

# 2018 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

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## MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:30 – 10:00** Pick up IDs  
*Meet at Pennylane Coffee Shop, go to Pass & ID Office*
- 10:00 – 12:00** Welcome and Administrative Matters  
*GA-1B-033*
- 12:30 – 13:00** Lunch at UN cafeteria
- 13:15 – 14:00** Welcome from the Outreach Division  
*9<sup>th</sup> Floor MM2*  
Welcome from Maha Elbahrawi, Deputy Director, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information, and Maher Nasser, Director of DPI's Outreach Division, will welcome the RAF Fellows.
- 14:00 – 14:30** Meeting with Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications  
*10<sup>th</sup> Floor MM2*  
Ms. Alison Smale, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, will welcome the fellows. Ms. Smale of the United Kingdom was appointed Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications by Secretary-General António Guterres on 1 September 2017. Ms. Smale brings almost 40 years of experience in international journalism to the post. Before joining the UN, she served as the Chief of Bureau in Berlin for the *New York Times* from 2013 to 2017.
- 14:45 – 15:45** UN tour
- 15:45 – 16:30** Agenda Review  
*GA-1B-033*  
Review the agenda for the week and answer any administrative questions
- 16:30 – 18:00** Delegates Lounge

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## TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:30 – 10:00** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 10:00 – 11:00** Covering Meetings at the United Nations  
*GA-1B-033*  
Robert MacPherson, a press officer in the Department of Public Information, will introduce you to the resources available in the Meetings Coverage Service, where he covers the daily meetings of the General Assembly, Security Council and other specialized bodies. He is a former AFP correspondent in Asia, Europe and the US.
- 11:00 – 12:00** Press Conference on TB  
*S-237*  
A briefing by WHO on the launch of their Global TB Report and the upcoming (26 Sept) high-level meeting on combating tuberculosis.
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing  
*Press Briefing Room (2<sup>nd</sup> fl, Secretariat)*
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:30 – 15:30** UN News Briefing  
*GA-1B-033*  
Briefing on the UN News Division's resources for journalists with Hua Jiang, Director of DPI's News and Media Division and Fang Chen, Chief of the Department's Partnerships Unit.
- 15:45 – 16:30** UN TV  
*GA-1B (Meet at Public Inquiries)*  
We will tour the UN TV studios and learn about their special programming and resources for journalists.
- 16:30 – 17:30** Remembering Reham Al-Farra  
*GA-1B-033*  
Abdelhamid Abdeljaber is the UN Bureau Chief for *Al-Quds Al-Arabi*, a pan-Arab daily published in London. During his talk, Mr Abdeljaber will share his recollections of Reham Al-Farra and his experience working for and reporting on the United Nations.

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## WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:00 – 9:01** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 9:02 – 10:00** Portraits  
Marie-France will take your headshot outside of UNHQ
- 10:00 – 11:30** The Security Council (off-the-record briefing)  
*GA-1B-033*  
Mr. Nikolai Galkin is a Senior Political Affairs Officer and Team Leader in the Security Council Secretariat, which is part of the Department of Political Affairs (DPA). A Russian national, Mr. Galkin is a graduate of the Moscow State University. His nearly three-decade-long tenure at the United Nations has included field assignments in Iraq, East Timor and Syria.
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:45** Meeting with Secretary-General's Youth Envoy (on the record)  
*1 UN Plaza (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue), room DC1-0214B (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*  
Meet at Visitors Services Section for escort to meeting with the Secretary-General's Youth Envoy, Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake.
- 15:00 – 16:00** The General Assembly - Briefing  
*GA-1B-033*  
Brenden Varma is a Public Information Officer at the United Nations, where he most recently served as Spokesperson for the President of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly. He has worked for the United Nations since 2002.
- 16:30 – 19:00** UNCA panel/meet and greet  
*ExPress Bar*  
A panel of UN correspondents will share their tips on reporting on the UN and take your questions. The panel will be followed by a reception with the UN Correspondents Association.

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## THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 10:00 – 11:00** UNDP Press Briefing  
*S-237*
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30** Financing for the SDGs Briefing  
*GA-1B-033*  
Peter Chowla, Economic Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.  
This briefing will provide some background on the High-Level Meeting on Financing for the SDGs on 24 September.
- 15:30 – 16:30** Meeting & Photo-Op with Secretary-General (on the record)  
*SG's Conference Room, 38th floor, Secretariat Building*  
In this exclusive meeting, fellows will have an opportunity to meet Mr Guterres and ask him questions.
- 16:30 – 19:00** Gallery Walk @ UNGA 2018 Data and Technology Revolutionizing and Empowering our Developing World  
*One Penn Plaza, NY, NY 10119*  
Guests will experience an interactive forum designed to educate through interaction and provide actionable insights into the pathway to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.  
Bring your UN badge and national ID.

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## FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 9:00 – 9:30** International Day of Peace Ceremony (*optional*)  
The day will open with the ringing of the Peace Bell in the Japanese Garden, presided over by the Secretary-General. Jane Goodall and possibly other Messengers of Peace will attend.
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 15:00 – 17:30** ProPublica  
*155 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY (13<sup>th</sup> floor)*  
Session 1: Engagement reporter Ariana Tobin will talk about how ProPublica uses social media as a reporting tool.  
  
Session 2: ProPublica investigative reporter Justin Elliott will share tips from his experience investigating the Red Cross' post-earthquake reconstruction efforts in Haiti. His report, "How the Red Cross Raised Half a Billion Dollars for Haiti and Built Six Homes," won the 2015 Investigative Reporters and Editors Award.

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## SUNDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

**10:00 – 17:00** Social Good Summit (*optional*)

*92nd St Y, 1395 Lexington Ave*

The Social Good Summit is a one-day conference hosted by 92nd Street Y focusing on the impact modern technology and media has on social good initiatives around the world. The summit, held annually during UNGA Week, brings together an exciting, diverse group of prominent global leaders, activists, academics and more to explore solutions to the prevailing issues of our time.

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## MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 10:30 – 11:30** World Food Programme  
*GA Lobby*  
We will meet with a representative of the World Food Programme for a tour of their exhibit on innovations for humanitarian relief.
- 10:00 – 16:00** SDG Media Zone (*optional*)  
*UN Plaza*  
The SDG Media Zone will open today.  
The SDG Media Zone is a platform for editors, bloggers, content creators and influencers to communicate innovations, partnerships and discussions as a call to action for humanity to engage the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 10:00 – 21:00** HL Plenary on Global Peace (Nelson Mandela Peace Summit) (*optional*)  
*GA Hall*  
Opening session will feature SG, PGA, eminent person, civil society representative and several PRs. All-day plenary will follow.  
Summit marks centenary of birth of Mandela. Political declaration to be adopted by Member States.
- 12:00 – 14:00** Launch of UN Youth Strategy and "Generation Now"  
*Trusteeship Council Chamber*  
by OSGEY/DPI and UNICEF. SG to speak.
- 14:30 – 15:30** Louise Arbour Briefing  
*DC-2*  
On-the-record briefing with Louise Arbour, UN Special Representative for International Migration. Ms. Arbour will be chairing the Road to Marrakech high-level side event on 26 September.

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## TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

**9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*

**9:00 – 21:00** General Debate  
*General Assembly Hall*

**12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch



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## WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

**9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*

**9:00 – 21:00** General Debate  
*General Assembly Hall*

**12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch

**TBA – TBA** Fight Against Tuberculosis HL meeting  
*Location TBC*  
First-ever GA meeting on TB. Expected to result in Political Declaration to strengthen action and investments to end TB.

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## THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 9:00 – 21:00** General Debate  
*General Assembly Hall*
- 10:00 – 18:00** Comprehensive Review on NCDs  
*Conference Room 4*  
Scaling up multi-stakeholder and multisectoral responses for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch

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## FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2018

**9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*

**9:00 – 21:00** General Debate  
*General Assembly Hall*

**10:00 – 11:00** LGBTI Human Rights – Briefing  
*GA-1B-033*  
Fabrice Houdart, Human Rights Officer at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in New York

**12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch

**13:50 – 16:30** WNYC Tour  
*160 Varick Street, New York, NY, 10013*  
We will visit the studios of WNYC, New York City's public radio station, where we will discuss podcasting with one of their producers, followed by a tour of the studio.

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## Saturday, 29 September 2018

**15:00 – 22:00** Global Citizen Festival (*optional*)  
Central Park  
Expected audience 60K, plus MSNBC and YouTube live broadcasts.

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## Monday, 1 October 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 9:00 – 21:00** General Debate  
*General Assembly Hall*
- 10:00 – 11:00** Briefing on Human Trafficking  
*GA-1B-033*  
Hannah Stallard is a Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer in the Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Headquarters in Vienna.
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 13:45 – 14:45** Meeting with Deputy Secretary-General (on the record)  
*S-3857 (meet at GA-1B-033 for escort)*  
Fellows will have the opportunity to ask questions to the Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed.

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## Tuesday, 2 October 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 10:00 – 13:00** Digital Security Training: Ms. Harlo Holmes, Freedom of the Press Foundation (part I)  
*GA-1B-033*  
Harlo Holmes of Freedom of the Press Foundation will provide a hands-on workshop on best practices for journalists to safely communicate online. This is the first part of a two-part training.
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 15:00 – 17:00** Committee to Protect Journalists  
*330 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. #11, New York, NY, 10001*  
The Committee to Protect Journalists is an independent, nonprofit organization that promotes press freedom worldwide. During our visit, we'll learn about the group's latest projects and break out into meetings with CPJ's regional specialists.  
  
We will be briefed by Kerry Paterson, Advocacy and Communications Manager, and Beatrice Wood, Communications Associate.

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## WEDNESDAY, 3 October 2018

**7:00 – 10:30** Democracy Now! Tour and discussion with Amy Goodman

*207 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Floor 11*

We will watch the live show at 8 am, followed by a tour of the production space and a discussion with host Amy Goodman.

Meet for coffee at **Brooklyn Roasting Company**, 50 W. 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010. Then head to studio together. **You must be at the studio** (207 W. 25th St)

**by 7:30 am.** Subways: C, E, 1, F, N, Q, R, W

**12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch

**14:00 – 15:00** BuzzFeed (TBC)

*111 E 18th St, New York, NY 10003*

We will meet with Hayes Brown, world news editor and reporter with BuzzFeed News.

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## Thursday, 4 October 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 11:00 – 11:45** Meeting with PGA (TBC) (on the record)  
*TBC*  
*Fellows will have an exclusive press briefing with the President of the 73rd General Assembly, Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces.*
- 12:00 – 13:00** Noon Briefing
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 17:00** Digital Security Training: Ms. Harlo Holmes, Freedom of the Press Foundation (part 2)  
*GA-1B-033*  
Harlo Holmes of Freedom of the Press Foundation will provide a hands-on workshop on best practices for journalists to safely communicate online. This is the first part of a two-part training.



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## Friday, 5 October 2018

- 9:30 – 9:45** Sign in  
*Public Inquiries counter*
- 10:00 – 12:30** RAF Forum  
*GA-AB-033*  
RAF Fellows will present their work over the past three weeks. Five minutes each.
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30** Connecting with the UN at home  
*GA-AB-033*  
Helene Hoedl, Chief of Programme Support Section of DPI, will brief us on how to stay connected to the UN in your home countries. Ms. Hoedl liaises with UN Information Centres around the world.
- 15:30 – 17:30** Farewell Reception  
*UNCA Briefing Room*  
The staff of DPI will wish you farewell and present certificates of completion.