



PROGRAMME

THE 2017 SECRETARY-GENERAL AWARDS CEREMONY

**UNITED NATIONS DAY—
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11:00 am (New York time)

**ECOSOC Chamber,
UN Headquarters**

Live by UNTV Webcast

THE CATEGORIES THIS YEAR:

INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENCIES

GENDER EQUALITY AND PARITY

CHAMPION OF THE SDGS

The finalists in each category this year will be featured in a video highlighting their remarkable achievements.

The Deputy-Secretary-General, Ms. Amina J. Mohammed will personally recognize the winners on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The 2017 SG Awards winners this year will receive a prestigious SG Awards plaque and certificate; a limited-edition colorful UN Charter signed by the Secretary-General; a water bottle and tote bag featuring the SG Awards logo; and of course—the admiration, recognition and gratitude of both UN management and their peers alike!

Join us in honoring our colleagues who went above and beyond the call of duty this year!



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CATEGORY I: INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2 projects) – Team

OCHA introduced two innovative tools, the Grant Management System, a web-based platform that allows for seamless collection, management, oversight and disbursement of funds to be channelled to the highest priority humanitarian projects in the world's most severe and complex crises, and the Automated System for Relief Emergency Consignments (ASYREC), which enables customs authorities to take preparatory steps, prior to an emergency, such as defining lists of emergency relief items, establishing streamlined customs procedures, and pre-registering humanitarian partners.

Automated System for Relief Emergency Consignments (ASYREC)

- Ms. Virginie Bohl

Grant Management system (CBPFs)

- Mr. Andrea De Domenico
- Mr. James Kunjumen
- Ms. Kathy Rombouts
- Mr. Kenny Chung
- Ms. Maja De Camillis
- Ms. Meron Berhane

United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) (4 projects) - Team

The UNMAS Solar Powered Risk Education Talking Device distributed by UNAMID to populations in areas that traditionally have been hard to reach by the national risk education teams; The UNMAS South Sudan Risk Factor Talent Competition with schools in Juba, that includes recording a song and video on mine risk education with a popular South Sudanese music group; UNMAS Mali for predeployment training to enhancing the capacity of MINUSMA troops to mitigate the impact of threats from improvised explosive devices; and the UNMAS fundraising campaign featuring the actor Daniel Craig, who serves as UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Landmines and Explosive Hazards.

Solar Powered Risk Education Talking Device

- Mr. Abel Tesfai

- Ms. Iris Oikonomou
- Ms. Kaori Ozawa
- Mr. Kurt Chesko

South Sudan Risk Factor Talent Competition

- Mr. Andrew Steele
- Mr. Faris Sule Jada Luwala Ladu
- Mr. George Noah Charles Yani
- Mr. James Aldworth
- Ms. Kelly McAulay
- Mr. Subek Stephen Severino
- Ms. Sunday Mary Raphael Soro
- Ms. Tess B. Bresnan
- Ms. Yuko Ito
- Mr. Zehrudin Sukanovic

Mali Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) Training

- Ms. Celine Francois
- Mr. Charles Frisby
- Mr. Dominique Boutinaud
- Mr. Joseph Huber
- Ms. Kirstine Collins
- Mr. Lionel Pechera
- Ms. Mihaela Sandor
- Mr. Paul Heslop
- Mr. Philippe Renard
- Mr. Stephan De Coninck
- Ms. Tammy Bunbury

Fundraising Campaign Featuring Daniel Craig

- Mr. Aaron J. Buckley



UN Information Centre (UNIC) Lagos - Arts 4SDGs and SDGs Theme song – Team

The wonderfully creative Arts4SDGs campaign aimed at increasing awareness and improving knowledge of the SDGs through the interpretation of any of the SDGs in artistic form by the almost 600,000 students in public secondary schools in Lagos State, including video story-telling using the artworks submitted. With the production of an SDG theme song by a multi-talented singer the project also aimed at using a youth mass-appeal outreach.

- Ms. Adeola Adedeji
- Ms. Bolanle Olumekor
- Mr. James Enaike
- Mr. Oluseyi Soremekun
- Mr. Ronald Kayanja

Department of Safety and Security - TRIP Application Continuous Improvements -Team

The longstanding TRIP app continues to serve the need of the Organization. The application remains relevant as a crucial online security tool from the Crisis Management and Information Support Section of DSS through continuous improvements and innovations implemented. These allow the processing of thousands of security clearances through TRIP, including monitoring of staff and interface with other ERP solutions etc.

Team New York

- Ms. Alexandra Suga
- Mr. Andre Dehondt
- Ms. Aye Aye Maw
- Mr. Hwa Saup Lee
- Mr. Luis Pinheiro
- Ms. Marjorie Catuncan
- Mr. Seckin Sancı
- Mr. Wilson Quilindo
- Ms. Vasiliki Lymperopoulou

Team Bangkok

- Mr. German Reyes
- Mr. Igor Jankovic
- Mr. Jessie Palacios
- Mr. John Vargas

Team Belgrade

- Mr. Dragan Samardzija
- Mr. Milan Radicevic
- Mr. Milan Simeunovic

CATEGORY II: IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENCIES

UNOG Indico (Integrated Digital Conferences) Project – Team

The Indico project team in Geneva re-engineered existing accreditation and badging processes to create opportunities for automation. The team, working together with security and conference organizers, brought all parties into one system. The result is faster badging and accreditation, simpler registration and tighter security. This new system expands service levels to delegates, provides reports to security and organizers, and can be used at locations away from Geneva.

- Mr. Christophe Marchat
- Mr. Claudio Morgia
- Mr. Fabrice Arlot
- Ms. Gaby Délétroz
- Mr. Giorgio Pieretti
- Mr. Giorgos Tsiamitas
- Mr. Huy Vu Tran
- Mr. Jorge Villaneuva
- Ms. Lisanne Losier
- Mr. Nzete Da Sama Itoua
- Mr. Omar Benyamina
- Mr. Peter Sarf
- Mr. Rémy Van Der Plaetsen
- Ms. Sandrine Burel
- Ms. Sehar Shahzad



Medical Services Division (MSD/OHRM), New Medical Clearance Procedure – Team

The Medical Services Division of OHRM, with support from OICT, developed a new procedure for employment and travel medical clearances that is based on occupational health best practices, eliminates the mandatory examination by a doctor for all prospective candidates, instead utilizing an individual risk-based medical clearance process, saving time for the organization and for candidates, as well as drastically reducing costs.

- Mr. Javier Blanco
- Dr. Mike Rowell

Ms. Chloe Saimpert Labbe, Organizational Change: Staffing Component, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) – Individual

With the support of a dedicated team, and as an essential part of a major organizational change process to align structure and capacities of staff to better deliver on critical mandates, Human Resources Manager Chloe Saimpert Labbe conceived and led the implementation of a staffing component that was fair and transparent, based on merit and performance, with the greatest degree of integrity and efficiency, in close consultations with stakeholders, especially the affected staff members.

- Ms. Chloe Saimpert Labbe

Department of Management Financial Statements Automation via BPC – Team

The project, based on the SAP Business Planning and Consolidation solution, automated a vast number of tasks and allowed for the repositioning of resources to analysis and quality assurance. The BPC solution was designed to allow for future enhancements as new requirements arise, allowing the Organization to be easily responsive to possible changes to the accounting standards future amendments to the UN Financial Regulations and Rules.

- Mr. Alasdair Taylor
- Ms. Annette Waweru
- Mr. Aung Mra
- Mr. Bekzod Rakhimov
- Ms. Céline Noel
- Ms. Claire Goulet
- Mr. Darcy Mitchell
- Mr. Dawit Bellehu
- Ms. Flor Cam
- Mr. Michael Oswald
- Ms. Gyorgyi Buzasy
- Ms. Margarita Ramos
- Ms. Michiyo Sakamoto
- Ms. Nelli Grigoryan
- Ms. Rita Gunaryati Lubis
- Ms. Sandrine Evans-Sterling
- Mr. Sejong Lee
- Ms. Shurell Baptiste
- Ms. Vera Rajic



CATEGORY III: ACHIEVING GENDER PARITY

● **UN for All: Dignity and Inclusion in the UN System Workplace (global team members) – Team**

The UN for All project on Dignity and inclusion in the UN system workplace is an inter-agency training initiative created by UN Cares for the benefit of the United Nations system. In addition to addressing human rights and inclusion in the UN workplace, UN for All is a strong example of inter-agency and cross-functional collaboration, involving most UN system organizations, including those that fall under the UN Secretariat. Specifically, on the LGBTI module, the project has partnered closely with UN-GLOBE, the staff group representing LGBTI staff members of the UN system and its peacekeeping operations.

- Ms. Cecile Carlier
- Ms. Fadzai Gwaradzimba
- Mr. Fredrick Kagia
- Mr. Gabe Scelta
- Mr. Hyung Hak Nam
- Ms. Jane Sinyei
- Ms. Karen Duncan
- Ms. Laura Rubio
- Mr. Michael Van Gelderen
- Ms. Sylviane Jaillet-Boberg
- Ms. Tamara Anderson

Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) - For achievement in Gender Parity Efforts – Team

Under the leadership of USG Pollard and with support from the DGACM Gender Focal Points, DGACM developed the first departmental Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and an Action Plan, fully aligned with the UN system-wide strategy on gender parity, which was praised by UN Women as "a shining example of strengthening parity, career development support to women, providing advocacy for and counsel to female staff, monitoring progress towards gender targets, promoting gender awareness, and addressing informal barriers at the Departmental level."

- USG Catherine Pollard
- Ms. Abigail Loregnard
- Ms. Ana Maria Garcia Alvarez
- Ms. Cecilia Elizalde
- Ms. Emer Herity
- Ms. Xin Tong-Maywald

United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) Gender Champions – Team

The Gender Champions at United Nations Office at Geneva are a team of staff members who have devoted time and efforts to developing and implementing UNOG's first-ever Policy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. They have conceived and formulated a policy that is far-reaching, but most of all realistic and based on a solid accountability framework. They are working every day to implement it and reaching out to managers, staff and a wide range of partners to make it happen.

- Ms. Lidiya Grigoreva
- Ms. Lily Esposito
- Ms. Müge Olcay Suardet
- Ms. Nicole Maguire
- Ms. Sigrun Habermann-Box



ICTY Gender and Empowerment Project – Team

By appropriately taking gender into account, the ICTY has ensured that at all moments of a staff's time at the ICTY, from recruitment, to the day-to-day work culture, to, finally, the downsizing process, a positive, gender equal atmosphere prevails, with benefits and opportunities for both female and male staff members to succeed and thrive.

- ASG John Hocking
- Ms. Bayo Callender
- Ms. Bonnie Adkins
- Ms. Claudia Hofer
- Mr. David Falces
- Mr. Fraser McIlwraith
- Ms. Kate Mackintosh
- Ms. Leigh-Anne Lemstra
- Ms. Michelle Jarvis
- Ms. Ruth-Anne Young

CATEGORY IV: CHAMPION OF THE SDGs

United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), Establishment of a new UN entity, Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries and achievement of SDG 17.8 – Team

The creation of the Technology Bank (TB) marks the first SDG target to be achieved, SDG 17.8. The OHRLLS team successfully brought all stakeholders together towards achieving the first SDG target. Turkey has pledged more than USD 12 million for five years with the option of annual review for an increase, and additional commitment to contribute to the TB's project activities from its international development agency, TIKA. This pledge constitutes an important initial capital to operationalize the TB. It will enable the Bank to catalyse contributions from Member States, and other development partners and stakeholders.

- USG Fekitamoeloa Katoa Utoikamanu
- Mr. Abdul Alim
- Mr. Americo Zampetti
- Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya
- Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox
- Ms. Rita Ruohonen
- Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg
- Ms. Susanna Wolf
- Mr. Tomás González
- Mr. Yeshey Dorji

Mr. Nawal Yadav (retired), Office of Internal Oversight (OIOS) - Individual

Inspired by the Millennium Development Goal of achieving universal primary education, Nawal Yadav has been supporting the community school in Nepal, where he completed his primary education. He contributed from his savings to the renovation and development of the school infrastructure, to help to improve the quality of education, and founded the "Nawal-Dukhani Yadav Foundation" to foster this goal.

- Mr. Nawal Yadav



Department of Public Information (DPI): “Be the Change Week” – Team

DPI coordinated the first "Be the Change" week for New York-based UN staff. Colleagues were invited to "take the sustainability challenge" to implement habits which are in line with the values of the SDGs. Staff were encouraged to participate in different environmental challenges at home that were reinforced by related events each day at UNHQ.

- Mr. Alejandro Laguna
- Ms. Ariel Alexovich
- Mr. Dan Shepard
- Ms. Francyne Harrigan
- Mr. Kensuke Matsueda
- Ms. Melanie Prud'homme
- Ms. Nora Rosansky
- Ms. Sharon Birch
- Ms. Vesna Blazhevaska
- Ms. Violaine Haeringer

Mr. Youssef Sfeir, UNIFIL - Individual

Mr. Youssef Sfeir is engaged in community humanitarian service and civil society empowerment on a voluntary basis. His humanitarian mission is to promote peace, serving the society, and alleviating human suffering. He is striving to build the capacity of citizens to become agents for social change and economic development as a key strengthening safe and resilient communities.

- Mr. Youssef Sfeir