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This event will examine and celebrate the role that international education plays in creating a more peaceful, just, and equitable world using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as the blueprint. The session will highlight academic institutions as vibrant civil society partners for implementing the SDGs to address the global challenges we face. Featured speakers will also illustrate the benefits of international education and exchange towards fostering understanding and respect among people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Moving forward, it is hoped that the event will stimulate discussion towards giving a more global outlook to the International Education Week.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Jeff Brez / @JEFFBREZ

Jeff Brez is Chief of NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events in the Department of Public Information. He oversees the relations with non-governmental organizations, the Messengers of Peace Programme, the Creative Community Outreach Initiative 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 children’s and women’s rights, refugee assistance, health, education, food security, environmental sustainability, anticorruption and climate change.

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Mr. Angerholzer previously served as President & CEO of the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress (CSPC) in Washington, D.C. Mr. Angerholzer was also Managing Director of the Richard Lounsbery Foundation. Mr. Angerholzer serves on the Advisory Board of Radius Ventures.

Esther Brimmer / @ESTHERATNAFSA

Dr. Brimmer’s career includes serving at the U.S. Department of State three times. She was a member of the Policy Planning Staff from 1999-2001 and from 1993-1995 was special assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs. In January 2017, Dr. Brimmer took over as the executive director and CEO of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Dr. Brimmer received her doctorate in Philosophy from Oxford University.

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Samantha Lu is currently Associate Director of International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) at Columbia University. She has been working in the field of international education for more than 20 years. She is an active member of NAFSA: Association of International Educators and is currently the Past-Chair of NAFSA Region X. She is currently serving as an elected member of the United Nations Department of Public Information (UN/DPI) NGO Executive Committee as the Chair of Nominations Committee.

Linda Tobash, Senior Director of Policy, Knowledge and Data at World Education Services. Linda is the current Chair-elect of NAFSA’s Leadership Development Committee. She previously served as Director of University Placement Services at the Institute of International Education. She served on the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Board of Directors.

William Gaudelli, Ed.D. is the 8th Dean of the College of Education at Lehigh University. Dean Gaudelli’s career spans more than 25-years as a classroom teacher, researcher, professor, and seasoned administrator. A prominent international scholar, his research areas focus on global citizenship education and teacher education and development. Dr. Gaudelli most recently served as the Chair of the Department of Arts and Humanities, at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Calvin Sims is the President and CEO of International House, where he is responsible for the overall management of the New York non-profit program and residence center. A cross-sector leader with more than 20 years of experience in journalism, philanthropy and international affairs, Sims served as Program Officer for the Ford Foundation from 2007-2013. His work helped foster new and innovative models of reporting, disseminating and financing news.
SESSION 2: INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PEACEBUILDERS — THE POWER OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO ENGAGE YOUTH TO TAKE ACTION

ISABELLE LEGARE / @UNDESA

Isabelle Legare is a youth development expert with 20 years of international experience. She started her career managing youth and women entrepreneurship projects in West Africa. She has served as the Youth Program Manager for the UN Alliance of Civilizations. Between 2015 and 2018, Isabelle was a youth policy consultant for several UN agencies, including UN Women. In August 2018, she joined the UN Youth Program as Social Affairs Officer.

MARYAM AL ZAABI / @UAEMYOUTHOUN

Maryam Al Zaabi is a 25 years old UN Youth Delegate from the United Arab Emirates (UAE). She is a passionate research analyst in the field of international relations, international economics, and diplomacy. She received her Bachelor in International Studies – International Economics from the American University of Sharjah and received a Master of Arts in Diplomacy from the American University in the Emirates.

MADISON ROSS / @MADISONASROSS

Madison Ross, a Californian born but internationally raised youth, is a member of DPI’s Youth Steering Committee and focuses on Responsible Consumption and Production in Business and Fashion Industry. Madison is also a Youth Representative for fashion non-profit Mercado Global which is headquartered in Guatemala. Madison was also a proud Co-Chair of the Youth Sub-Committee for the 67th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference.

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Ilona is the Co-creator and Managing Director of the Youth & Innovation Project at the University of Waterloo. She is an award winning social innovator and a regular commentator in the Canadian media. She was named an Ashoka Fellow in 2009, was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, and one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada by the Women’s Executive Network in 2015.

ALA OUESLATI / @ALAOUESLAT

Ala Oueslati is a feminist peace activist and blogger from Tunisia, currently based in Rwanda. He is a communication, media, and advocacy expert, as well as a freelance journalist, writing for the International Peace Institute Global Observatory, the Huffington Post, Impakter, Make Every Woman Count etc. Mr. Oueslati writes on peacebuilding, gender equality, women's rights, and African and Middle Eastern affairs.
SESSION 3: Education Across Borders — Ideas, Innovations and Idealism from Intercultural Exchanges

Andrea Appell / @APPELLAND

Andrea is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. Currently she is the Chief of the New York Program Branch of the Office of International Visitors following postings in Riyadh, Canberra, Baghdad, Tunis, Casablanca, and Jakarta at the U.S. Mission to ASEAN. Andrea has been involved in the design and implementation of exchange programs both in the U.S. and around the world.

Jen E. Clarke / @ONETOWORLDINC

Jen Clarke joined One To World as the Executive Director in 2016 with more than 20 years of experience in international affairs, non-profits and higher education. Originally from Canada, her passion for promoting intercultural understanding began as a volunteer in Zimbabwe. She has served on the board executive committees of several intercultural education non-profits in Canada and the U.S. Ms. Clarke is also a signatory of the CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion™.

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Mr. Zapata-Roldan is a Physics Engineer with ten years of experience as a Professor in both public and private Colombian higher education institutions. Felipe is a Fulbright Grantee pursuing his PhD in Technology Management at the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, inducted to both Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi. He is a board member of ScienteLab, a think-tank and consultancy firm in STEAM education and science and technology policy.

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