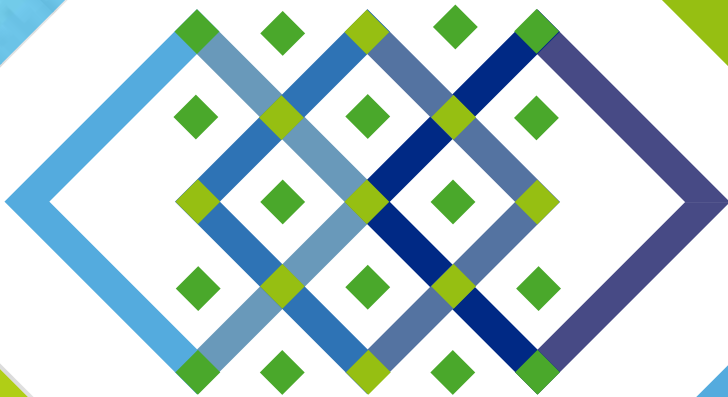


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# 2015 NGO Conference at the United Nations

## 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 – 9:20 AM

**Conference Welcome and Overview**

**Patrick Sciaratta**, Conference Director

9:20 – 9:30 AM

**Conference Address**

**H.E Mr. Kaha Imnadze**, Acting President of the General Assembly

9:30 – 9:40 AM

**Host City Welcome**

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

9:40 – 10:00 AM

**Member State - Lead Endorsers Welcome**

**H.E. Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev**, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN

**H.E. Ambassador Guillermo Rishchynski**, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN

10:00 – 10:15 AM

**Keynote Opening Address**

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

10:15 – 10:25 AM

**Youth Address**

**Hadia Sheerazi**, Girl Rising Ambassador; Half the Sky Ambassador;

Youth Expert, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network

10:25 – 11:25 AM

**OPENING PANEL – SETTING THE STAGE**

**Opening Remarks**

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

**Coming From, Going To:**

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

Moderator: **Ravi Karkara**, Deputy Executive Director, Strategic Adviser Partnership to the Assistant Secretary-General

**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**, Board Member, Global Call to Action Against Poverty

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

# 2015 NGO Conference at the United Nations

## 25 AUGUST 2015 • TUESDAY (Continued)

11:40 AM – 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 **U.S. Congressman Charles Rangel**

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

**Amir Dossal** – Honored by **Laura Turner**

**Peggy Kerry** – Honored by **U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry**

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

#### **Keynote Address: Civil Society's Role in the Success of the SDGs**

**Cristina Gallach**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

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.**, Board Member of the Green Belt Movement International

**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 **EVENING ACTIVITY** 📍 Delegates Dining Room, United Nations Headquarters

### **Opening Night Reception (By Invitation Only. Register on-site for \$150)**

*Each NGO Colleague highlighted on Opening Day will be provided special honors at the Opening Night Reception*

# 2015 NGO Conference at the United Nations

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 Sciarratta, 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  
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. Angelo Antonio Toriello**, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of São Tomé and Príncipe to the United Nations (Invited)

**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**, Deputy Executive Director, Strategic Adviser Partnership to the Assistant Secretary-General

**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  
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 (Video)

**EVENING ACTIVITY** 📍 The Roosevelt

#### **Networking at the Conference Hotel (Cash Bar)**

*New Opportunities for NGO Representation at the UN*

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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 Sciaratta, Conference Director

10:00 – 11:15 AM **ROUNDTABLE IV**

### **The Future is Now: For NGOs, Succession IS Sustainability**

Moderator, **Patrick Sciaratta**, Conference Director

**Jen Kushell**, Founder & CEO, Your Success Now

**Skylen 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**  
Guest invited

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **The Oculus Returns! – A Virtual Reality Experience**  
*From a Refugee Camp to the Bedside of Ebola Patients: You Are There*

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

2:45 – 3:00 PM **Conference Address**  
**Kehkashan Basu**, Youth Ambassador, World Future Council,  
Founder & President, Green Hope, United Arab Emirates

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 Sciaratta**, Conference Director