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Members' Day at the UN / 8th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

"From Road Blocks to Building Blocks: Global Crises and the Role of the UN"

Friday, February 19, 2016

- 8:00 am *Registration Opens*
- 9:30 am *Call to Order and Introductions*
Jeanne Betsock Stillman, Past-President, UNA-USA Southern New York Division (UNA-SNY), Conference Co-Chair
- 9:35 am *Opening Remarks*
Chris Whatley, Executive Director, UNA-USA, Conference Co-Chair
- 9:45 am *Welcome to the United Nations*
Christina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General, Communications & Public Information
- Keynote Speaker*
Ambassador Sarah Mendelson, U.S. Representative for Economic and Social Affairs, U.S. Mission to the United Nations
- 10:20 am *Panel & Q&A: Post-Paris Leadership for Climate Change*
Moderator: **George A. Garland**, President, UNA-SNY
Panelists:
- "Earth to Paris" - Jack Black video
 - Nilda Mesa, Director, New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability
 - Austin Schiano, Partnerships Director, Give Me 5 (for People+Planet)
 - Bill McKibben, 350.org (Video)
 - Jamie Henn, Strategy & Communications Director & Co-Founder, 350.org
- 11:15 am *Panel and Q&A: The Refugee Crisis*
Moderator:
S. Ilgu Ozler, President, UNA-USA Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter
Panelists:
- Sana Mustafa, Bard College Student and Syrian Refugee
 - Fabien Dubuet, Representative to the United Nations from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) - International Office
 - Kevin Schumacher, Middle East and North Africa Program Coordinator, OutRight Action International



- 12:10 pm. *United Nations Federal Credit Union Remarks*
- 12:15 pm *Lunch Break (on your own)*
- 12:45 pm *International Resource Session*
- University and Graduate School tables; UNA-USA table; UNFCU table; Stanley Foundation
 - Social Media corner / photo ops
 - UNA-USA New York and New Jersey Chapters
- 2:00 pm *Welcome and Introduction of U.S. Youth Observers to the UN*
Moderator: Kyle Lierman, Associate Director, White House Office of Public Engagement and President Obama's liaison to Young Americans.
Donya Nasser (2015-16), Jackson Dougan (2014-15),
Tiffany Taylor (2013-14), Brooke Loughrin (2012-13)
- 2:45 pm *UNA-USA's Young Professional Program-*
Melinda Richardson, Chair, UNA-SNY YP Program
- 2:50 pm *Panel and Q&A: Global Goals – the next 15 years*
Moderator: Rachel Bowen Pittman, UNA-USA Membership Director
Panelists:
- Jeanne Betsock Stillman – UNA-SNY, Goals 10 & 16: Reduced Inequalities and Peace and Justice
 - Teta Banks, UNA-USA Houston Chapter – Goals 16 & 17: Peace and Justice and Strong Institutions, and Partnerships" / "Human Trafficking and the SDGs"
 - Amb. Alice M. Dear, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Representative to UN/DPI – Goal 4: Quality Education
 - Gabriela Taveras, President, Seton Hall University UNA Chapter
- 3:35 pm *Panel & Q&A – Security Council Permanent 5: Divison and UN Drift*
Moderator: Jeffrey Laurenti, Board Chair, UNA Princeton/Trenton Area Chapter
Panelists:
- Amb. Matthew Rycroft, Perm. Representative of the UK to the UN
 - Amb. Dina Kavar, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the UN
 - Somini Sengupta, UN Bureau Chief, New York Times
- 4:25 pm *Closing Remarks*
- 4:30 pm *Adjourn*