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## Monday, June 23, 2025

Yotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

**7:30 am Breakfast**

**8:30 am Opening Plenary**

- [Rachel Bowen Pittman](#) – *Executive Director, UNA-USA*
- [Peter Yeo](#) – *Senior Vice President, UN Foundation and President, the Better World Campaign*
- [Karen Mulhauser](#) – *President of Mulhauser and Associates (UNA-NCA)*
- [Lady Tee Thompson](#) – *Executive Director, Agrobiz.org (Member-at-large)*
- [Carlos Suarez](#) – *Director of Economic Development at International Institute of St. Louis (UNA-STL)*
- [Scarlett Lanzas](#) – *Founder & CEO, Accountable Impact (UNA-Miami)*

**9:10 am BREAK**

**9:15 am How Does the UN Make US Safer?**

- [Hilary French](#) – Program Management Officer, UNEP
- [Jonathan Bourguignon](#) – Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC
- [Himaja Nagireddy](#) – Program Manager for the Center for Excellence in Public Health Leadership at Kennedy Krieger Institute and 11<sup>th</sup> UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN

**10:00 am BREAK**

**10:10 am How Does the UN Make US More Prosperous?**

- [Jocelyn Brown Hall](#) – Director, Liaison Office for North America, FAO
- [Justin Cormier](#) – Head, WHO Washington, D.C. Office
- [Cynthia Yue](#) – Advocacy & Engagement Manager, World Food Program USA and 10<sup>th</sup> UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN

**10:55 BREAK**

**11:05 am How Does the UN Make US Stronger?**

- [Jenny Yang](#) – External Relations Officer, UNHCR
- [Rachel Moynihan](#) – North American Representation Office at UNFPA
- [Oscar Lopez](#) – 13<sup>th</sup> UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN

**11:50 am BREAK**

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**12:10 pm [Working Lunch Program] Storytelling + Congressional Skit**

- [Faith Leslie](#) – *Sr. Communications and Legislative Program Associate, Better World Campaign*
- [Rebecca Maxie](#) – *Director of Grassroots Advocacy, UN Foundation*
- [Kelsey Piva](#) – *2021-2022 Graduate Fellow, Academic Council on the United Nations System and Master's candidate in Georgetown's Conflict Resolution program*

**1:05 pm International Budget 101**

- [Ryan Kehmna](#) – *Deputy Director, Better World Campaign*

**1:40 pm BREAK**

**1:50 pm US-UN Appropriation Challenges**

- [Jordie Hannum](#) – *Executive Director, Better World Campaign*

**2:35 pm BREAK**

**2:45 pm Crafting the Call to Action & Group Practice**

- [Maria Amalla](#) – *Grassroots Advocacy Manager, UNA-USA*

**4:50 pm Closing Plenary**

- [Farah Salim Eck](#) – *Managing Director, UNA-USA*

**5:00 pm End of Program**

**5:30 pm DC/UN Scavenger Hunt [optional]**

## Tuesday, June 24, 2025 (daytime)

Yotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

**7:00 am Breakfast**

**8:00 am Opening Plenary**

- [Rachel Bowen Pittman](#) – *Executive Director, UNA-USA*
- [Rep. Ed Royce](#) – *Former Chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee (CA-39) and Senior Advisor, Kyle House Group*
- [Peter Yeo](#) – *Senior Vice President, UN Foundation and President, the Better World Campaign*
- [Maria Amalla](#) – *Grassroots Advocacy Manager, UNA-USA*

**8:30 am Congressional Meetings Group Practice with Leads**

**8:55 am Depart: Capitol Building for Group Photo**

**10:00am Congressional Meetings (based upon individual schedule)**

## Tuesday, June 24, 2025 (evening)

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, SVC 212-10, East Capitol St. NE & First St. NE, Washington DC, 20515

**5:00 pm UNA-USA Congressional Reception (invited and registered guests only)**

- [Will Davis](#) – *Director, UN Information Center, Washington D.C.*