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Seventieth Anniversary of the United Nations
2015 NGO Conference at the United Nations
25 AUGUST 2015 • TUESDAY

OPENING SESSION General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters

9:00 – 9:10 AM Musical Interlude
Cheng Lin, Internationally-recognized Chinese Pop Singer

9:10 – 9:20 AM Conference Welcome and Overview
Patrick Sciarratta, Conference Director

9:20 – 9:30 AM Conference Address
H.E Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Acting President of the General Assembly

9:30 – 9:40 AM Host City Welcome
Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office for International Affairs

9:40 – 10:00 AM Member State - Lead Endorsers Welcome
H.E. Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN
H.E. Ambassador Guillermo Rischynski, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN

10:00 – 10:15 AM Keynote Opening Address
H.E. Mogens Lykketoft of Denmark, Incoming President of the 70th Session of UN General Assembly

10:15 – 10:25 AM Youth Address
Hadia Sheerazi, Girl Rising Ambassador; Half the Sky Ambassador;
Youth Expert, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network

10:25 – 11:25 AM OPENING PANEL – SETTING THE STAGE

Opening Remarks
Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations & Deputy Executive Director of UN Women

Coming From, Going To:
Civil Society and the United Nations: A 70-year Relationship

Moderator: Ravi Karkara, Deputy Executive Director, Strategic Adviser Partnership to the Assistant Secretary-General
Bruce Knotts, Chair of the NGO / DPI Executive Committee
Dr. Christine Durbak, Founder & Chair, World Information Transfer
Roberto Borrero, Indigenous Leader; UN Programs Coordinator, International Indian Treaty Council
Jeffery Huffines, Chief UN Representative, CIVICUS
Rosa Lizarde, Board Member, Global Call to Action Against Poverty

11:25 – 11:40 AM SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Xiangang Guo, President, World Academy of Development Sciences
Chairman, World Development Foundation
Guo Yuntao, Deputy President of Global National Competitiveness Cooperation Organization for the UN

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SECOND PANEL  General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters

Honoring Those at the UN Who Bring Civil Society Forward

Dr. DeLois Blakely (Queen Mother of Harlem) – Honored by U.S. Congressman Charles Rangel
Sister Joan Kirby – Honored by Bruce Knotts
Amir Dossal – Honored by Laura Turner
Peggy Kerry – Honored by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry

LUNCH BREAK

NGO WORKSHOPS  Alphabet Conference Rooms • Conference Building Basement

AFTERNOON SESSION  Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

Opening of the Afternoon Session, Announcements, and Speaker Introduction

Ihor Dlaboha, Events Manager, 2015 NGO Conference at the UN

Introduction

Bruce Knotts, Chair of the NGO / DPI Executive Committee

Keynote Address: Civil Society’s Role in the Success of the SDGs

Cristina Gallach, UN Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

ROUNDTABLE I

The Road Taken:
Showcasing Successes and Lessons Learned:
Celebrating 70 Years of Civil Society at the UN

Moderator: Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute
Dr. Margaret (Peg) Snyder, Founding Director of UNIFEM, Co-Founder of the African Centre for Women
Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, UN DESA
Ochoro E. Otunnu, J.D., Board Member of the Green Belt Movement International
Emilie McGlone, Director, Peace Boat US

Civil Society, the United Nations, and the UN Foundation

Laura Turner Seydel, Chairperson, Captain Planet Foundation
and John Rutherford Seydel III

EVENING ACTIVITY  Delegates Dining Room, United Nations Headquarters

Opening Night Reception (By Invitation Only. Register on-site for $150)

Each NGO Colleague highlighted on Opening Day will be provided special honors at the Opening Night Reception
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8:00 – 9:00 AM   NGO Consultation: A Sharing Breakfast

9:10 – 9:25 AM   OPENING SESSION  Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

Conference Opening & Announcements
Chiara Campanaro, Conference Coordinator

9:25 – 9:40 AM   OPENING PANEL – SETTING THE STAGE

Has the SDG Document Recognized NGO Successes with the MDGs?
Patrick Sciarratta, Conference Director

9:45 – 10:00 AM   Lessons Learned from the MDGs for SDG Success

Introduction: Margo LaZaro, Co-Chair, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
International Council of Women & Global Family

Keynote Address
Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in UN DESA

10:00 – 11:15 AM   ROUNDTABLE II

Bringing It Forward:
Lessons Learned from the MDGs for SDG Success

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Angelo Antonio Toriello, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of São Tomé and Príncipe to the United Nations (Invited)
Jan Peterson, Chair of the Coordinating Council of the Huairou Commission
Atama Katama, Coordinator, Local International Relations, PACOS Trust
Naiara Costa, Advocacy Director, Beyond 2015
Chris Dekki, Coordinator, Pax Romana

11:15 – 12:15 PM   The World We Want, UN Women, UN Habitat

Ravi Karkara, Deputy Executive Director, Strategic Adviser Partnership to the Assistant Secretary-General
Alice Chen, Project Consultant, Communication and Partnerships, United Nations Millennium Campaign

Oculus – A Virtual Reality Experience
From a Refugee Camp to the Bedside of Ebola Patients: You Are There

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12:15 – 1:15 PM  LUNCH BREAK

1:15 – 2:45 PM  NGO WORKSHOPS  Alphabet Conference Rooms • Conference Building Basement

3:00 – 3:20 PM  AFTERNOON SESSION  Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

Introduction: Margo LaZaro, Co-Chair, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
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Keynote Address
Communities of Spirit: From MDG Exploration to SDG Action
Dr. Georgette F. Bennett, Founder & President, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding & Founder, Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees

3:20 – 4:30 PM  ROUNDTABLE III

Helping Each Other Help the World:
Sharing Proposals and Relations for Mutual Benefit

Moderator: Amir Dossal, Founder & Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum
Peter Gorgievski, CEO & Director-General, Global Dialogue Foundation
Samira Salman, Managing Director, Global Access Partner LLC
Danielle Kayembe, Founder, GreyFire Holding; Partner, Tour of Tech
Zainab Zeb Khan, President of Muslim American Leadership Alliance
H.E. Mr. Carlos Garcia, Former Ambassador of El Salvador to the UN; Founder & CEO of CG Consulting

4:30 – 4:45 PM  Sustainable Fashion and Global Development
Camilla Barungi, Entrepreneur & Model

4:45 – 5:00 PM  CLOSING REMARKS

NGO Cooperation for SDG Success
H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning (Video)

EVENING ACTIVITY  The Roosevelt
Networking at the Conference Hotel (Cash Bar)
New Opportunities for NGO Representation at the UN

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9:30 – 9:45 AM  OPENING SESSION  Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

Conference Opening & Announcements
Chiara Campanaro, Conference Coordinator

9:45 – 10:00 AM  Tomorrow’s Leaders: Today? An Intergenerational Call to Action on Succession
Patrick Sciarratta, Conference Director

10:00 – 11:15 AM  ROUNDTABLE IV

The Future is Now: For NGOs, Succession IS Sustainability
Moderator, Patrick Sciarratta, Conference Director
Jen Kushell, Founder & CEO, Your Success Now
Skylen Monaco, Youth Leader, World Vision International
Dr. Judy Kuriansky, UN Main Representative, International Association of Applied Psychology
Ariel Rojas, Founder & CEO, Transdiaspora Network, Inc.
Juan Elias Chebly, Founder and CEO of voipebox.com

11:15 – 11:30 AM  Youth Address
Guest invited

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM  The Oculus Returns! – A Virtual Reality Experience
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2:45 – 3:00 PM  Conference Address
Kehkashan Basu, Youth Ambassador, World Future Council,
Founder & President, Green Hope, United Arab Emirates

3:00 – 5:00 PM  Special Screening “Trace Amounts”
Introduction: Dr. Christine Durbak, Founder & Chair, WIT

Post-screening Q&A
Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Environmental Activist & Lawyer

5:00 PM  CONCLUDING REMARKS
Patrick Sciarratta, Conference Director