

57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference

**MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS:
CIVIL SOCIETY TAKES ACTION**

**MIDDAY NGO INTERACTIVE
WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

**United Nations, New York
8–10 September 2004**

Midday NGO Interactive Workshop Guidelines

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Midday NGO Interactive Workshops, taking place from 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. each day, and welcome broad NGO participation. These Workshops underscore the theme of the Conference and meet the following guidelines:

1. Focus on a specific MDG project/programme at the grassroots level that will:
 - deepen the understanding of the MDGs and their interconnectedness;
 - present “best practices” or cutting-edge MDG activities;
 - demonstrate MDG implementation strategies, including the obstacles to overcome in creating these strategies;

2. Provide NGO recommendations on present and potential MDG strategies and programmes to the appropriate UN agencies and other civil society organizations that:
 - facilitate opportunities for civil society’s involvement in the MDG Campaign;
 - forge working relationships among civil society organizations, the private sector, UN agencies and Governments on MDG-related programmes, policies and development projects;
 - raise emerging issues/trends related to the MDGs.

The format for the Midday NGO Interactive Workshops includes:

- Presentation: NGO presenters (10 - 15 minutes each);
- Discussion: Questions/answers and participants’ response to presentations (45 minutes);
- Workshop Output: Workshop participants will decide on key points to be presented to the Public Hearing on Friday, 10 September, where designated NGO representatives will share recommendations and concerns.

Midday NGO Interactive Workshops

Wednesday, 8 September 2004

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

United Nations Partnerships with Civil Society on the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by the NGO Section of the United Nations Department of Public Information

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

Representatives from various United Nations offices will discuss their work with NGOs on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Highlighting programmes that have direct impact on achieving the MDGs, they will share best practices and strategies to overcome obstacles to MDG implementation from local, national and international perspectives.

Moderator: **Paul Hoeffel**, Chief, NGO Section,
United Nations Department of Public Information

Speakers: **Sarbuland Khan**, Director, Division for the Economic and Social Council, Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Executive Coordinator, United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force
Elaine Michetti, Specialist, Partnership Development, United Nations Volunteers
David Lazarus, Chief, United Nations Information Services, Bangkok
Daniel Platz, NGO-Liaison, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Nanette Braun, Communication Specialist, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
Laura Dolci-Kannan, NGO Liaison Officer, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva
Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Lucie Hrbkova, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Winning Ways: Media Approaches That Work

Sponsored by the International Public Relations Association, the Media Subcommittee of the 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Planning Committee, the International Association of Applied Psychology, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and the World Council for Psychotherapy

Conference Room 1

Designed to help NGOs publicize their MDG work in print and electronic outlets, this workshop will focus on best practices for writing media releases, forming and maintaining media contacts, clarifying one's own message, handling diverse events and conducting follow-up. Speakers will use MDG-related material in order to demonstrate successful techniques.

Moderator: **Judy Kuriansky**, Journalist and Professor of Psychology, Columbia University Teachers College; Representative to the United Nations, International Association of Applied Psychology and the Representative to the United Nations, World Council for Psychotherapy

Speakers: **Alex Hermann**, Overseer, Internal and External Communications, IBM Switzerland
Michael Hodin, Vice President of Corporate Affairs - Europe/Canada, Pfizer; Manager, Council on Foreign Relations; Board Chair, Business Council for International Understanding
Judy Lewis, Executive Vice President and Co-founder, Strategic Objectives

Transnational Families: Adjusting to New Global Realities

Sponsored by the Child Welfare League of America, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations, the International Federation for Home Economics, International Union of Psychological Science, the Center for Migration Studies, the International Federation for Business and Professional Women and the International Immigrants Foundation

Conference Room 4

In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Year of the Family, this workshop will address issues of poverty, gender equality and children's development. Speakers will focus on social integration concerns of migrant families and social

fragmentation of older persons. They will shed light on effective international migrant resettlement programmes.

Moderator: **David Roth**, Representative to the United Nations, Child Welfare League of America

Speakers: **Eva Sandis**, Representative to the United Nations, Center for Migration Studies; Representative to the United Nations, International Council of Psychologists

Edward Juarez-Pagliocco, President, International Immigrants Foundation

Rosa Perla Resnick, Chairperson and Representative to the United Nations, International Immigrants Foundation; Representative to the United Nations, International Association of Gerontology; United Nations Representative, International Association of Social Work

Earth Values in Action

Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, the Findhorn Foundation, and Maryknoll

Conference Room 2

In line with the philosophy of the Earth Values Caucus that the Earth itself is our primary teacher, this workshop will shed light on learning experiences involving water; women and the environment; poverty and environmental degradation. Speakers will address grass-root initiatives for learning.

Moderator: **Eleanor Rae**, Founder and Director, Center for Women, Earth and the Divine; Member of the Coordinating Council, Earth Values Caucus

Speakers: **Suzanne Golas**, Founder and Director, WATERSPIRIT

May East, Ecovillage Project Education Coordinator; Findhorn Foundation Ecovillage

Mitchell Capitan, President, Eastern Navajo Against Uranium Mining

Girls Education: Key to Fulfilling Millennium Development Goal Promises

Sponsored by the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mercy International Association, Sisters of Notre Dame and the Society of the Sacred Heart

Conference Room 5

Educating girls is key to accomplishing the MDGs and critical to eradicating poverty and violence and fighting HIV/AIDS. NGO practices, governmental perspectives and advocacy strategies in support of girls' education will form the basis for discussion at this workshop. "When you educate girls you educate a nation."

Moderator: **Ann Scholz**, Representative to the United Nations, Sisters of Notre Dame

Speakers: **Jean Augustine**, Member of Parliament and Minister of State
(Multiculturalism and Status of Women), Canada
Cyril Mooney, Sister, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Principal,
Loreta Day School, Sealdah, Calcutta, India.
Rita Burghardt, Director of Development, NetAid, New York

Economic Security and Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by the Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment, NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, PeaceAction and the International Observer for Non-Violence/Community of Nations for Peace

Conference Room 6

Economic security is required to achieve the MDGs, particularly in developing countries. In an effort to keep the MDGs on track, speakers will look at escalating levels of military expenditures and shed light on the role of peace in achieving economic security. They will also focus on the rules of traditional diplomacy within the United Nations system as they relate to economic security issues.

Moderator: **Cora Weiss**, President, Hague Appeal for Peace; Founder, Women Strike For Peace

Speakers: **Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury**, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations
Julius Ihonvbere, Special Advisor on Policies and Programs to Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria; former Peace and Justice Program Officer, The Ford Foundation
Paul Burkholder, Project Manager, Economists Allied for Arms Reduction
Lucy Law Webster, Institute for Global Policy; Representative to the United Nations and Board Member, Economists Allied for Arms Reduction; Vice Chair, International Council of the World Federalist Movement

Albert Konan-Koffi, International Observer for Non-Violence,
Community of Nations for Peace

Innovative Ways That Youth Can Communicate the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by the Youth Subcommittee of the 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Planning Committee, Art Center College of Design and Peace Child International

Conference Room A

This workshop will feature multi-media presentations of collaborative projects and case studies which illustrate the role of design education and designers in helping the United Nations and NGOs achieve their objectives. Speakers will also present publications focusing on youth and the MDGs.

Moderator: **Maria Mandova**, Program Assistant, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation

Speakers: **Gala Narezo**, 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Planning Committee - Liaison, Art Center College of Design
Greg Wong, Graphic Design Student, Art Center College of Design
Nate Young, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Art Center College of Design
Maria Sterniczuk, Program Coordinator, Peace Child International

Children and the Millennium Development Goals: Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Sponsored by the Christian Children's Fund USA, the International Association of Charities and the National Association of Charities of Madagascar

Conference Room B

This workshop will focus on children's perception of poverty, its causes and consequences, and necessary solutions. Speakers will highlight initiatives in Madagascar, including a nationwide public awareness campaign, parental skills training and legal services to educate and empower parents. It will address the link between empowering parents and reducing the risk of poverty for their children.

Moderator: **Anne Sturm**, International President, International Association of Charities

Speakers: **Rose De Lima**, High School Teacher, Ramanankavan, Madagascar;
Vice President, International Association of Charities
Alberto Minuhin, Senior Program Officer, Policy Analysis,
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Daniel Wordsworth, Director of Program Development, Christian
Children’s Fund
Youth representative from Guatemala to be announced

Intolerance, Terrorism and Community Policing

Sponsored by the International Associates of Applied Psychology and
African Human Rights Heritage

Conference Room D

Clashes caused by intolerance of cultural differences and societal values, religious practices, and political systems impede progress in implementing the MDGs. This workshop will explore the nature of these obstacles and present psychological best practices to mitigate them. Speakers will discuss the role of community-based peace-building, good governance and socio-economic cooperation in keeping with the United Nations motto “from words to actions” for MDG achievement.

Moderator: **Michael Frese**, President, International Associates of Applied
Psychology, United Kingdom and Germany

Speakers: **Baffour Anning**, International Chairman, African Human Rights
Heritage, Ghana
Judy Kuriansky, Professor, Columbia University Teacher’s College
Anie Kalayjian, Adjunct Professor of Psychology, Fordham University
Mosche Banai, Professor of Management, Baruch College, City
University of New York

Innovative Initiatives for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Zero Hunger Program, Food Supplement Treatment for HIV/AIDS and Design of Sustainable Cities and Villages

Sponsored by The Lifebridge Foundation, Fundacion Eudes,
Global Eco-Village Network and Findhorn Foundation Ecovillage

Conference Room E

This workshop will focus on innovative methods to achieve global food security in Brazil, treat HIV/AIDS patients in Mexico with special food supplements, and how to design sustainable villages and cities worldwide. Speakers will discuss best practices and strategies for success.

Moderator: **Barbara Valocore**, President, The Lifebridge Foundation

Speakers: **Frei Betto**, Senior Adviser on Food Security and Eradicating Hunger to Luiz Inacio Da Silva, President of Brazil,
David Izquierdo Alcalde, Fundacion Eudes, Mexico
May East, Ecovillage Project Education Coordinator, Findhorn Foundation

Overcoming Obstacles to Economic Growth and Community Development: The Role of Civil Society

Sponsored by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, NGO Committee on Human Rights, Peace Action, Rotary International and the World Federation for Mental Health

Conference Room C

This workshop will highlight civil society partnerships to remove landmines in Afghanistan, Armenia and Cambodia. It will also look at projects in these regions in order to promote economic and social growth.

Moderator: **Adrienne Alexanian**, NGO Representative,
Armenian General Benevolent Union

Speakers: **Heidi Kuhn**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Roots of Peace
Jeff Masarjian, Executive Director, Armenia Tree Project
Sally Mackle, Vice President, Washington Council for International Trade; Member, Rotary International.

Midday NGO Interactive Workshops

Thursday, 9 September 2004

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

HIV/AIDS Education, Prevention and Care with Special Emphasis on Engaging Boys and Men as Full Partners

Sponsored by the NGO Committee on Children's Rights, NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS, Armenian Relief Society and the African Action on AIDS

Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium

This panel will focus on progress and challenges in HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Participants will discuss ways to address obstacles such as denial, stigmatization and undue burden on women and children. They will also highlight decentralized HIV/AIDS education models for countries in Sub-Saharan Africa with high rates of HIV/AIDS infection as well as countries with relatively low levels, such as Armenia.

Moderator: **Ruth Bamela Engo**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer,
United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

Speakers: **Carol Bova**, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Nursing,
University of Massachusetts

Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika, Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia
to the United States

Peter McDermott, Chief, HIV/AIDS Programme,
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Amyra Jones, Director, HIV/AIDS Programme, VIACOM

Millennium Development Goals, Health and Development Policy

Sponsored by the World Health Organization

Conference Room 4

The MDGs emphasize the role health plays in the development and economic growth in developing countries. This workshop will address how well health issues are reflected in national development policy. It will look at Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers prepared by governments, civil society and development partners, and will discuss how such policies compare to previous practices.

Moderator: **Andrew Cassels**, World Health Organization (WHO)

Speakers: **Jan Vandemoortele**, Principal Advisor and Group Leader on
Socio-economic Development,
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Heather Grady, Former Regional Director for East Asia, Oxfam GB

Maternal Healthcare Initiatives in Developing Countries

Sponsored by MaterCare International and Fraternite Notre Dame

Conference Room 5

This workshop will discuss the healthcare programmes of a religious fraternity and an international healthcare organization geared toward women, children and people inflicted with HIV/AIDS in developing countries. It will look at treatment programmes in hospitals, orphanages dispensaries, soup kitchens and schools, as well as examine innovative models for rural obstetrical services and training for healthcare professionals.

Moderator: **Kay Matthews**, Consultant, MaterCare International; Honorary
Research Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, Memorial
University of Newfoundland, Canada

Speakers: **R.L. Walley**, Executive Director, MaterCare International; Honorary
Research Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Newfoundland, Canada
Marie Odila, Missionary Sister, Fraternite Notre Dame
Marie Valerie, Missionary Sister, Fraternite Notre Dame

I Am As We Are: Peacemaking Tools

Sponsored by Promoting Enduring Peace, Round World Leadership and
the Foundation for Subjective Experiment and Research

Conference Room 6

Participants will shed light on spiritual methods employed in peacemaking and conflict resolution. They will focus on the effectiveness of compassionate listening and dialogue in promoting peaceful resolutions, harmony and understanding within communities and in areas of conflict.

Moderator: **Yael Petretti**, Director, Promoting Enduring Peace

Speakers: **Joyce Milliken**, President, Round World Leadership; Lay Minister,
Global Reconciliation, Episcopal Church USA
Carol Hwoschinsky, Trainer, Compassionate Listening Project
Christopher Maehl, Representative,
Foundation for Subjective Experiment and Research

Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Learning How to Think and Act in Sustainable Ways

Sponsored by Anuvrat Global Organization and the Association for
World Education/Life Changes Well

Conference Room A

This workshop will address society's role and responsibility in the gradual degradation of the environment. Speakers will discuss the need for society to adapt more environmentally friendly lifestyles and problem-solving philosophies. Perspectives from India and the United Kingdom will be presented.

Moderator: **Sohanlal Gandhi**, International Secretary General, Anuvrat Global
Organization, India

Speaker: **Linda Bolitho**, Association for World Education/Life Changes Well

Best Practices for Youth to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by the Youth Committee of the 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Planning
Committee and the Dutch National Youth Council

Conference Room 2

This workshop will focus on youth led initiatives in the Netherlands aimed at achieving the MDGs. There will be a presentation of obstacles and new strategies of the National Campaigns on Youth for MDGs. It will also highlight examples of youth participation at the United Nations in New York.

Moderator: **Alexandria Faiz**, Connecticut Division Treasurer, Young Professionals
for International Cooperation, United Nations Association of the
United States (UNA-USA)

Speakers: **Jill Mills**, Programme Coordinator, Global Youth Action Network
Emily Freeburg, Chair, NGO Committee on Youth;
Programme Assistant, Lutheran World Federation
Alide Roerink, Advisor on International Relations, Netherlands National
Commission for International Co-operation and Sustainable Development
Marten Admiraal, Project Officer,
United Nations Association of the Netherlands
Leontien Peeters, Project Officer, Youth Employment Spark Project,
Dutch National Youth Council; Board Member,
United Nations Association of the Netherlands

Human Rights Violations and Grassroots Efforts: Implications for the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by Glasnost Foundation, International Council of Nursing and
Afram Global Organization Inc

Conference Room B

This workshop will focus on human rights violations in the former Soviet Union and Guinea. It will look at policy reforms and advocacy strategies implemented through NGO networks, with an emphasis on grassroots action and community participation to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Moderator: **Gloria Willingham**, Afram Global Organization, Inc.

Speakers: **Ben Daouda Toure**, President and Founder,
Afram Global Organization, Inc.
Yuri Brovchenko, European Union – Technical Assistance to the
Commonwealth of Independent States (EU-TACIS) Project,
Glasnost Foundation
Mamadou Diallo, Founder,
National Alliance for Democracy and Development, Guinea

Empowering Women Worldwide: Implications for Gender Equity

Sponsored by Democracy Watch, Worldwide Network for Gender Empowerment/
Fielding Graduate Institute, Institute for the Study of Global Prosperity, NGO Committee
on the Status of Women and the Armenian Assembly of America

Conference Room C

This workshop will focus on strategies to empower women from different cultures and economic sectors. It will focus on ways to achieve gender equality and to strengthen women's role and involvement in politics, health and social areas.

Moderator: **Taleya Rehman**, Executive Director, Democracy Watch

Speakers: **Taleya Rehman**, Executive Director, Democracy Watch
Elham Al-Ateeq, Founding Member, Worldwide Network for Gender Empowerment/Fielding Graduate Institute
Bani Dugal, Representative to the United Nations, Bahá'í International Community; Chair, NGO Committee on the Status of Women

Economic, Social and Cultural Importance of the World's Rice-Consuming Population

Sponsored by the International Shinto Organization

Conference Room D

In commemoration of the 2004 International Year of Rice, this workshop will highlight efforts to increase the production of rice, the staple food for more than half of the world's population. Speakers will discuss the role of rice in achieving global food security, eradicating poverty and reducing hunger.

Moderator: **Hanifa Mezoui**, Chief, NGO Section,
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Speakers: **Lauro Baja, Jr.**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations
Florence Chenoweth, Director, New York Liaison Office,
Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
Toshinao Yoneyama, President, Otemae University, Japan

Seeing the Forest Through the Trees: Overcoming Barriers through Dialogue and Development

Sponsored by Yad Sarah and the Jewish National Fund

Conference Room E

This workshop will focus on the work of NGOs at the local, regional and international levels to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Speakers will discuss projects involving arid and semi-arid land use, forestry and water, healthcare resource conservation and funding, and improved healthcare for women and children. They will also present strategies to mobilize civil society participation.

Moderators: **Adele Goldberg**, Executive Director, Yad Sarah, New York
Joseph Hess, Vice President of Government Affairs, Jewish National Fund

Speakers: **Omri Bonne**, Director of the Northern Region, Jewish National Fund
Meir Handelsman, Director of Overseas Activities, Yad Sarah

Midday NGO Interactive Workshops

Friday 10 September 2004

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Interactive Dialogue on the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals: Developing a Road Map for Civil Society

Sponsored by the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE), the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO)

Conference Room 1

There is no “one size fits all” method for achieving the MDGs. Making the MDGs a reality requires collective analysis of successful strategies. This workshop will assess the progress of socio-economic development strategies in the Dominican Republic, Bolivia and other Latin American and Caribbean countries to achieving the MDGs.

Moderator: **Leslie Wright**, Former First Vice President, Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO)

Speakers: **Lenora Suki**, Associate Director, Center on Globalization and Sustainable Development at the Earth Institute, Columbia University
Claudia Munoz Reyes, Director, Coordination Programme for Integrated Health (PROCOSI), Bolivia
John Gagain Jr., Director, Center for the Study of Globalization, Funglode, Dominican Republic; Executive Vice President, United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic

Promoting People-Centered Development: Exploring the Nexus of Social Development and the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by NGO Committee on Social Development and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Conference Room 3

The upcoming 10-year review of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 1995 provides an opportunity to link the MDGs and the commitments made in Denmark regarding poverty eradication, employment, social integration, gender equality, education, health and development in Africa.

Moderator: **Clare Nolan**, Congregation of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

Speakers: **Joan Burke**, Sister, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; Chair, NGO
Committee on Social Development
Kevin Dance, Representative to the United Nations,
Passionists International
Sri Peddu, Representative, Sustain US; Member,
NGO Committee on Youth

Getting to YES for the MDGs: How Good Are Your Global Communications Skills

Sponsored by the Baha'i International Community, the Universal Esperanto Association
and the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

Conference Room 4

Communication experts will lead a dialogue on the findings of WFUNA's *We the Peoples: 2004* report, highlighting NGO experiences of communication barriers in their MDG work. The workshop will explore ways to overcome marginalization and devise techniques for effective cross-cultural networking.

Moderator: **Bahiyih Chaffers**, Representative to the United Nations,
Baha'i International Community

Speakers: **John Foster**, Principal Researcher-Civil Society/Governance, WFUNA
Timothy Reagan, Dean of Education, Roger Williams University,
Rhode Island; Specialist in applied linguistics
Humphrey Tonkin, President Emeritus and Professor of the Humanities,
University of Hartford, Connecticut; Vice-President for Program,
Evaluation and Research, the International Partnership for Service
Learning
Pera Wells, Deputy Secretary-General, WFUNA
John Woodall, Director, Resilient Response to Social Crisis Working
Group, Mind Brain Behavior Initiative, Harvard University; Founder
and Director, Unity Project

Forging Links and Taking Action: Millennium Development Goals and the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing

Sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); American Psychological Association; Armenian International Women's Association, Inc; International Council of Psychologists; International Federation on Aging and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

Conference Room 5

This workshop will discuss the link between the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing and supportive environments for older persons. Speakers will focus on such issues as gender equality, poverty eradication, education, and environmental sustainability. They will discuss how to forge working relationships with older persons as they relate to the MDG Campaign.

Moderator: **Peter Walker**, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

Speakers: **Jose Aparicio**, Department of Infectious Diseases, Lutheran Medical Center
Florence Denmark, Professor, Pace University; Former President, American Psychological Association; Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing
Natalie Gordon, Social Policy Consultant
Michael Mernagh, Program Coordinator, South Inner City Community Development Association, Dublin, Ireland
Elham Seyedsayamdost, MDG Network Facilitator, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

The Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by the United Religions Initiatives at the United Nations, World Peace Prayer Society, the Temple of Understanding, Information Habitat: Where Information Lives, and the Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources

Conference Room 6

The underlying impulse of the MDGs can be found in every cultural ethnic, faith, spiritual expression and religion. This interactive workshop will encourage participants to build on this inspiration base to share resources and tools for promoting the MDGs and implementing them worldwide.

Moderator: **Deborah Moldow**, Facilitator, United Religions Initiative at the United Nations; Director, World Peace Prayer Society

Speakers: **William Swing**, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of California; President and Founding Trustee, Global Council, United Religions Initiative at the United Nations

Effective Partnerships for Youth Action

Sponsored by the Youth Subcommittee of the 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Planning Committee, Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violence, Manhattanville College

Conference Room A

This workshop will focus on engaging youth in international development; current models of youth leadership in peace and decision-making; utilizing the arts to achieve Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of a beloved community, and concrete strategies for effective youth participation and action within the United Nations system and beyond.

Moderator: **Shamina de Gonzaga**, Representative to the United Nations, World Council of Peoples for the United Nations

Speakers: **Rita Himaduna**, Manhattanville College
Cliff Frazier, Executive Director, Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence
Ademola Olugebefola, Independent Painter, Art Director and Designer
Benjamin Quinto, Executive Director, Global Youth Action Network

The Role of NGOs in Overcoming Poverty through Education

Sponsored by the Women's Federation for World Peace International, the International Relief Friendship Foundation and the International Religious Youth Service

Conference Room B

This workshop will focus on education as a tool for women's empowerment, children's rights and poverty eradication. Speakers will highlight sustainable grassroots activities, educational resources, North/South partnerships, volunteer networks and programmes.

Moderator: **Motoko Sugiyama**, Director, United Nations Office, Women's Federation for World Peace; Vice President, Women's Federation for World Peace International

Speakers: **Erina Rutangye**, President, Women's Federation for World Peace
Uganda
Kathy Winnings, Vice President of the Board and former Executive
Director, International Relief Friendship Foundation; Vice President of
the Board, International Religious Youth Service
John Gehring, Executive Director, International Religious Youth Service

Global Cooperation for Improving Communication and Decision-making in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Sponsored by the Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations and
the World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows

Conference Room C

This workshop combines theory and practice for achieving the MDGs. Speakers
will discuss ways to approach communication, coordination and cooperation for
achieving the MDGs, and will give examples of effective methods and programmes.

Moderator: **William Gellermann**, Communications Coordination Committee for the
United Nations

Speakers: **Remigio Maradona**, Senior Institutional Advancement Specialist,
World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows
William Gellermann, Communications Coordination Committee for the
United Nations

Speaking for Peace and Development: Voices of Veterans and Increasing Role of Women through Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325.

Sponsored by the NGO working Group on Women, Peace and Security,
Veterans for Peace(USA), Veterans Against Nuclear Arms(Canada)

Conference Room D

Each of the Millennium Development Goals is impacted by war and peace. Many
soldiers and veterans come to realize that war cannot solve problems and only worsens
the situation. How can all the work women do on the ground to prevent conflict, promote
participation of women in peace and security, and strengthen the protection of civilians

be shared and formalized? This workshop brings the voices of experience to the achievement of the MDGs.

Moderator: **Sayre Sheldon**, Women's Action for New Directions

Speakers: **Stav Adivi**, US Coordinator, Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, Canada
Ellen Barfield, Vice President and NGO representative,
Veterans for Peace
Sayre Sheldon, Women's Action for New Directions

People and the Environment: Achieving Global Sustainability through Equitable Practices

Sponsored by the Center for Environment and Population, The Tides Center, National Wildlife Federation, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Sierra Club, Links, Delta Sigma Theta, Diasporan Touch and Sister to Sister International, Inc.

Conference Room E

Due to shifts in population trends, less-advantaged communities have greater recognition of the impact of the changing global environment. This workshop will discuss the relationship between inequities in environmental waste policies and race and socio-political standing, and steps that local communities can take to address these trends.

Moderator: **Eric Boone**, New York State Council, NAACP

Speakers: **Vicky Markham**, Founding Director, Center for Environment and Population
Julie Star, National Wildlife Federation
Wangari Maathai, Assistant Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife, Kenya; Founder, Green Belt Movement, Kenya (invited)
J. Robert Cox, Board Member and former President, Sierra Club; Professor of Communications, Department of Communication Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Maryam Mair, Chairperson, International Peace Committee, J. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center; Representative, Arbor Hills Environmental Justice