Announcements

09 October 2017

DPI News

The DPI/NGO 2017 Fall Thursday Briefings Calendar is here!!!

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.
Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

RSVP
More Information on Africa Week

DPI/NGO 2017 Chat Series

Youth-Led Chat Series

Bullying: Complicit Silence in the Face of Indignity

Tuesday, 10 October 2017
2:30—4 p.m.
DPI/NGO Resource Center

Speakers:
George S. Anthony
DPI Representative, Pathways for Peace

Javita Nauth
Board Member, Gather for Good, Inc.

Date: Tuesday, 10 October 2017
Time: 2 to 4:30 p.m.
Location: DPI/NGO Resource Centre
Flyer / RSVP
#DPINGO 2017 Fall Briefings Season Kick Off: In case you missed it!

Watch our 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]

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

Children Uprooted Campaign

#NotATarget

#OzoneHeros

#NotTooYoungToRun

UN NGOs Outreach/Newsletters

[UNISPAL Newsletter]

DESA NGO News
## What’s happening at the UN?

**Tuesday, 10 October**
Panel discussion on “Celebrating Childhood: A Journey to End Violence Against Children” ([A/RES/62/141](https://undocs.org/A/RES/62/141) and [A/RES/71/177](https://undocs.org/A/RES/71/177)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Chile, Sweden and Thailand, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC) and Arigatou International)

Time: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Francisco Quesney, **SRSG-VAC** (e-mail quesney@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6125).

**Wednesday, 11 October**

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Cameron Jelinski, **Permanent Mission of Canada** (e-mail cameron.jelinski@international.gc.ca); or click here.

**Thursday, 12 October**
Event on “Various Aspects of Landmine Destruction and Interconnection between Disarmament and Development” ([A/RES/66/29](https://undocs.org/A/RES/66/29)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

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

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Artsiom Tozik, **Permanent Mission of Belarus** (e-mail tozikart1@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 401-1877).

**Friday, 13 October**
Event entitled “The other is a good for me: The role of interreligious and intercultural dialogue in addressing violence, conflict and building lasting peace in the world today” ([A/RES/61/221](https://undocs.org/A/RES/61/221)) (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, in collaboration with Communion and Liberation)

Time: 3 to 5 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 12, 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.
Monday, 16 October

Time: 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Alex Charlebois, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail alex.charlebois@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1158).

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).

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).

Up to speed

UN Secretary-General appoints Executive Director of UNFPA
On 3 October 2017, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres appointed Dr. Natalia Kanem Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. She brings to the position more than 30 years of strategic leadership experience in the fields of medicine, public and reproductive health, peace, social justice, and philanthropy.
“The UNFPA mandate has never been more relevant,” Dr. Kanem said. She is the fifth Executive Director of UNFPA since the Fund became operational in 1969.

Source: UNFPA

**International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) awarded 2017 Nobel Peace Prize**

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, 6 October, 2017.

Congratulating ICAN on being awarded today the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, top United Nations officials said that the recognition is a reminder of the need to grim threats posed by such weapons to humanity.

“This Prize recognizes the determined efforts of civil society to highlight the unconscionable humanitarian and environmental consequences that would result if [nuclear weapons] were ever used again,” read a statement attributable to the spokesperson of the Secretary-General.

“At a time when nuclear anxieties are at the highest level since the Cold War, the Secretary-General calls on all countries to show vision and greater commitment for a world free of nuclear weapons,” it added, noting the urgency to end the threat of a “nuclear nightmare.”

Read full story [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](#).
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**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.

**Sunday, October 15**

Peace Boat visits New York [Updated]

Date: 15 October 2017
Time: 5 to 9:30 p.m.
Location: Cruise Terminal, Pier 90, 711 12th Ave, New York, NY 10019
RSVP / Flyer

Date: 16 October 2017
Time: 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Cruise Terminal, Pier 90, 711 12th Ave, New York, NY 10019

This event is invitation only, and advanced online registration is strictly required due to port security regulations. Registration will close on October 5, 2017.

Peace Boat Summer Program

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.

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.

NGO Spotlight

Comunidad Down, A.C.

Comunidad Down, A.C. was formally associated with the Department of Public Information in 2009.

Founded in 1977 by a group of parents, Comunidad offers integrative school programmes for Down syndrome youth in Mexico City. Comunidad provides support for parents as they collaborate to prepare the intellectually disabled for a life of successful independence. Beginning with its Early Intervention Programme for infants, Comunidad offers programmes designed to develop children’s interest and talent in the arts, sports, literacy, computers, etc. When the youth graduate, the Agency of Labor Inclusion (AgIL) helps
them to transition to the work force through workshops and Comunidad’s own artisanal bakery. Comunidad regularly organizes community events designed to raise awareness of disability discrimination and to foster inclusion, such as support groups for parents and participating local job fairs.

For more information:
https://www.facebook.com/Comunidad-Down-AC-286824894750454/

NGO Youth Corner
Opportunities for the Youth

The United Nations announced that it was seeking applications for its second class of Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals—exceptional young people who are leaders in the effort to end poverty, combat climate change and reduce inequalities.

Led by the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth Jayathma Wickramanayake, the Young Leaders Initiative recognizes 17 young leaders every year who are driving bold efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Ms. Wickramanayake made the announcement at the One Young World summit in Bogota alongside the inaugural class of Young Leaders for the SDGs.

The Young Leaders programme places a spotlight on young people between the ages of 18-30 from around the world, and across many different issues, who are leading positive change towards a sustainable future. The 17 chosen Young Leaders will work with the UN Envoy on Youth to engage young people in the Sustainable Development Goals, advocate for their achievement and contribute to a brain trust supporting the UN’s advocacy efforts to mobilise young people.

More Information

DPI/NGO Resource Centre
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Conference Room Reservation

Updated Conference Room hours*

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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

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And don’t forget to check out our pictures from our recent events