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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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### Energy Project Events

The Division's Energy Project invites you to a series of events in the coming months. For a full listing, details and information about United Nations entities, activities and documents see the newsletter [here](#) . Also view The Energy Project on the Division website. To learn more, write to [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com)

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

August 11, 7:30PM-9:00PM

#### **UNA Energy Summer Social**

August 28

World Bar

Stay tuned for registration details

#### **65th Annual UN/DPI NGO Conference: '2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda'**

August 27-29

UN Headquarters

Over 3,000 people from around the world will attend the Conference.

**Register here by August 12**

#### **PPAF/ UNA Energy Panel (at UN DPI/NGO Conference)**

**"Energy and Climate Action: Essential Tools for the Post-2015 Development Agenda"**

August 29, 11:45AM-1:00PM [See here for details](#)

### NYC Events

#### **People's Climate March**

September 21, NYC

The Energy Project is signed on to march; contact us to join. .

## **Climate Week NYC**

September 22-28, 2014

Various Locations Across NYC

This year, Climate Week NYC will be the collaborative space for all related events in support of the UN Climate Summit. It will be home to over 60 events, activities and high-profile meetings taking place across NYC's five boroughs. Read more [here](#).

## **UN Climate Summit**

September 23, 2014

UN Headquarters

The Secretary-General will be hosting the Climate Summit to engage leaders and advance climate action and ambition. The Summit will serve as a public platform for leaders at the highest level - all UN Member States, as well as finance, business, civil society and local leaders from public and private sectors - to catalyze ambitious action on the ground to reduce emissions, strengthen climate resilience, and mobilize political will for an ambitious global legal agreement by 2015 that limits the world to a less than 2-degree Celsius rise in global temperature. Read more [here](#)

## **How to Get Involved**

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## **Current UN Agendas, Programs and Materials**

### **Post 2015 Energy Agenda**

After 1.5 years of negotiating, and in their 13th and final session, the Open Working Group (OWG) -- comprised of UN Member States and attended by civil society -- issued a proposed set of goals for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The OWG proposal includes 13 goals, including Proposed goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all, and Proposed goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Goal targets include:

- by 2030 ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services
- increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030
- double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030
- strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related hazards and natural disasters in all countries
- integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies, and planning
- improve education, awareness raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning

Read the UN outcome document [here](#).

## **Sustainable Energy for All**

The Sustainable Energy for All initiative is a multi-stakeholder partnership between governments, the private sector, and civil society. Launched by the UN Secretary-General in 2011, it has three interlinked objectives to be achieved by 2030:

1. Ensure universal access to modern energy services.
2. Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.
3. Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

Read more on [our website here](#).

## **UNA Energy Blog**

Excerpts below; read more here. Contact us if you'd like to contribute articles!

## **UNA-SNY Young Professionals Dinner with Dr. Michael Dorsey**

Dr. Michael Dorsey, a climate justice expert and the Director of Energy and Environment at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington D.C., joined the Young Professionals and Energy Project for a dinner conversation about both his academic research and work with the United Nations Government Liaison service regarding climate policy.

## **Energy for All**

The International Energy Agency estimates that it would take investments of \$49 billion each year until 2030 to achieve energy for all. At the same time, it forecasts that there will be a billion people without energy access in 2030.

A book by Nancy Wimmer, *Green Energy for a Billion Poor*, describes how over 500,000 Solar Home Systems were installed by social business Grameen Shakti in rural Bangladesh between 1996 and 2010. Systems were sold, not given away. This economically sustainable approach is a key feature of the social business model to ensure survival after external funding goes away. How did they do it?

## **2014 UNA-USA Annual Meeting: Dr. Robert Orr on Climate Change**

At this year's UNA-USA Annual Meeting, UN Assistant Secretary-General Dr. Robert Orr

stressed the significance of climate change. It affects every piece of the UN agenda and is the underlying factor for peace, security, and development. However, the UN needs the help of the US. As Americans, we need to put forth rational energy policies that accelerate the use of renewables and to catalyze a clean energy revolution.

## Chapter Events

### Upcoming Events

The NYC (Manhattan) Chapter will host a summer soiree on August 15. For details, see: [http://www.unanyc.org/events/2014/20140815\\_summer\\_soiree.html](http://www.unanyc.org/events/2014/20140815_summer_soiree.html)

On August 21 the NYC (Manhattan) Chapter will host a film screening. For details, see: [http://www.unanyc.org/events/2014/20140821\\_horses.html](http://www.unanyc.org/events/2014/20140821_horses.html)

