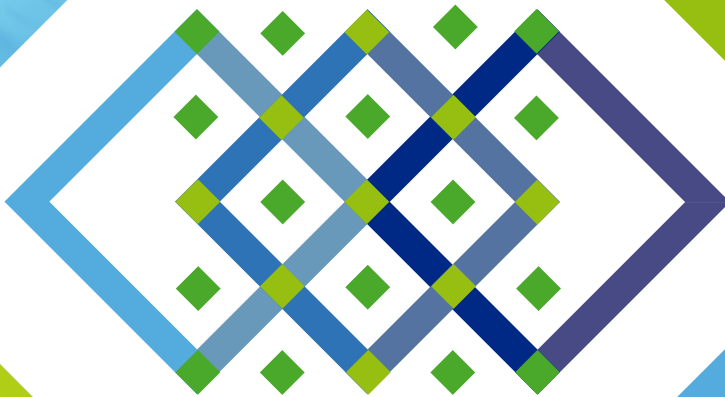


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2015 NGO Conference at the United Nations

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 – 9:15 AM

Conference Welcome and Overview

Patrick Sciarratta, Conference Director

9:15 – 9:25 AM

Conference Address

H.E Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Acting President of the 69th United Nations General Assembly

9:25 – 9:35 AM

Host City Welcome

Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner, New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs

9:35 – 9:55 AM

Member State - Lead Endorsers Welcome

H.E. Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations

H.E. Ambassador Guillermo Rishchynski, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

H.E. Ambassador Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

9:55 – 10:10 AM

Keynote Opening Address

H.E. Mogens Lykketoft, Incoming President of the 70th Session of UN General Assembly

10:10 – 10:15 AM

Youth Address

Hadia Sheerazi, Girl Rising Ambassador; Half the Sky Ambassador;
Youth Expert, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network

OPENING PANEL – SETTING THE STAGE

10:15 – 10:25 AM

Opening Remarks

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

10:25 – 11:25 AM

Coming From, Going To:

Civil Society and the United Nations: A 70-year Relationship

Moderator: **Ravi Karkara**, Strategic Adviser Partnerships to the Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women

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, Global Director, Feminist Task Force

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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11:40 – 12:30 PM **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 **H. E. Mr. Koki Muli Grignon** of the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations

Sister Joan Kirby – Honored by **Bruce Knotts**

Amir Dossal – Honored by **Laura Turner**

Peggy Kerry – Honored by **U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry** (via video)

12:30 – 1:15 PM **LUNCH BREAK**

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

3:00 – 3:30 PM **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

UN Welcome & Keynote Address: Civil Society's Role in the Success of the SDGs

Cristina Gallach, UN Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information
On behalf of **Secretary-General Ban ki-Moon**

3:30 – 4:30 PM **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., President, NexAfrica LLC

Emilie McGlone, Director, Peace Boat US

4:45 – 5:00 PM **Civil Society, the United Nations, and the UN Foundation**

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

7:00 – 9:00 PM **OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION** 📍 Delegates Dining Room, United Nations Headquarters

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26 AUGUST 2015 • WEDNESDAY

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 Sciaratta, 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
UN NGO Representative, 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. Hahn Choonghee**, Ambassador & Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

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, Strategic Adviser Partnerships to the Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women

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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26 AUGUST 2015 • WEDNESDAY (Continued)

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
UN NGO Representative, International Council of Women & Global Family

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 (via video)

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27 AUGUST 2015 • THURSDAY

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

Skysten 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**
Jolly Amatya, Co-Chair, Youth Assembly at the United Nations

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **The Oculus Returns! – A Virtual Reality Experience**
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12:00 – 1:00 PM **LUNCH BREAK**

1:15 – 2:45 PM **NGO WORKSHOPS** ♡ Alphabet Conference Room – Conference Building Basement

AFTERNOON SESSION ♡ Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

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

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