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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Apologies: Please note the correct date for this event:

We received very late notice for a **High-Level event on Peacekeeping** that will take place on **Thursday, December 19** at the UN. You are invited to attend but must register immediately at

unfevents@unfoundation.org. This event will bring together an exceptional group of knowledgeable diplomats, UN officials and others to discuss a gamut of peacekeeping actions and trends. See the program below. A summary will be available later.

Our **Human Rights Day** event on **December 10** at Hyde Park was a great success. Despite the snow more than 50 people participated. We want especially to thank Ryan Kaminski, our keynote speaker, for his excellent and wide-ranging talk about Human Rights and the UN. Thanks go also to Jeff Urbin, who welcomed us to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, Kathleen Durham, Executive Director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Center at Val-Kill the co-sponsor; and all participants, who shared their knowledge and perspectives. Everyone had a chance to "vote" for "**The World We Want**" - the **Post-2015 Development Agenda** that the UN and people around the world are discussing. Jeff Urbin, below.

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We formed seven roundtables, led by very able facilitators: Education I (Richard Reitano); Education 2 (Stephen Miller); Climate and Energy (Juris Pupcenoks); Equality between Women and Men (JoAnne Myers); Water and Sanitation (George Garland); and Good Government (Kathleen Durham). A very special thanks to those who stepped in when the weather prevented others from facilitating.

We focused especially on Human Rights in these themes. Results from the roundtables - both taken by notetakers and on video - will be used by UNA-USA in its report to the United Nations about events like this all around the country. Notetakers included Jennifer Mayfield (AAUW); Keith Uffer (SUNY New Paltz); and Nicholas Bayer, Shannon Lashlee, Devin Teson, and Danielle Villa (Marist College).

You can now view photos and videos: [flickr.com/photos/UNASouthernny](https://www.flickr.com/photos/UNASouthernny) and www.youtube.com/UNASouthernny. Thank you to Fred Cartier for the YouTube, Michael Ambrozek for most of photos and Ryan Kaminski, who also contributed a few.

Keep in touch by "liking" us on Facebook.

We are forming a **Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter**. If you join UNA-USA now, you can become a founding member. See "Join" below, and we'll be in touch.

Also, be sure to learn about the **2014 Worldview Institute** presented by the UNA-NYC chapter. This is an exciting opportunity for young professionals and others to learn first-hand about world events. Registration is open now.

With warm regards, and feel free to email or call me.

"Ginger"

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High-level Seminar on UN Peacekeeping

Blue Helmets: New Frontiers
19 December 2013 (1500-1800 hours)
ECOSOC Chamber

PROGRAMME

Opening Segment (1500 - 1528 hours)

1500 - 1505 hours	Welcoming Remarks - Ambassador Masood Khan, Pakistan
1506 - 1510 hours	Welcoming Remarks - Kathy Calvin, President and CEO, UN Foundation
1511 - 1520 hours	Message of Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and Keynote Remarks - Ms. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet
1521 - 1528 hours	Keynote Remarks - H.E. Mr. Gerard Araud, Permanent Representative of France, and President of the Security Council

Panel Discussion - 1530 - 1605 hours

Multidimensional Peacekeeping/Resolution 2086

Strategic Dimensions

1530 - 1537 Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, Professor, Arnold A. Saltzman
Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, former USG, DPKO

Delivering on the Ground Ms. Ameerah Haq, Under-Secretary-General, DFS

Policy perspectives H.E. Mr. Guillermo E. Rishchynski, Permanent Representative of
Canada, Chair of C-34 Working Group

Comprehensive Approach

Peacebuilding and peacekeeping

H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak, Permanent Representative of Croatia, Chair of
the Peacebuilding Commission

Preventing relapse

H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom

Civilian Capacity building

Ms. Sarah Cliffe, Assistant-Secretary-General for Civilian Capacities

Comments/Questions from the floor - 1605 - 1625 hours

Response from the Panel 1625 - 1635 hours

Panel Discussion - 1635 - 1710 hours

Emerging Trends

Robust Mandates and New Challenges

H.E. Mr. Asok Kumar Mukerji, Permanent Representative of India

H.E. Mr. Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative of South Africa

Richard Gowan, Director of Research, New York University Center on
International Cooperation

Safety and Security/New Threats

Mr. Kevin Kennedy, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Safety and
Security

Strengthening partnerships

Triangular cooperation

H.E. Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh

Regional Perspectives

H.E. Dr. Tekeda Alemu, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia (Chair of the African Union)

European Union

Overview and Looking Ahead

1710 - 1718 hours

Mr. Herve Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General, DPKO

Comments/Questions from the floor

1718 - 1745 hours

Response from the Panel -

1745 - 1755 hours

Closing Remarks

1755 hours

Ambassador Masood Khan, Pakistan

Save The Date

**UNA-SNY Young Professionals will present their
Annual Benefit and Action**

**Advancing International Unity: An Evening Honoring Inspiration,
Advocacy and Change**

Saturday, February 1, 2014

More at: <http://www.unasouthernny.org/annual-benefit.html>

**6th UNA-USA Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and
Members Day at the UN**

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 7, 2014

**"The United Nations: Building Peace in
an Age of Upheaval"**

Register Here

Everyone is invited. Members and students attend free of charge. Others can join for an introductory cost of \$25.

This is an exciting opportunity hear high-level speakers and panelists, to ask your questions, and to meet others interested in global issues.

This event will take place in the UN's General Assembly Hall. In addition to illustrious Keynote speakers, panels will focus on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the work of UNA-USA's events around the country; on important international political issues; and on aspects of human rights.

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 S. NY State Division. When we form the Mid-Hudson Chapter, your membership will be transferred if you live in that area. 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](#). If you want to become a Campus Advocate, email us at unasouthernny@gmail.com

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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