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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

**Important news:** Our Division has a brand-new website - please review it, comment, make suggestions. The address is: [www.unasouthernny.org](http://www.unasouthernny.org) The Young Professionals and the Energy Project have extensive sub-sites. Look also at the "Welcome to Rio" tab to learn how you can participate and learn more about next week's Rio+Social and Rio+20 meetings. See the article below on how YOU can participate!

**URGENT - If you open this by 11 pm EDT, you can vote to chose THE FUTURE YOU WANT, through RIO+20 Dialogues, and have your voice heard at the summit. If you've already done this, Bravo / Brava! SEE THE RIO +20 DIALOGUES ARTICLE BELOW.**

Our Division and the Mid-Atlantic Region had great representation at the UNA-USA Annual Meeting in Washington last weekend. For a brief write-up go to <http://www.unausa.org/membership/una-usa-events/annual-meeting>. We'll also post photos and videos on our Division sites.

Also see some great upcoming June events below and on the new Calendar on the website.

With warm regards,

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## Rio+Social - How You Can Participate

Join us on June 19th to participate in blogging, tweeting and Facebooking about **Rio+Social**. Use the hashtag #RIOplusSNY and the handle @RIOplusSNY so we can count your participation. You can help publicize the important work on sustainability to your networks. Go to our [Facebook page](#) and sign up for this event.

The one-day Rio+Social event will ignite a global dialogue between a live audience in Rio de Janeiro and thousands around the world participating in real time via Livestream.

Our combined team from UNA Association Southern NYS Team (UNA-SNY) and the Public-Private Alliance Foundation will join the Digital Media Lounge and write about this event. They'll report on the ambiance and of Rio+20 and its Side Events, including a large presence of indigenous peoples at Jacarepagua. Read about the indigenous peoples [here](#).

Rio+Social is organized by the founders of the acclaimed, annual Social Good Summit: the United Nations Foundation, Mashable, and 92nd Street Y. Visit <http://www.rioplussocial.com>.

### Opportunities to Participate

The UNA-USA Southern NY State Division will have a team in Rio. We are seeking bloggers, journalists, activists, and NGO representatives to cover the issues, activate their networks, and share strategies for using social media to create a better world.

**Individuals.** An individual can serve as a blogger, moderator or intern independently or on behalf of an organization or civic group. Duties will be determined and assigned according to the individual's affiliation, interests, and the project's unmet needs.

Go to our website for information on [Rio+Social](#) and learn how you can be part of it.

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## Rio+20 Dialogues URGENT!

There's a great opportunity to vote for the kind of Future We Want -- but this needs to be done in the next several hours. If you haven't already, go to [Rio+20 Dialogues](#)

You'll find the 10 topics of the Sustainable Development Dialogues, or Rio+20 Dialogues, each containing 10 recommendations. Click the arrow on the right of a bar to expand and collapse topics, and mark a vote by clicking on the check to the left of a recommendation. You may vote for as many recommendations and in as many topics as you wish. When you are done, submit your votes at the bottom of the page!

## You Are Invited!

**ALSO SEE THE DIVISION'S CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENTS INCLUDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL IN NYC AND GO TO [www.UNANYC.org](http://www.UNANYC.org) to register .**

**Monday, June 25 - 7:30 to 9:00 pm**

(After the Division Board Meeting - same venue, 5:30 - 7:30 on) -

**The Energy Project Team** will meet to plan upcoming programming and to learn about Rio+Social and Rio+20.

**Where:** 801 2nd Ave., 2nd floor, Manhattan (at 43rd Street)

**Tuesday, June 26 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Sustainable Energy For All Initiatives in Africa**

**Where:**

CUNY Haaren Hall Building 899, Room 630T 6th Floor, 10th Avenue, New York, NY

**Description:** The African Affairs Committee of UNA-SNY Young Professionals invites you to a panel discussion on "Sustainable Energy for All" initiatives in Africa on Tuesday, June 26. Confirmed Speakers: H.E. Ambassador Josephine Ojiambo, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Aneri Patel, Senior Associate, Energy Access at the United Nations Foundation David

Berger, Socialite solar lighting system, Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York

## JOIN NOW!

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

Go to [www.unausa.org/join](http://www.unausa.org/join): On the secure website, for Chapter Selection, go to NY and choose #462 - S. NY State 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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