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## United Nations Association of the USA Southern New York State Division News

Serving chapters, groups, and members-at-large in the five boroughs of New York City and in the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester and reaching friends across the country.  
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**October 8, 2014**

During United Nations Month (celebrating UN Day, October 24th), The Division and chapters throughout our area are holding special events. This newsletter includes UNA-SNY Upcoming Events, a UNA-SNY YP Middle Eastern Affairs Committee event, UN Day-related events that the Division and Chapters are organizing, including the Northern New Jersey chapter, and an Energy event at the UN on October 17. Registration is required for some. Also see photos and links at the bottom of the newsletter to videos and updates for September events on climate and energy.

To become part of this vital and important organization, go to [www.unausa.org/join](http://www.unausa.org/join)  
Select one of the chapters that are holding events (below), or UNA-SNY and its Young Professionals program. No matter your interest area, the United Nations and UNA-USA have something for you! If you are a student up to age 22 you may join free of charge.

Jeanne Betsock Stillman  
President, UNA Southern NY State Division

### Upcoming Events

#### **UNA Energy Steering Committee Meeting (after Division board meeting)**

October 14, 7:30PM-9:00PM Note: this is a Tuesday.

801 2nd Ave., 2nd floor Global Compact Conference Room  
at E. 43rd Street; Manhattan

RSVP to [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com)

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#### **UNA-USA of Northern New Jersey**

Date: Friday, October 24

Time: 10 AM - 12 Noon

Cost: FREE; invite your friends, colleagues, and family

Place: Rutgers University  
185 University Avenue

Newark, NJ 07102

Dana Room in the Dana Library <http://rumaps.rutgers.edu/location/dana-library>

Theme: **Global Heath-How can you make a difference?**

Keynote Speaker: Professor Jean-Marc Coicaud, Director of Global Programs at Rutgers Newark:  
<https://law.newark.rutgers.edu/faculty/faculty-profiles/jean-marc-coicaud>

Program: **Interactive session on malaria and health from the UN Foundation's Nothing But Nets and Shot at Life campaigns**

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**The UNA Southern NYS Division invites you to its UN Day Consultation  
Co-sponsor and Host: SUNY Global Engagement Program**

**Uniting for a Sustainable Future  
Post-2015 Consultation**

**October 31, 2014**

8:30 a.m. (registration); 9:00 a.m. to noon - program

SUNY Global Center  
Multipurpose Room  
116 E 55th St  
New York, NY 10022

**RSVP to [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com) by October 18 with your name, email address, phone number and preference of Goal you would like to discuss.**

The purpose of this consultation is to engage participants in a discussion on what should be done in order to ensure successful adoption and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals that have emerged from numerous discussions in the past several years. The SDGs will follow on the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on which the UN, governments, non-governmental organizations and others have worked since 2000, and which will end in 2014.

Coming out of the Rio+20 Conference in 2012, a 30-member Open Working Group of the General Assembly developed and submitted a proposal for a set of Sustainable Development Goals that would take effect from 2015 - 2030. Seventeen goals have emerged. Our Division board has selected several for our attention on the 31st. Roundtables will focus on these goals:

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*

\*Acknowledging that the UNFCCC is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Throughout these discussions we will consider "The Impact of Social Media Networks on Development", a topic added by a member of the Division board.

In keeping with the 2014 UN Day Theme "Global Citizenship and Youth," we want to engage adults, young professionals and youth in the discussions.

This event and others held by UNA Chapters and Divisions around the U.S. will report to UNA-USA with recommendations for continuing to build support for the SDGs, and will feed into a final UNA-USA ACTION Plan for supporting the implementation of the SDGs in 2015.

**Participation is limited to 65 by room size, so please RSVP early to ensure your participation.**

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**UNA-SNY Young Professionals present**

**Reflections on Peace:  
A Yom Kippur and Eid al-Adha  
Communal Dinner Celebration**

Wednesday October 15, 2014 6:30- 8:00 pm  
Peace Islands Institute  
535 Fifth Ave 6th Floor NY, NY 10017

Peace Islands Institute and the Middle Eastern Affairs Committee of the United Nations Association of Young Professionals are proud to announce the first-ever communal dinner celebration of Yom Kippur and Eid Al-Adha, which coincide on October 4, 2014. Community members and young professionals are invited to come together, break bread, network and engage in peaceful dialogue.

Our speakers will briefly address how the meaning and values of shared religious holidays can contribute to building peace in challenging times.

This celebration is free of charge, but we ask that you bring cash donations or canned goods which will be donated to City Harvest, in order to benefit the city of New York, where more than 1 in 5 residents are living in poverty and over 54,000 residents are homeless.

RSVP to [rsvp@peaceislands.org](mailto:rsvp@peaceislands.org)  
by October 10th  
with your name and number of guests

Please address any questions to the **Middle Eastern Affairs Committee**

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**United Nations Foundation / UNA-USA**

**Global Leadership Dinner**

Wednesday, October 22, 2014  
Cipriani 42nd Street, New York City

The Global Leadership Dinner is the preeminent gathering of world leaders to recognize the achievements of those who work with the United Nations to solve the world's most pressing global issues. It supports the work of UNA-USA, its national leadership and the work of chapters and divisions across the United States.

Recognized as one of New York's top events, the Global Leadership Dinner is distinguished by A-list attendance representing the highest levels of the diplomatic, business, government, philanthropic, media, entertainment and social sectors. In addition to honoring the 2014 global leaders, the dinner features special guests Ted Turner, Chairman and Founder of the United Nations Foundation, and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

The Global Leadership Dinner is central to calling the world's attention to the work of the UN and supporting a peaceful, prosperous and just future. Proceeds benefit UNA-USA and its work to inform, educate, and inspire

Americans in support of the UN.

- See more at: <http://www.unausa.org/about-us/global-leadership-awards#sthash.qxxlYnOd.dpuf>

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**UNA Brooklyn Chapter presents:**

## **UN peacekeeping: building peace after hostilities cease**

October 23, 2014, 6:30-8:30 - FREE!

Brooklyn Campus of the Long Island University, 1 University Plaza. [Map](#).

To bring real and lasting peace to end a violent conflict, the UN often must disarm, demobilize, and reintegrate (DDR) troops and militias, institute strategic sector reform (SSR), meaning build capacity, efficiency, and unity among military and law enforcement personnel, and encourage justice sector reform (JSR) so that laws and law enforcement institutions are transparent, equitable and in accordance with international human rights norms. We are bringing together a spectacular expert panel to discuss these critical components of successful UN peacekeeping operations: Christopher O'Donnell, a program officer with the UN Department of Peacekeeping, DDR section, with ten years of very recent field experience in DDR operations; Professor Mark Ungar from Brooklyn College, who has published extensively on post-conflict, multilateral efforts with a focus on Central America. Professor Ungar has also advised the UN in its post-conflict programs that incorporate DDR and SSR strategies. We are especially honored to have Joseph Stephanides, a 28 year veteran of the UN and an adjunct professor at the Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University's UN Graduate Program. Mr. Stephanides Head of the Office of the UN Secretary-General in Iran (UNOSGI) and Head of the Kamanjab and Sesfontein Political Office of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG).

By attending and participating in this event, you'll learn how UN peacebuilding operations really unfold and have the opportunity to network with the experts who have planned them and made them happen. For more information, go to

[www.unabrooklyn.org](http://www.unabrooklyn.org)

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UNA Southern New York State Division, the Bryant Library and Baha'i of Roslyn present:

### **In Celebration of United Nations Day An Afternoon of Music, Dance and Education**

Saturday, October 25, 2:00 pm

Free and open to the public. Refreshments.

The Bryant Library  
2 Paper Mill Road  
Roslyn, NY 11576

For more information, email: [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com)

The program will give families a taste of the flavor of various cultures. There will be musical performances and readings from local performers. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Maty Ndiaye.





Maty Ndiaye has been UNDP's Outreach and Public Information Officer since January 2012. In this capacity, she coordinates efforts to communicate the work of UNDP to academia, think tanks, the media and the general public. She organizes speaking engagements, develops and builds partnerships and helps connect UNDP experts to different constituencies.

Prior to working at UNDP, Maty worked as Social Secretary for the Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon from 2007 to 2009. She was responsible for coordinating and managing high level events, liaising with UN Missions and Protocol and traveling with the Secretary-General on missions. She also worked as assistant to former Secretary-General Kofi Annan from 2005 to 2007.

Maty joined the United Nations in the year 2000 as a public information assistant and has introduced the Organization to over 10,000 people. Prior to working for the UN, she worked in the private sector as assistant manager in the car fleet department for NCR in England.

Maty is a French national and holds an MBA in International Business and a Master's degree in Economics and Law from Nanterre University in Paris, France.

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The number of refugees worldwide in 2014 exceeds those displaced during World War II. How does the United Nations care for them? What is being done by other organizations?

**When:** October 25 - Saturday

**Time:** 2 to 5 PM

**Place:** Atrium at the Queens Museum

### JOIN THE DISCUSSION

John Solecki - Senior Policy Advisor, UNHCR  
Refugee Crises - WWII and Now

Francis Madi - Founder, Voices of Silence  
Working with Refugees

Rosemarie Pace - Pax Christi Metro NY  
Make peace - Avoid a refugee crisis

Megan Casey - Queens College  
The Refugee Experience





To learn more go to: [www.unaqueens.org](http://www.unaqueens.org)

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United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) Westchester Chapter  
**United Nations Day 2014**  
**"Empowering youth in Westchester and the World"**  
 26 October 2014  
 YWCA White Plains

4:00 pm Welcome: Maria Imperial

Introduction: Post-2015 development goals: Marcia Brewster

4:15 Workshop Dialogue with youth: "The World We Want"

Proposed topics for Workshop Tables selected from the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (two or three tables for each topic):

- Equality between men and women
- A good education
- Access to clean water and sanitation
- Access to justice for all
- Action taken on climate change

The community is invited to the following parts of the program:

5:15 Report back from the Discussion Leaders

5:45 Closing

For more information go to [www.unawestchester.org](http://www.unawestchester.org)

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The Board of Directors of the  
 United Nations Association of New York  
 invite you to celebrate

**The 2014 United Nations Day**  
**Humanitarian Awards Gala Dinner Celebrating the 69th Anniversary of**  
**the United Nations**  
**Empowering Women: Promoting Peace and Progress**

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

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J. W. Marriott Essex House  
160 Central Park South,  
New York City

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Black Tie or National Dress

For information and tickets, go to:

[http://www.unanyc.org/events/2014/20141029\\_award\\_dinner.html](http://www.unanyc.org/events/2014/20141029_award_dinner.html)

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## UNA Hudson Valley Event Understanding Human Trafficking: Locally and Internationally

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:00pm, Coykendall Science Building Auditorium

### Malea Otranto UNICEF USA – End Trafficking Fellow



UNA Hudson Valley will have Malea Otranto, a representative from UNICEF USA's End Trafficking program come to SUNY New Paltz to offer an address on human trafficking and what the UN and UNICEF are doing to combat this issue.

Malea was recently accepted into the UNICEF USA fellowship program, and selected to be the End Trafficking Program fellow based on her background and experience within the anti-human trafficking field. Malea seeks to raise awareness and educate communities about child trafficking in the United States.

Malea has worked at Polaris, one of the leading organizations within the anti-human trafficking field. She has facilitated public speaking workshops with survivors, led Human Trafficking 101 trainings, and conducted extensive research on illicit Asian massage parlors and Asian sex trafficking networks across the United States.

Malea spent the 2012-13 studying abroad in Europe and South Africa, where she focused on human rights and international human trafficking. In the fall, Malea completed a Humanitarian Law Program and was selected to go to Kosovo, where she met with governmental organizations to discuss solutions for Kosovo's current human trafficking epidemic. Malea graduated with a degree in Law and Society from American University.





**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT, CARBON REDUCTION, AND ECO-DRIVE  
AS A SOLUTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY**

October 17, 2014

Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium

United Nations Headquarters

New York, NY 10017

Registration is free of charge. To participate, email [wafunif@wafunif.org](mailto:wafunif@wafunif.org).

**UNA Southern NY State Division** is a co-sponsor of this conference.

#### Introduction

As a United Nations Peace Messenger, concerned with global issues, the World Association of Former United Nations Internes and Fellows (WAFUNIF) is hosting a high level international conference on "**Global Environment, Carbon Reduction, and EcoDrive**".

Panels include: Global Environment: Factors of Sustainability; Global Environment: Energy and Transportation; EcoDrive as a Solution and Environmental Policies. Dr. George Garland, director of UNA-SNY's Energy Project, will participate in the panel on Global Environment: Energy and Transportation.

The Conference will start at 10:00 AM and, with a short luncheon break, will remain active until 6:00 PM, to be followed by a live Concert and Reception.

### Recent Events

On September 17, the Division's Energy Project held an event entitled "**Climate and Energy Policy in the Global Context**" as part of Climate Action Week in New York City. Featured speakers were Tapio Kanninen, PhD and George Garland, DBA. David Stillman, PhD, a Division board member, moderated. Nearly 30 participants engaged in active discussions in the conference room of the at the UN Foundation Office in Manhattan. The group included UN staff and consultants, UNA members, students, faculty and professionals in the field.

[Click here for a video of these presentations.](#) You can receive a PowerPoint of Dr. Kanninen's presentation and notes by Dr. Garland upon request. (Write to [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com).)





September 21st drew over 400,000 to the massive Climate March in New York City. UNA-SNY Energy Project members and UNA-SNY Young Professionals marched. Division board member and Energy Project member Peter DeBartolo brought a group of over 30 students as part of the large contingent from Adelphi University. Members of the Westchester Chapter and other chapters also participated.



Lauren von Eckartsberg, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Committee of UNA-SNY posted this [blog entry](#):

"To change everything, we need everyone." This was the slogan for The People's Climate March that took place on September 21st in New York City just before heads of state met at the UN summit on Climate Action. A group of UNA/YP members were a part of the collective everyone that amassed to over 400,000 participants. As the largest climate march in history, members trod down Central Park West, past the steel globe at Columbus Circle, through Times Square, ending at 11th street. Participants donned costumes, held signs calling awareness to various problems and solutions concerning the climate crisis, marched with their family members, and collectively came out to show support for the cause. The atmosphere of the march was one of mutual support and openness to new ideas and ways to solve the problem of climate change. It was a great opportunity for UNA/YP members to show support for climate action and to be a part of the historical event calling heads of state to act."

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