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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 'new look' of UNA Southern New York State Division News. It includes updates, articles and events. We hope you like the new format. If you have any comments, or suggestions of materials to include, please let us know.

Jeanne Betsock Stillman
Division President

Featured Article

*Involve your chapter, reach out to a school or girls' group

*Stop Child Marriage
(1 in 7 in developing countries marry before age 15)

*Learn more at <http://www.girlup.org>

*Help girls through fundraising for UN projects in Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi and Guatemala

UNA-USA and the UN Foundation GirlUp Campaign

Julie Willig of the UN Foundation's GirlUp Campaign met on May 18 with several Division and Chapter leaders to discuss how we can work together. GirlUp is planning to launch its 2011 New York activities in late August / September. GirlUp mobilizes American girls to raise awareness and funds for programs of the United Nations that help some of the world's hardest-to-reach and most under-served adolescent girls, generally ages 10-14. Currently the program is working in Liberia, Ethiopia, Malawi and Guatemala.



To learn more, and to become involved, [see our blog entry](#) about this meeting and the GirlUp program. The program gives opportunities to assist as a mentor, identify a participant school, nominate a teen advisor (deadline May 27), hold a fundraising event, or educate others.

Working Toward Rio +20

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At the United Nations and throughout the world, scientists, policymakers, academics, non-governmental organizations and others are preparing for next year's Rio+20

"Summit". The UN [Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012](#) is also referred to as Rio+20 because it will take place in 2012, twenty years from the original "Earth Summit", the Rio Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) that took place in Rio in 1992.

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Registration is open for a few more days for the June 2 meeting of the e8 group and UN Energy, one of the many meetings being held in preparation towards Rio+20. The **Global Summit for Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships to Accelerate Global Electricity Technology Deployment** will take place at UN Headquarters. Arrive at the UN at 10:30 to go through the security tent at 46th St. and 1st Ave. The meeting is from 11 am to 6 pm. Timothy Wirth, President of the UN Foundation, is a speaker. [Register here](#). If you register, please email George Garland: gagarland@gmail.com, who is managing the UNA Southern NY State Division's energy project.

Also on June 2, the UN General Assembly will hold an Informal Thematic Debate on the Green Economy: A Pathway to Sustainable Development.

For information and updates about Rio+20, you can visit the Stakeholder Forum website, <http://www.earthsummit2012.org/> and subscribe to the newsletters. This is one of a number of useful links on the official Rio+20 site.

Impact of the U. S. International Assistance Budget - State by State

As members of the United Nations Association we are often asked to justify U.S. assistance to the United Nations. Such assistance often has a direct positive impact on our states and local communities - in employment, trade, education, and international assistance programs. You can learn here about [State by State Impact](#) , compiled by the U.S. Global Leadership Council (USGLC).

The Council is a coalition of some 400 businesses, non-governmental organizations and leaders from across the country and also includes thousands of individuals. Better World Coalition is a member. For more information, see the [USGLC website](#):

ABOUT: Young Professionals for International Cooperation

[The Young Professionals for International Cooperation of Southern NY State Division \(SNY YPIC\)](#) was established in 2004 as a 100 percent volunteer-based group committed to serving young professionals in the New York metropolitan area. Its active board includes committees on Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Economic Development as well as committees on Membership and on Marketing and Communications. To meet some of these talented leaders, go to the website's About Us and meet [The Team](#).

SNY YPIC seeks to promote the missions and endeavors of the United Nations through various programs. Additionally, it serves as a forum for young professionals to explore issues surrounding international affairs and to become acquainted with the programs of UNA-USA.

Through discussions, partnerships, and action-oriented initiatives, SNY YPIC offers its members a platform for education, advocacy, professional development, and international service. The group consists of diverse individuals from the fields of business, law, public service, healthcare, and the media. To learn more, go to the [YPIC WEBSITE](#).

Join Here

Remember to renew your membership and be sure to invite others to join. Your voice needed to help promote solid US-UN relations.

Go to: [UNA-USA JOIN](#) - **On the secure website, for Chapter Selection, go to NY and choose #462 - S. NYState Division. If you're a young professional, be sure to check that box.** If you prefer sending a check to joining online, please print, complete and mail this [.pdf UNA-USA application](#).

Then help start a new chapter in an area that lacks one, or come to an event, or write a letter to an editor and to your congressional representative and Senators!

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