



## Join the UNA-USA Council of Organizations for a Publication Launch on Civil Society and Development

The event will give particular attention to how civil society organizations can help implement and monitor governance improvement actions in Agenda 2030, especially under SDG 16, at the national and sub-national levels. It will include a brief overview by the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) of its experiences in working with civil society Organizations for over 15 years, supporting citizen-led initiatives to improve governance in developing countries.

**Date:** October 5, 2016

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Location:** UN Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza, 2nd Floor Conference Room, at 44th Street, between First and Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

### Speakers:

**Dr. Vinay Bhargava**, Chief Technical Adviser and Board member, Partnership for Transparency Fund

**Ed Elmendorf**, Former President and Chief Executive of the United Nations Association of the United States of America

**Jeffery Huffines**, CIVICUS UN Representative New York

### Questions? Contact:

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**Dr. Vinay Bhargava, Chief Technical Adviser and Board member,  
Partnership for Transparency Fund**

Dr. Vinay Bhargava is the Chief Technical Adviser and Board member at an international NGO - the Partnership for Transparency Fund ([www.PTFUnd.org](http://www.PTFUnd.org)). PTF is a volunteer's organization and supports citizen engagement with governments to improve development effectiveness through transparency, accountability and reduced corruption. He teaches at George Washington University, USA and at Kobe University, Japan. He has worked as a development specialist in South Asia, East Asia, Western Africa, Eastern Europe and Middle East. He is a former Country Director and former Director, International Affairs at the World Bank. He has written and spoken extensively on the subject of fighting corruption particularly through citizen and civil society led programs. He has authored several books and contributed chapters in many others such as: *Global Issues for Global Citizens*; *Challenging Corruption in Asia*; *Many Faces of Corruption*; *Citizens Against Corruption*; and *Ending Asian Deprivations*.



**Ed Elmendorf, Former President and Chief Executive of the United Nations Association of the United States of America**

Ed Elmendorf has been actively involved in international organizations for 50 years. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service early in his career, working at the United Nations from 1963 to 1969 as Personal Assistant to US Ambassadors Adlai Stevenson and Arthur Goldberg. In 1970, Ed began a 30-year career with the World Bank, where he worked in policy planning, loan programming and negotiation, staff development and career management, country assistance strategy, lending and macroeconomic policy. After retiring from the World Bank, Ed held several university tenures before volunteering as President of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) from 2005 to 2009 and then joining

the Board of the national parent organization, UNA-USA, in 2009. He returned to full-time employment as President and CEO of UNA-USA from 2010 to 2011. From 2008-2014 Ed served on the Board of the World Affairs Council of Washington DC, and chaired the Global Education Committee of the Board, with a particular concern to introduce global education in DC area schools. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Textile Museum in Washington, and a project adviser with the Partnership for Transparency Fund, which supports local developing country NGOs combating corruption.

**Jeffery Huffines, CIVICUS UN Representative New York**

Jeffery Huffines joined CIVICUS in April 2009 to serve as Main Representative at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Based in Johannesburg, South Africa, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, is an international alliance working with organizations and individuals in more than 160 countries to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world. He is a Senior Advisor of the UN DESA NGO Major Group Organizing Partners having served as a global Organizing Partner 2011-2016 responsible for guiding multi-stakeholder engagement of NGOs in sustainable development activities for Rio+20 and the SDGs/2030 Agenda. Mr. Huffines was also Chair of the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference on the theme "2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda", that took place at UN HQ, 27-29 August 2014, and was elected Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee from 2007-2011.

He had previously served as Main UN Representative for the U.S. Baha'i Community.

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