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September 12, 2012

Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

With September and today's beautiful nearly-fall weather comes the start of many UN and UNA-related activities and the accompanying traffic jams! The High-Level Summit of the UN General Assembly will focus on the Rule of Law. See an article on the **Rule of Law** in our blog.

Upcoming events feature Women (tomorrow), a trip to a Science Barge in Yonkers, and the Social Good Summit. Look for a number of Young Professionals events and, in early October, a film, panel and reception on Peacekeeping. **See below for details** and view the **Calendar** on our website for updates.

UNTV has produced a video about the UN General Assembly - Here's the **English version**; it's available with subtitles in Arabic, Chinese French, Russian and Spanish.

Also, please consider helping two Energy-related projects with raising funds.

With warm regards,

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A Panel Discussion
"Women's Unfinished Business
at the UN"

Panelists include:

Lopa Banerjee, Chief, Civil Society Section, UN Women
Joan Holmes, Founder, The Hunger Project
Aparna Mehrotra, Senior Adviser
, Focal Point for Women, United Nations

Moderated by:

Mary-Frances Wain, Deputy Executive Director, UNA-USA

Thursday, September 13, 2012

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Salvation Army Building
International Social Justice Commission Auditorium
221 E. 52nd Street, New York, NY

Co-Sponsored by:

UNA-USA's Council of Organizations; UNA Women; The Southern New York State Division of the United Nations Association; The NGO/DPI Executive Committee; The United Nations Association of New York; and other member organizations of the NGO Community

Light Refreshments Provided

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

Visit to the Science Barge, Yonkers, NY

Saturday, September 15, 3 pm

What?

The UNA-SNY Division's Energy Project invites you to join us for a visit to a one-of-a-kind prototype sustainable urban farm, the Science Barge in Yonkers, NY.

Solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuels generate all of the energy needed to power the barge. Rainwater and purified river water irrigate the hydroponic greenhouse. The barge thus operates completely "off the grid." Those who wish to may join us afterwards for some refreshment and discussion at the nearby Dolphin Restaurant.

When?

We will meet at the Science Barge at 3 pm. We plan to spend approximately an hour on the barge. Please RSVP to Aaron Gardner at aaron.gardner@yahoo.com or call 914-420-3860.

Where?

The Science Barge is located at 99 Dock Street in Yonkers, NY and is easily accessible by car and mass transit. From the Yonkers MetroNorth station, exit on the land side of the tracks on Buena Vista Ave. Turn left and then left again on Dock Street. The Science Barge is at the end of Dock Street, about 300 feet away. Street parking is available. There is also a municipal garage at the corner of Buena Vista Ave

You Are Invited!

Tuesday, September 25, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Fatima Ahmed, President of Zenab for Women in Development and founder of Sudan's first women farmers union <http://www.zenab.org/>

will speak in the

Esther Raushenbush Library Meeting Room
Sarah Lawrence College
1 Mead Way Bronxville, NY 10708

Presented by the graduate program in Women's History and co-sponsored by the UNA-SNY Division

Open & free to all

2012 Social Good Summit September 22-24 92nd Street Y, Manhattan



UNA-USA members are invited to attend the Social Good Summit, September 22-24, for FREE-a \$130 value. 50 FREE spots are being held for UNA-USA Members, so register today! Just sign up here, and add 'UNA' as your company name.

For more information including speakers, see: <http://mashable.com/sgs/>

If you're not already a UNA member - [JOIN TODAY!](#)

The Social Good Summit is a yearly, innovative event that unites people from around the world around one common theme: the power of social media and technology to solve our world's greatest issues.

Held in New York City during the UN General Assembly, the Summit serves as the one place where anyone, anywhere can join the conversation on international development. From forward-thinking technologists, to social activists, corporate trailblazers and young entrepreneurs, every voice is represented.

Note: You do not need to be a blogger to attend! Please contact the Membership Team at membership@unausa.org with any questions.

Raising Funds for Energy Projects in Haiti

The Division's Energy Project invites you to assist in two ways cookstove-related energy projects in Haiti. These projects seek to improve the health of women and children exposed to noxious fumes from charcoal, help reduce deforestation caused by use of charcoal and wood for cooking, and create new jobs for sugar cane farmers and distillers who produce ethanol, others involved in using agricultural waste to produce briquettes, and in development of new markets. The [clean cook stove video on our website](#) shows why we are involved.

1. **Vote daily starting September 19** to help win \$50,000 for a cookstove and fuels project. This is a very real opportunity, and one of our collaborating organizations won \$10,000 last year. For details on voting starting September 19 go to: www.cultivatewines.com

and go to "The Give". Also see:

<http://wp.me/p1AoPP-50>

2. **Register to attend the October 4 Public-Private Alliance Foundation Partners Against Poverty Fundraising Benefit.** [Click here to register now.](#) The Foundation is beginning pilot implementation with partners in Haiti on ethanol cookstoves and production of briquettes from agricultural waste. For details, see: www.ppafoundation.org This Haiti-themed Benefit will be held in Manhattan at Resource Furniture (www.resourcefurniture.com) This is an exciting showroom worth a visit! Resource Furniture will have a display at the Museum of the City of New York starting in January of its space-efficient furniture that enables people to live comfortably in small spaces.

JOIN NOW to become involved with the United Nations and important global issues!

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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