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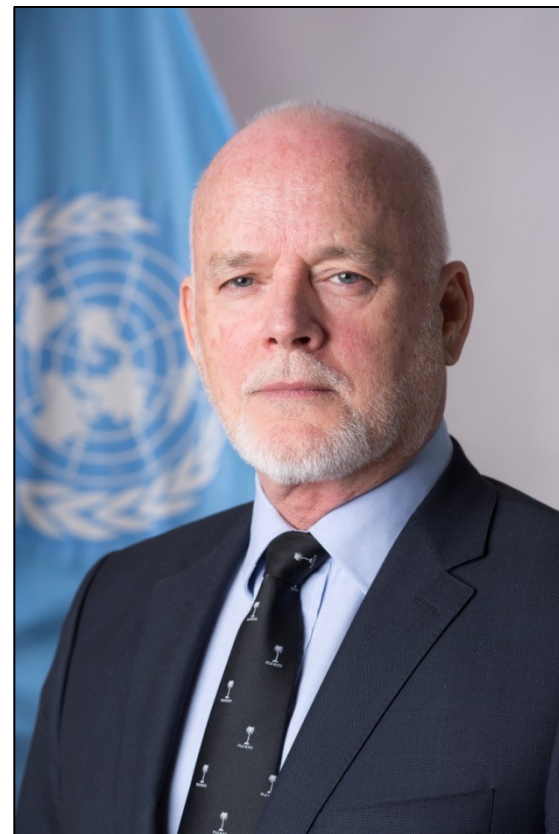
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# Key Priorities of the PGA



1. Inspire initiatives, partnerships and action to drive SDG implementation
2. Advance an integrated approach to peace, human rights and sustainable development
3. Foster a UN General Assembly based on ethics, transparency, inclusiveness and effectiveness
4. Facilitate a smooth transition and a strong start for the next UN Secretary General

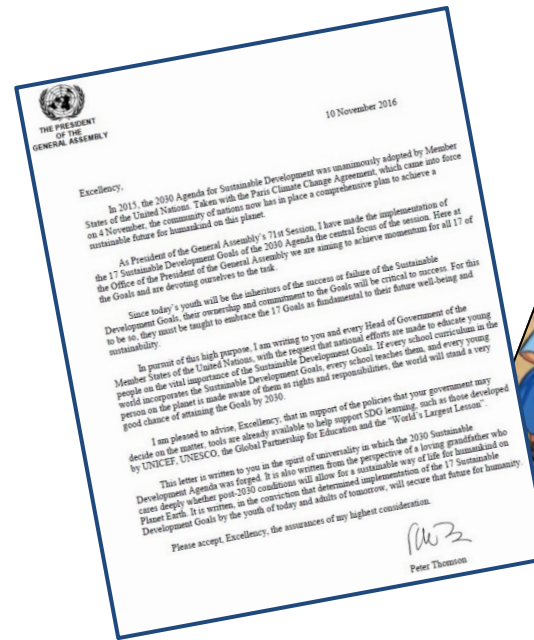


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# PGA's initiative on Educating Young People about the SDGs

- Sent a letter to 193 Member States asking them to integrate SDG learning into their classrooms and any other learning space
- Working with partners to scale up already existing education initiatives such as the World's Largest Lesson
- Engaging with students about the SDGs (most recently in Quito and Marrakech)
- Envisions a world where all young people learn about the SDGs
- Philanthropists can help keep SDG learning materials free of cost





# UN's First Official Ocean's Conference June 5 - 9, 2017



- PGA is planning the UN's first official Oceans Conference with the theme: **Our oceans, our future**, in support of SDG 14
- Coincides with World Environment Day and World Oceans Day
- Co-Presidents Fiji and Sweden.
- Will bring together individuals, civil society, countries, agencies, and companies who are passionate about ocean conservation and awareness



Planning for the UN's first  
Ocean's Conference  
UN Headquarters North Lawn



# PGA Strategy for the SDGs: A Three Track Approach



- **Track One** - Raising the global public's awareness of the importance of SDG implementation
- **Track Two** - Strengthening momentum in the implementation of each of the 17 SDGs
- **Track Three** - Supporting the UN and related agencies in making their maximum contribution to SDG implementation at all levels



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