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July 17, 2012

Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

Happy Summer! I hope to see you at some great upcoming July events below. View the new [Calendar](#) on our website for updates; the fall calendar is already getting full. See also the [Call for Action for Rio+20](#), below.

UNA Westchester and UNA-SNY congratulate Mercy College on their Model UN Summer Program for High School students, held at the Dobbs Ferry campus. Chapter and Division leaders and interns have been involved.

In August UNA Women will launch a campaign to encourage voter registration - Look for this and send me an email if you are interested in learning more.

With warm regards,

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RIO+20
United Nations
Conference on
Sustainable
Development

You are invited to

A Panel Discussion
"The Topical Fruit of Rio + 20: What was Harvested and What is Still on the Trees"

Co-Sponsored by

UNA-USA's Council of Organizations
The Southern New York Division of UNA-USA
& Other Members of the NGO Community

Wednesday, July 25, 2012 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Turkish Mission to the United Nations
821 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Panel (in formation):

Robb Skinner, Senior Director of UN Relations and Special Initiatives, United Nations Foundation

Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Jeff Huffines, UN Representative, CIVICUS, World Alliance for Citizen Participation; Rio+20 NGO Major Group Organizing Partner

Shamina de Gonzaga, Director, World Council of Peoples for the United Nations; Co-Founder, What Moves You?

Light Refreshments Provided

All are welcome with RSVP appreciated to coo@unausa.org

Open Call for Articles and Posts on Rio

Our [RioPlusSNY Blog](#) is now open for postings. You are welcome to send articles and posts that reflect on the Summit, and issues and themes discussed. Send them to: unasouthernny@gmail.com.

What newly found issues are of interest to you? Is your organization, or are you personally, committing to new actions?

What are you or your community doing to make your community more sustainable?

Also, note if you're interested in joining the Division's [Energy Project](#).

You Are Invited!

Wednesday, July 18 - 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Celebrating Nelson Mandela's Day 2012

UNA Queens Chapter in cooperation with UN Academic Impact Initiative hosts

A reception with light fare and an evening of performances and discussion celebrating the 94th birthday of Nelson Mandela

**At the Queens Museum New York City Building,
Flushing Meadows Corona Park Queens, NY**

See

www.queensmuseum.org for directions.

Open & free to all

Tuesday, July 24, 7 pm to midnight

UNA-NYC First Summer Soiree

International humanitarian-minded New Yorkers are invited to celebrate the UNA-NYC's **first Summer Soirée in The Yard lounge at the SoHo Grand Hotel**. This free event is open to existing UNA-NY members, as well as all persons interested in joining.

**At The Yard at SoHo Grand Hotel 310 West
Broadway (between Grand and Canal streets)**

Sunday, July 22 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm

UNA Queens - Summer Celebration

Join UNA-Queens to celebrate summer in the world's most international place - QUEENS - at the oldest Beer Garden in America!

**Bohemian Hall and Beer Garden 29-19 24th Avenue
Astoria, NY 11102**

All are welcome!

Thursday, July 26, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Millennium Development Goals Fair

JCI: Junior Chamber International and UNA-SNY Young Professionals are co-sponsoring a Millennium Development Goal celebration during the JCI Global Partnership Summit at the UN. This event will showcase the work that the UNA-USA, UN Foundation, Global Poverty Project, Nothing But Nets, the Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, and others are doing to advance the MDGs.

**Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza 833 1st Ave. (between
46th and 47th streets)**

Admission is free.

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: 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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