for the UN’s strengths according to its Charter principles of dignity and equality. The Founder of UN Watch, Morris Abram, was a civil rights attorney who assisted with the Nuremberg prosecution, worked closely with Martin Luther King, Jr., and helped win the 1963 U.S. Supreme Court case that established the principle of “one man, one vote.”

Since its founding, UN Watch has sought to utilize its freedom of speech and press to voice human rights abuses and other perceived violations throughout the world, with the intent of keeping the United Nations and its many members transparent and efficient. The universal freedoms of information and expression, as recognized by UNGA resolutions and articles, are essential for support of transparent and accountable institutions, and therefore, to the rule of law.

UN Watch frequently testifies before the Human Rights Council and holds an annual Summit for Human Rights and Democracy in Geneva. Speakers have included novelists, journalists, ISIS survivors, and many other human rights activists from all over the world.

For more information, please visit their website at: [https://www.unwatch.org](https://www.unwatch.org)

Or follow them at:
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/unwatch/](https://www.facebook.com/unwatch/)

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[17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD](#)
The United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 47/3 proclaimed the 3rd of December to be the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. As Youth with Disabilities (YWDs), we use this day to reflect on how far we have moved since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and other international development frameworks, to the advocacy for inclusion of persons with disabilities at the local, national and international spheres of development.

On the other hand, the commemoration of the day brings together various stakeholders including youth to share new ideas and innovative strategies in the quest to ensure that no one is left behind, which is a central impetus of the 2030 Agenda.

**Read the full article**

**Opportunities for Youth**

**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.

**More Information**

**DPI/NGO Resource Centre**

*Please note that the hours below are affected for Thanksgiving week*

**UPDATED**: Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

- Monday: 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. *
- Tuesday: 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. *
- Wednesday: 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. *
- Thursday: 2 to 4 p.m.
- Friday: 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
Conference Room Reservation

**UPDATED**: Please note that 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.
- **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. 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.