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## IMRF ADOPTS THE PROGRESS DECLARATION

On 20 May, the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) adopted the Progress Declaration. The IMRF is the only high-level meeting aimed at mobilizing collective action to harness the benefits of safe, orderly, and regular migration, while addressing risks and challenges faced in countries of origin, transit, destination, and during migrant journeys.

In his closing remarks, The PGA highlighted that the adoption of the Progress Declaration is a landmark decision that reaffirms the Global Compact as the only comprehensive and sufficiently ambitious framework for international migration governance.



# INAUGURATION OF LACTATION ROOMS

On 16 May, the PGA inaugurated new and improved lactation rooms at UN Headquarters in the presence of H.E. Gabriela Rodríguez de Bukele, First Lady of El Salvador; H.E. Ms. Egriselda Aracely González López, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations; H.E. Ms. Carolyn Schwalger, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations; H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations; and Mr. Christian Saunders, Assistant Secretary-General of Supply Chain Management.

The project to refit and expand lactation services at the United Nations was a joint collaboration between Office of the President of the General Assembly, the Department of Operational Support, and the governments of both El Salvador and New Zealand.

The PGA highlighted that promoting an enabling and caring environment for nursing parents through assured access to user-friendly, dignified, and dedicated lactation rooms is essential to gender equality in the workplace.

The PGA further mentioned that the renovation of eight existing rooms, and the addition of an entirely new room, accessible to delegates and those in the Secretariat, as well as guests, will empower women in diplomacy -- strengthening our resolve to achieve gender parity and gender equality at the United Nations and in positions of power.



# OPENING OF THE ECOSOC 2022 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT SEGMENT

On 17 May, the PGA participated in the opening of the ECOSOC operational activities segment, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC and H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The PGA encouraged all participants to actively participate in these discussions; to ensure the UN development system is equipped to support Member States as they build back better from the pandemic and move forward in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



## GLASGOW-SHARM EL-SHEIKH WORK PROGRAMME ON THE GLOBAL GOAL ON ADAPTATION

On 16 May, the PGA commended the launch event of the Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation, which will help to drive momentum to bring the Global Goal to life.

The PGA highlighted that adaptation and resilience go hand-in-hand, and building resilience is fundamental to delivering on, and maintaining, the 2030 Agenda.

## AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERS COALITION LAUNCH

On 31 May, the President of the General Assembly joined the launch event of the Africa Business Leaders Coalition, a watershed moment in recognizing one of the world's most dynamic regions. In his remarks, the PGA highlighted that Africa is a resource rich, young, geographically vast, and diverse continent with expanding economies, robust private sectors and markets, growing wealth and capital, and improving governance institutions. He further stressed that the private sector is an important partner in accelerating sustainable recovery and growth in Africa.



## OPENING OF THE FOURTH GLOBAL SESSION OF THE UN SCIENCE-POLICY-BUSINESS FORUM ON THE ENVIRONMENT (UN-SPBF)

On 31 May, the President of the General Assembly gave his remarks at the opening session of the Fourth Global Session of the UN SPBF. In his remarks, the PGA highlighted that the scale of transformation needed to tackle the three planetary crises — climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution — is only possible with collective action.

The PGA also mentioned that Stockholm +50 is an incredible opportunity for all of us to forge lasting coalitions and foster genuine partnerships to achieve the global environment agenda.



## THE MIGRATION MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND

On 19 May, the President hosted and participated in The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund side event. The PGA highlighted that the Migration Fund is a powerful tool to facilitate the implementation of the Global Compact, while also accelerating countries' progress in meeting the SDG targets. This will help societies build resilience and empower them to shape effective migration governance strategies that cater to the needs of both migrants and host-communities.



## 3RD GENDER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

On 17 May, the PGA convened the 3rd Gender Advisory Board meeting.

The PGA stated that gender equality and empowerment of women and girls is a responsibility for all; it requires a change in mindsets, and collective conscious in the recognition and prevention of gender bias.



# 2022 AFRICA DIALOGUE SERIES: HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE

On 26 May, the President of the General Assembly gave his remarks at the 2022 AFRICA DIALOGUE SERIES (ADS): High-Level Policy Dialogue in the presence of Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, and Ambassador Fatima Mohammed, Permanent Observer of the African Union Mission to the United Nations in New York.

The dialogue was focused on resilience in nutrition and food security, under the threats of famine, rising food prices, supply chain breakdowns and stress. In his remarks, the PGA highlighted that resilience is indeed the best tool we have to advance to protect our development gains. He further stressed that more efforts are needed to prevent, anticipate, prepare for, cope with, and recover from shocks.



## MEMORIAL FOR U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT



On 17 May, the PGA joined Secretary-General António Guterres, Secretary Hillary Clinton, and H.E Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN, in celebrating the life and legacy of the late Madeleine Albright. Throughout her storied and illustrious career, Secretary Albright played many roles, so much so that it was near impossible to capture the depth and scale of the work that she accomplished.

In his remarks, the PGA highlighted that “As a woman who rose to the highest levels and demonstrated the power of women in power, Secretary Albright will be remembered as a torchbearer of gender equality.”

# HIGH-LEVEL THEMATIC DEBATE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

On 4 May, the PGA hosted the High-level Debate of the General Assembly on “Putting sustainable and resilient tourism at the heart of an inclusive recovery”. This event is an outcome of the discussions that the PGA had with Member States at the Holhuashi morning dialogue on the theme, “Sustainable recovery through tourism”, that he had convened last December.

In his opening remarks, the PGA emphasized that “it was in recognition of the human, cultural and economic importance of this sector, that even during the darkest days of the pandemic, we devised creative methods of sustaining tourism.”

In his closing remarks, the PGA stated that transformation of tourism should lower the sector’s carbon footprint, reduce income inequality, support local communities, conserve biodiversity, while keeping income in destination countries. The insights on the role and importance of sustainable and resilient tourism, for an inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, have been very enriching and informative in paving the way forward.



“Whether through the creation of “travel bubbles”, “digital tours”, “vaccine passports” or “resilient corridors”, we found a way. And in turn these efforts helped us weather the storm of the pandemic over the past two years.”

President Shahid at the High-Level Thematic Debate on sustainable Tourism



# GA PLENARY MEETING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

On 20 May, the GA had assembled to pay respects to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. On behalf of the General Assembly, the PGA wished to convey deepest condolences to the Government and people of the United Arab Emirates, as well as to the family of the departed leader.

Under Sheikh Khalifa Al-Nahyan's visionary leadership, the UAE has emerged as a regional economic powerhouse, a global player, and the first Arab nation to send a mission to Mars. The PGA also extended his very best wishes to Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan as the new President of the United Arab Emirates.



## WION GLOBAL SUMMIT 2022

On 16 May, the President of the General Assembly congratulated WION for hosting the Global Summit 2022. This summit remains a significant platform for interactive multi-stakeholder discussions. It takes place at a critical time, as our world faces many interlinked challenges, which demand our urgent action.

In his remarks, the PGA stated that preventing conflict and sustaining peace is central to the work of the United Nations. Nevertheless, there remains a clear gap between our desire for peace, and our willingness to finance it. This must change.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTS THE "STATE OF GLOBAL FOOD INSECURITY" RESOLUTION

On 24 May, and amidst rising alarm about food prices worldwide, the General Assembly adopted without a vote, the "State of global food insecurity" resolution calling on the international community to urgently support countries affected by the food security crisis through coordinated action.



# UNCCD COP.15: PGA'S VISIT TO COTE D'IVOIRE

From 8-11 May, the PGA visited the country of Cote d'Ivoire. Upon his arrival, the PGA met H.E. Mr. Tiémoko Meyliet Koné, Vice-President of Côte d'Ivoire and Prime Minister Patrick Achi. Also, the PGA had the opportunity to meet H.E. Mrs. Kandia Camara, Foreign Minister of Côte d'Ivoire. The PGA commended the country's strong commitment to peace, security and stability in the region and for its continued commitment to multilateralism and addressing global challenges.

During the visit, the PGA participated in the 15th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP-15) 'Summit of Heads of State and Government'. The PGA stated that this summit is an important platform to address serious issues affecting the well-being of people and their livelihoods, and of the environment.

The PGA was honored to participate in the Youth Forum (Youth Caucus) under the theme: "Land: a job for tomorrow" on the sidelines of the COP-15 of the UNCCD. In his remarks, the PGA commended all young participants, who, at a time of such great uncertainty – a global pandemic, conflict, and climate change – have elected to engage and to proactively seek out opportunities for change.



Also, President Shahid had the opportunity to participate in the Gender Caucus High Level Event "In pursuit of gender equality for strong land stewardship" on the COP-15 sidelines. He thanked the First Lady of Côte d'Ivoire for hosting this event and congratulated this caucus on the adoption of the declaration that aims to solidify support and concrete actions on gender equality for effective land stewardship.



# UNCCD COP.15: CONTINUED

On 10 May, the PGA met with Gabon's Prime Minister, Ossouka Raponda, on the sidelines of UNCCD COP 15. The PGA was briefed on Gabon's priorities as an elected member of the Security Council. They also discussed COVID-19 response and climate change. Also, the PGA met with President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria. The PGA thanked President Buhari for Nigeria's strong support for his priorities under the Presidency of Hope.

The PGA also met Niger's President Mohamed Bazoum. The PGA congratulated Niger for its contributions as an elected member of the UNSC (2020-21).



On 11 May, the PGA met President of Mauritania, Mohamed El Ghazouani. The PGA thanked him for his strong support for the Presidency of Hope. They discussed COVID-19 recovery, the crisis in Ukraine and its impact on global markets, desertification, and Africa Agenda 2063.

Finally, the PGA met UNCCD Executive-Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw, and commended him and his team for the successful opening of UNCCD COP15.



# PGA'S VISIT TO ANGOLA

From 11-14 May, the President of the General Assembly visited Angola, the first time a sitting PGA has visited the country. The PGA called on the President of Angola H.E. João Lourenço, and thanked him as well as Foreign Minister Ambassador Tete Antonio, Secretary Esmeralda Mendonça, Permanent Resident of Angola to the UN, and UN Resident Coordinator Zahira Virani for the warm welcome.

The PGA commended Angola's commitment to multilateralism and its contribution to the work of the United Nations. The PGA had an opportunity to visit the Water Transfer System at Cunene River, and commended Angola's President and Government for its response against severe drought and climate change.



Also, in Cunene, Angola, the PGA was privileged to visit a Field Farm School where they use the “Chitaka” Model. The Chitaka model is an innovation which combines agricultural practices with combating climate change.



The PGA had a wonderful interaction at the Diplomatic Institute “Venâncio de Moura” in Angola. The Diplomatic Institute signifies the importance that Angola attaches to multilateralism, and for preparing young Angolans for the seen and unforeseen challenges of the 21st century diplomacy.



# PGA'S THREE-NATION TOUR TO THAILAND, INDONESIA, AND BRUNEI

## PGA'S VISIT TO THAILAND

On 22 May, the PGA arrived in Bangkok, Thailand, where he was warmly welcomed by UN Under-Secretary-General and UN ESCAP Executive Secretary, Armida Alisjahbana; and UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, Gita Sabharwal. The PGA met with the UN Country Team in Bangkok.

In celebration of UN ESCAP's 75th anniversary of its establishment and holding its 78th session on the theme "A common agenda to advance sustainable development Asia and the Pacific", the PGA highlighted in his remarks that the pathways chosen should be inclusive and centered on protecting people and the planet. Prior to the opening of the 78th session of UN ESCAP, the PGA met with H.E. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, and India's Ambassador and Permanent Resident Suchitra Durai, who is also the Acting chair of the 77th session of the Commission.

The PGA had a fruitful conversation with members of the SDG Youth panel which advises the UN Country Team in Thailand on issues including food wastage, climate justice, technology, education and mental health.

Also, the PGA had a productive interaction with civil society representatives. They discussed several issues including education for migrant children, trafficking in persons, violence against women, and the need for gender-responsive budgeting.



# PGA'S VISIT TO INDONESIA

On 25 May, the PGA gave remarks at the opening session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Indonesia. The PGA commended both Indonesia and UNDRR on this joint endeavor. In his remarks, the PGA emphasized that "we must recommit to the principles of the Sendai Framework and dramatically increase our investments in disaster risk reduction, particularly prevention and preparedness."



During his visit, the PGA met with H.E. Ms Retno Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia. They discussed a range of issues including the commodity and fuel crisis as a result of the aggression against Ukraine. The PGA met with H.E. Sandiaga Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, and commended him and his team for the remarkable work that Indonesia is doing to ensure the sustainable recovery of tourism.



On 26 May, the PGA met H.E. Puan Maharani, the first woman Speaker of Indonesia's People's Representative Council. They discussed the leading role being played by Indonesia in the area of disaster resilience.

The PGA was keen to visit to Green School Bali, where the faculty imparts a living curriculum that educates its student body in the principles of sustainability through community-integrated, entrepreneurial learning, in a natural environment.

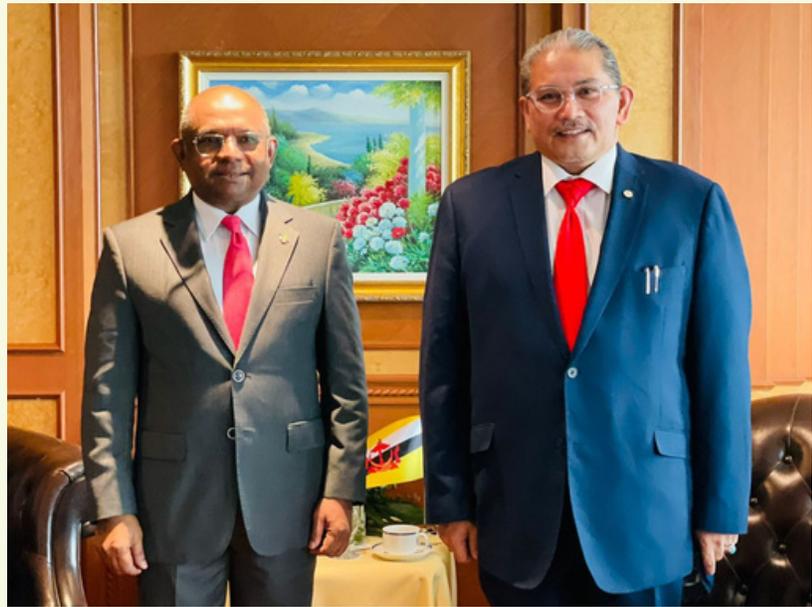


# PGA'S VISIT TO BRUNEI

The PGA paid a visit to Brunei from 28-29 May. During the visit, the President called on His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkhiah and commended Brunei for its active role at the multilateral level and able leadership of ASEAN and for its support to the Presidency of Hope.

The President met with Dato Erywan Yusof, Minister of Foreign Affairs II of Brunei, and commended the Minister on ASEAN's efforts to address the situation in Myanmar. They also discussed COVID-19 recovery and GA revitalization.

The PGA was privileged to engage with diplomats and youth at a public lecture on "multilateralism and the role of regional organizations".



The President joined Brunei Foreign Minister Dato Erywan Yusof in a meeting with civil society, religious and youth representatives, and women frontline workers. The PGA was inspired to hear about efforts to support communities during early months of COVID-19.

At the end of the visit to Brunei, the President of the General Assembly interacted with the media. He spoke about UNGA76 challenges, COVID-19 disruptions, impressions of Brunei towards climate change, youth, gender equality and misinformation.

# ”IN CONVERSATION WITH...”

## VIDEO PODCAST

### EPISODE 6:

## IN CONVERSATION WITH EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, JACQUELINE GIFFORD



As part of the President Abdullah Shahid's “In conversation series”, the PGA had the opportunity to interact with Jacqueline Gifford, Editor-in-Chief of *Travel Leisure Magazine* on the sustainable recovery of the tourism sector.

### EPISODE 7:

## IN CONVERSATION WITH MS. ZINO ONOKAYE-AKAKA



On the sidelines of the 1st International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the PGA had an opportunity to interact with Ms. Zino Onokaye-Akaka, a passionate advocate for migrants' rights and representation.

Podcast episodes are can be found on Twitter @UN\_PGA

# PGA HOPE FELLOWS

From 10-28 May, the HOPE Fellows undertook a European Study Tour organized and funded by the European Union and the Swiss Government.

The HOPE fellows started their trip in Brussels, where they met with Sébastien Richard, Protocol Administrator; and Ms Eva Kaili, Vice President at the European Union. The Fellows had an overview of how the EU's parliamentary system works, and observed a hearing of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Also, the fellows had an opportunity to interact with the General Representative of Flanders to the EU, Matthias De Moor. They also had a session with Ms. Sarah Blau and Ms. Alette Carre from the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

On May 17, the fellows went to Geneva where they met Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy; and Fleur Heyworth, Head of Gender and Inclusive Security. They also had a productive session with Kali Taylor, Community Manager at Sustainable Finance Geneva. The PGA HOPE Fellows met with Nikhil Seth, Executive Director of UNITAR, and after that, they took a tour of Red Cross Museum.

The last stop for the fellows was in Florence, Italy, where they had training sessions at the School of Transnational Governance, and visited the EU Historical Archives at Villa Salviati.



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