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Energy Project Events

The Division's Energy Project invites you to several exciting events in September. Also view The Energy Project on the Division website. To learn more, write to unasouthernny@gmail.com In our next newsletter we'll post links to photos from the Energy Social (August 28). You can view now **photos from the August 29 workshop** we co-sponsored at the UN DPI/NGO 65th Annual Conference on August 29. (The Public-Private Alliance Foundation was the workshop sponsor.) Click here for a **video of the event** .

UNA Energy Steering Committee Meeting (after Division board meeting)
September 15, 7:30PM-9:00PM

801 2nd Ave., 2nd floor Global Compact Conference Room
at E. 43rd Street
RSVP to unasouthernny@gmail.com

UNA Energy Project Event: Climate and Energy Policy in the Global Context
Wednesday, September 17

801 Second Ave., 9th floor - UN Foundation
at E. 43rd Street
Refreshments will be served; Free of charge. Non-members welcome (please join!)
RSVP by completing the Google form: <http://www.unasouthernny.org/events.html>

The UNA Energy Project of the Southern New York State Division will host a discussion on climate change featuring Tapio Kanninen, PhD and George Garland, DBA. as a part of Climate Action Week in New York City.

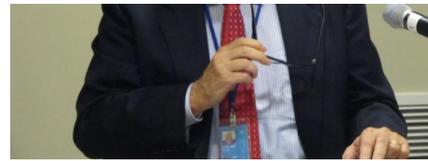


Tapio Kanninen,
PhD, "Crisis of Global
Sustainability." Dr.
Kanninen is Senior Fellow
and Co-Director of the
Project on Sustainable





Project on Sustainable
Global Governance at the
Ralph Bunche Institute for
International Studies at the
Graduate Center of The



City University of New York. During his long international career he was Chief of the Policy Planning Unit in the UN Department of Political Affairs (1998-2005) and Head of the Secretariat of Kofi Annan's five Summits with Regional Organizations, in addition to earlier work with the Finnish government.

George Garland, DBA, "Climate Policy: The U.S. and the UN." Dr. Garland is a former US Environmental Protection Agency official, is currently head of the Energy Project of the United Nations Association Southern New York State Division and is a Public Private Alliance Foundation board member.

NYC Events

People's Climate March

September 21, NYC

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

A great deal of information is available on the people's climate general site.

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](#)

UNA-SNY Young Professionals Networking Event

September 24

6:30-9pm at

Evolve

Every!!

at 171 Avenue C in the lower east side.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/686203934804368/>

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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?

