Season Wrap-Up Briefing

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Moderator
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Speakers
Kim Quarles
Vice-Chair of NGO/DPI Executive Committee and World Jurist Association, NGO Representative to the United Nations Department of Public Information

Jadayah Spencer
Executive Director of the International Youth Leadership Institute and Co-Chair of the DPI/NGO Youth Steering Committee

Lawri Lala Moore
Senior Editor, Basic Facts about the United Nations

Maxton Scotland (via video conference)
Rotaract: African Union Youth Representative and Co-Chair of the International Dialogues on the SDGs

Mary Norton
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Mr. Jeff Brez [@JeffBrez] is Chief of NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events in the Department of Public Information. In this capacity he oversees relations with Non-Governmental Organizations, the Messengers of Peace Programme, the Creative Community Outreach Initiative (partnerships with television and film) and Special Events. His work in international humanitarian aid and development assistance has spanned more than a decade and covered a range of issues including anti-corruption, children’s and women’s rights including child soldiers, education, public health, refugee and internally displaced persons assistance, sustainable agriculture and food security, environmental sustainability and climate change. He holds a Master of International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, where he studied international economics and development.

Ms. Kim Quarles, Vice Chair of the DPI/NGO Executive Committee, has been in the insurance business for 25+ years, having practiced law before joining the insurance industry as a Claims Attorney. She focuses on Professional Liability exposures and the unique cyber risk insurance needs of Professionals. Ms. Quarles is a frequent speaker on law firm issues, professional liability, Cyber, TRIA and Global Warming. Most recently she presented at the World League on Freedom and Democracy on Democracy’s impact on Sustainable Development; NOHLGA Conference, on Cyber issues, the World Jurist Association Cyber Conference in Barcelona, Spain, on Ethical Issues for Law Firms in a Cyber world, the Arbitration and Investment Summit for the Caribbean and the ACI Conference regarding Cyber Issues for Lawyers. Ms. Quarles received her bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University and her law degree from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Jadayah Spencer is a Youth Representative for the NY Metropolitan Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolence and is the Acting Executive Director of the International Youth Leadership Institute. She is an advocate for improving access to opportunities that enhance the lives of youth, people of African descent, and indigenous people worldwide. A proud IYLI alumna, Jadayah became an IYLI fellow in 2010 and travelled on the 2011 Summer Fellowship Program to Tanzania. She subsequently served in various roles, including being an IYLI volunteer, an IYLI board member, and an IYLI group leader (Brazil SFP 2013). She serves on several international and local boards, including her work as a Youth Representative to the United Nations in association with the UN Department of Public Information, and on the New York City Young Women’s Advisory Council, addressing policy issues that directly affect young women of colour.
**Maxton Scotland [@maxton_s]** is from a cosmopolitan West Indian and British background and spent his formative years on the island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Maxton has a passion for youth development and youths taking their rightful place at the decision-making table. This passion championed his desire to become actively involved with Rotaract and Global MUN initiatives and guiding youth-led NGOs in Africa to become involved in the implementation and execution of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He recently served as the Assistant Director of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees committee, and youth co-chair at the Rotary UN day. He will also serve as youth Co-Chair at this year’s “Intergenerational Dialogues on the SDGs”, co-organized by DPI and the NGO/DPI Executive Committee, being held on 1 August, 2017, at the UN Headquarters in New York.

**Ms. Lawri Lala Moore**, Senior Editor of Basic Facts about the United Nations and of the Yearbook of the United Nations, started working at the United Nations in October 1991 in the typing pool of the Press Section during the General Assembly. She transferred to the Yearbook Section in February 1993 (later became Publications and Editorial Section) and served in a number of support functions, including research, administration, and copyediting before passing the National Competitive Exam in 2004. Ms. Moore has written articles for the UN Chronicle under the “Passing By” and “Moorings” headings. In her current position, she plans, organizes and carries out all stages of production from research to printing and distribution of the English edition of Basic Facts, which provides the basis for the translation into the other five official UN languages. When she’s not working on Basic Facts, a biennial publication, she edits chapters of the Yearbook, maintains the Yearbook website unyearbook.un.org, and organizes training for Delegates and RAF journalists on “Using the Yearbook online”.

**Dr. Mary Norton [@FelicianUniv]** is professor and Executive Director -The Center for Global Academic Initiatives at Felician University-The Franciscan University of New Jersey. She has served several times as an officer on the DPI/NGO Executive Committee and was Chair of the 63rd Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference held in Melbourne, Australia. She has received several Fulbright Awards and USAID Grants to develop graduate programs in the Middle East. Additionally, she has developed educational programs in China, Iran and Pakistan; also serving as program director. Her other professional experiences include PhD dissertation advisor in Jordan, educational consultant in Palestine and Oman, and working in Cambodian Refugee Camps with the International Rescue Committee. Dr. Norton earned a BA from New Jersey City University, an MA and Ed.M and Doctor of Education from Columbia University, NY and Post-doctoral certificate in the Medical Humanities from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, NY. She received a “Lifetime Achievement Award” from Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing and is a member of the “Hall of Fame” Columbia University, Teachers College, NY.
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