



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2019 Global Engagement Summit

February 22, 2019 • United Nations Headquarters

[#USAforUN](#)

AGENDA

Theme: Shared Partnerships - Shared Responsibilities

Locations: UN General Assembly Hall and Conference Room 4

7:00AM Registration & UN Grounds Pass Pickup

Location: Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

320 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017

(East 42nd Street entrance to the building
between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

7:30AM United Nations Entrance Opens

(1st Ave. & 46th Street)

9:00AM Opening Plenary (UN General Assembly Hall)

Kathy Calvin, President and CEO, UN Foundation

His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

Peter Yeo, President, Better World Campaign and Senior Vice President, UN Foundation

Congressman Eliot Engel, (D-NY) 16th District

Ambassador Jonathan R. Cohen,

Acting Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations

Rachel Bowen Pittman, Senior Director of Membership and Programs, UNA-USA

Don Lewis, President, Professional Hygiene, Essity

10:15AM Breakout Session I

>> **Issue Track: Conflict Resolution and Humanitarian Response: Yemen**

(UN General Assembly Hall)

From providing humanitarian assistance to investigating human rights abuses and advancing delicate diplomatic negotiations, the UN has played a myriad of roles to address the deadly conflict in Yemen. In December 2018, there was a breakthrough when the UN Security Council passed its first comprehensive resolution on the conflict in three years. Adopted by consensus, the document endorsed a limited cease-fire reached by parties with UN backing. It also called for the deployment of a monitoring mission on the ground. This panel will explore the dimensions of the recent peace agreement in Yemen and next steps for the UN and the international community.

Moderator:

Rajesh Mirchandani, Chief Communications Officer, UN Foundation

Panelists:

H.E. Ms. Karen Pierce, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the UN

Darko Mocibob, Deputy Director of Middle East and West Asia Division,
UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

Louis Charbonneau, UN Director, Human Rights Watch

>> **Action Track: #LeaveNoGirlBehind: Changing the World to Empower Girls**

(UN Conference Room 4)

Empowering girls and young women through assuring their access to and completion of education, and providing opportunities to apply their skills and learning, is central to achieving the goals of the 2030 agenda. This session highlights innovative efforts to address factors impeding girls' education, opportunities to improve their lives and those of their families, communities, and nations, and how audience members of all generations can help advance this work.

Moderator:

Corinne Whitaker, *Independent Consultant, Gender/Rights/Agency/Power, UNA-USA Southern New York Division*

Panelists:

Julie Willig, *Director, Programs & Impact, Girl Up*

Sujata Bordoloi, *Coordinator, UN Girls Education Initiative*

Silvia Gaya, *Senior Advisor for Water & Environment, UNICEF*

11:20AM

Breakout Session II

>> **Issue Track: Nuclear Proliferation: Hot Topics And Cold Tensions**

(UN General Assembly Hall)

Combating the global spread of nuclear weapons and technology has emerged as a key flashpoint for the international community and UN. The status of nuclear accords and frontier technologies, such as artificial intelligence, raise the stakes for strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime. Due to the global impact of this challenge, a cornucopia of voices has sought to build coalitions and awareness on preventing the spread of the world's most dangerous weapons. This panel will explore these trends and seek to answer: what's next?

Moderator:

Ankit Panda, *Adjunct Senior Fellow, Federation of American Scientists; Editor, The Diplomat*

Panelists:

Xolisa Mabhongo, *Representative of the IAEA Director General to the UN; Director, IAEA New York Office*

Carlos Rodriguez-Cruz y Celis, *Member, CTBTO Youth Group*

Lori Esposito Murray, *Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations*

>> **Action Track: Shared Action For Human Rights: The UN And Partners On The Ground**

(UN Conference Room 4)

The UN advances human rights globally through more than 80 treaties and declarations, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Impact, however, must be measured in concrete improvements in human dignity on the ground. This interactive session will explore how advocates on diverse and interconnected human rights issues have strategically used UN institutions, tools, and mechanisms to generate change. These issues include criminal justice, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), LGBTI equality, and asylum. Participants will walk away from this panel equipped with not only an actionable understanding of how the UN defends fundamental freedoms but also solutions for standing up for human rights in their own schools and communities.

Moderator:

Brian Mateo, *Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement, Bard College*

Panelists:

Soffiyah Elijah, *Executive Director, Alliance of Families for Justice (AFJ)*

H.E. Mr. Milenko E. Skoknic Tapia, *Permanent Representative of Chile to the UN*

Sam Brinton, *Head of Advocacy and Government Affairs, The Trevor Project*

Kelly Razzouk, *Director of Policy and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee*

12:10PM

LUNCH BREAK

(ON YOUR OWN)

1:40PM

Breakout Session III

>> **Issue Track: Cities And The Sustainable Development Goals**

(UN General Assembly Hall)

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network's (SDSN) annual report found that the best performing city is only 68% of the way toward fully achieving the 17 SDGs. Two-thirds of the most populous metropolitan areas in the United States are less than halfway there. Cities and human settlements across the United States must act on the SDGs by publicly promoting and implementing them. Local authorities can play a key role by solving local problems and sharing solutions and innovations. This panel will explore the ways in which the SDGs can be used as a blueprint at the local level to act locally while thinking globally.

Moderator:

Gillian Sorensen, *former UN Assistant Secretary-General*

Panelists:

John R. Seydel, *Director of Sustainability, City of Atlanta*

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

Anthony Pipa, *Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution*

Alejandra Roza, *Sales and Marketing Manager, Greater Bogotá Convention Bureau*

>> **Action Track: Planet Earth: Partnering for Urgent Climate Action**

(UN Conference Room 4)

Climate change poses the most urgent and far-reaching collective action challenge of our time. The climate threat is not new. Although important progress has been made in recent years, much more is needed to put the planet on a sustainable trajectory. This panel will explore strategies to communicate about climate action to different audiences and how to inspire action among grassroots groups. Panelists will discuss how to build momentum from the most recent reports released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and by the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

Moderator:

Jan Dash, *Editor, World Scientific Climate Encyclopedia*

Panelists:

Jacob Abel, *RepublicEn, Student, Seton Hall University*

Harriet Shugarman, *Climate Reality Project*

Timothy C. Weiskel, *Founder, Cambridge Climate Research Associates and Transition Studies*

2:45PM

Breakout Session IV

>> **Issue Track: Achieving Zero Hunger: The New Reality**

(UN General Assembly Hall)

Despite tremendous progress in hunger reduction with the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, global hunger has increased over the past three years, setting us back almost a decade. Why is this happening, and what can be done? This panel will explore these questions in the context of both resource-scarce and resource-abundant nations. Various aspects of the issue will be examined, including economic factors, agricultural practices, food waste, climate change, and the effects of conflict.

Moderator:

Donna Rosa, *Founder, Aidpreneurship, UNA-USA Global Engagement Summit Chair*

Panelists:

Michael Scott Peters, *U.S. Youth Observer to the UN*

Steve Taravella, *World Food Program Senior Spokesperson*

Joan McGlockton, *Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Sodexo*

>> **Action Track: Global Goals, Local Leadership: The SDGs And You**

(UN Conference Room 4)

Achieving the Global Goals requires vision, leadership, and commitment to daily action on your part at the local level. The SDGs and YOU: Taking Action to Achieve the 2030 Agenda elevates stories and examples of localized leadership in support of the SDGs. Get inspired and learn more about how you can advance the SDGs in your community: at home, work, church, on campus, and more.

Moderator:

Zephanii Smith, *Vice-Chair, UNA-USA Partnerships & Collaborations Committee*

Panelists:

Haile Thomas, *Founder and CEO of HAPPY (Healthy Active Positive Purposeful Youth)*

Sergio Fernández de Córdova, *Chairman of the PVBLIC Foundation*

Nicol Perez, *Facebook, former U.S. Youth Observer to the UN*

3:50PM

Closing Plenary *(UN General Assembly Hall)*

Chris Whatley, *Executive Director, UNA-USA*

Kathy Calvin, *President and CEO, UN Foundation*

Her Excellency Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés,
President, 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly

RJ Johnson, *Vice-Chair, UNA-USA National Council*

Jayathma Wickramanayake, *UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth*

Elisabeth Philippe, *Senior Manager, Community and Media Relations,
United Nations Federal Credit Union*

Marco Fabian Sanchez, *Youth Engagement and Advocacy Coordinator, UNA-USA*

Hon. Teta Banks, *UNA-USA National Council Chair*

4:55PM

Adjourn

WIFI NETWORK ACCESS:

UNHQ



**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**