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Register Now to attend International Day of Peace Film Screening and Panel, with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations

September 21, 6 - 9 pm,
Tribeca Grand Hotel

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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

On September 21 the Division will honor the International Day of Peace with a film event co-organized with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and several co-sponsors. To learn more and register, see the article below.

From September 19 to 22 the UN Foundation has joined with Mashable.com and the 92nd Street Y to present the 2nd Annual Social Good Summit. See details below.

View the Upcoming Events section below for a July 29 showing of Climate Refugees in Manhattan and on August 7 an International Potluck Dinner in Queens. The UN Young Professionals Exam application deadline is September 10. See below for details.

The talks on the debt ceiling and proposed budget reductions and new revenues are continuing. At the same time the House Appropriations Committee is debating the State Department Appropriations Bill. Please contact your congressional representative to ask for his or her support for the budget for the UN. U.S. funding will:

- Support peacekeeping and peacebuilding in 14 nations, including Sudan and Haiti.
- Strengthen international security, by combating international terrorism and addressing nuclear non-proliferation.
- Prevent and control disease outbreak, including the spread of

HIV/AIDS, malaria, and polio.

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International Day of Peace Film Screening and Panel Discussion

"The War Against War"

Followed by a Panel Discussion with the filmmakers and Officials from the UN Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support

Wednesday, September 21 2011
6:00PM

The Tribeca Grand Hotel
2 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10013

Free of charge but you must register:
Only 100 places are available.

TO REGISTER: Send your full name, borough or county & state, email and phone number to:
unasouthernny@gmail.com

Peacekeeping and conflict prevention are at the very heart of United Nations' efforts to promote stability, security and sustainable peace. With more than 120,000 personnel in some of the most difficult places on earth, the new face of peacekeeping includes a host of professionally and geographically diverse individuals all working together to protect the vulnerable and nurture a fragile peace.

Join the United Nations Association Southern New York State Division, the UNA-USA Young Professionals of Southern New York, the UNA Council of Organizations and the UN Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support to learn about these important efforts.

About the Film: "**The War Against War**" takes an in-depth look at United Nations Peacekeeping Operations around the world. The film answers questions such as "why peacekeeping?" and "what are the challenges?" The documentary focuses particularly closely on the work of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti and shows how

peacekeepers responded to the devastating earthquake in January 2010.

Social Good Summit - 19-22 September

The Social Good Summit "is where big ideas meet new media to create innovative solutions." Sponsors are Mashable.com, the 92nd Street Y (Manhattan), and the UN Foundation.

The Summit will bring together global leaders to discuss a big idea: the power of innovative thinking and technology to solve our greatest challenges. Its aim is to unlock the potential of new media and technology to make the world a better place.

Speakers at the summit will include Ted Turner, Ted Turner Enterprises, Inc. and UN Foundation, Muhammad Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank, Matthew Bishop, New York Bureau Chief, The Economist, and Beth Comstock, Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President of General Electric, and Raj Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

You can attend in person at the 92nd Street Y or online through the [Summit Description and Registration page](#) where you can also view a short video. Livestream viewing is free of charge but registration is needed. The registration fee to attend each daily session, from 1 to 5 p.m. is \$30 per day, or \$100 for four sessions.

UN Young Professionals Exam - Application Deadline September 10

The United Nations is now accepting applicants for its annual Young Professionals Program Exam. The exam is offered to candidates who meet several criteria and to those who are interested in junior professional posts at the UN. The criteria for eligible applicants are as follows:

- Must be below the age of 32 as of December 31, 2011
- Must have at least an undergraduate degree (advanced degree is advantageous, but not required) in one of the following subjects, or in a related field:
 - Administration
 - Humanitarian Affairs
 - Public Information
 - Statistics
- Must be fluent in English and/or French. Knowledge of additional official languages of the UN (Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish) may be an advantage.

The application deadline is September 10, 2011. The exam will be given on December 7, 2011 in New York City and possibly in another location

as well.

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 29 - UNA New York Chapter's Film Screening of "Climate Refugees" at the Tribeca Grand Hotel, 2 Avenue of the Americas, Manhattan. 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Registration with Cash Bar. Screening begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. followed by the discussion. For more details and costs, follow this [link](#).

Sunday, August 7 - **International Potluck** You are invited to make and bring an authentic ethnic dish or dessert to share.
12:00-3:00 pm
WHERE: At Queens Botanical Garden | 43-50 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355 For directions, please call 718/886-3800 or visit www.queensbotanical.org

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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, take a leadership role or write a letter to an editor and to your congressional representative and Senators! Or you can just support the United Nations through your membership.

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