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Civil Society Briefing

Giving Back to Create Inclusive and Sustainable Communities



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As Chief of the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section in the UN Department of Global Communications, Mr. Brez oversees relations with non-governmental organizations, the Messengers of Peace Programme, the Creative Community Outreach Initiative and Special Events. His work in international humanitarian aid and development assistance has spanned more than a decade and covered a range of issues including children's and women's rights, refugee assistance, child soldiers, health, education, sustainable agriculture and food security, environmental sustainability, anticorruption and climate change.



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Ms. Hawa Diallo, Chief of the NGO Relations Unit at the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, UN Department of Global Communications has extensive United Nations experience in public information outreach and fostering civil society partnerships, with a particular emphasis on youth and women's organizations. Ms. Diallo began her United Nations career in 1987 in the Department of Public Information and has served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively. She has also worked for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and as a Partners and Youth Officer.



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Born and raised in Santiago, Chile, Ms. Hamacher came to the United States at eighteen years old to live in Missouri. She later moved to New York City where she resides today. She earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Humanities at LaGuardia Community College, and in 2010 a BA in Criminal Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. In 2013, she completed her MA in Public Administration, Criminal Justice & Policy Analyses at John Jay. Today she is the Vice President and Chief Operations Officer at the Institute for Multicultural Communication, Cooperation and Development, Inc., (IFMCCADI). A New York City-based non-profit organization affiliated with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and most recently affiliated to the United Nations Global Communication Department of Civil Society. In addition she recently became the Fundraiser and Development Advisor to CLYC.me, a company based in Chile and in the process of establishing themselves here in the U.S. They connect Social Causes with Donors looking for a transparent and effective donation experience. In addition, last November she was invited to be part of the Advisory Committee of the Pan American Development Foundation, one of the largest non-profit organization here in the U.S. supporting a great variety of programs and social causes in Latino America.



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SANDRA UWIRINGIYIMANA @SANDRAS_STORY

Sandra Uwiringiyimana is a co-founder at Jimbere Fund, an organization that aims to revitalize distressed communities and foster peace in Congo by empowering women economically. Sandra was born and raised in Congo, until she was forced to flee due to the ongoing conflicts in 2004. Shortly after fleeing her home, Sandra survived a massacre that claimed 166 lives, including her sister's. Since her family's resettlement to New York in 2007, Sandra has fought hard to raise awareness about the Gatumba massacre and call for justice. She has become a voice for women and girls, refugees and immigrants, and forgotten people like her Tribe. Sandra now works to ensure that no Congolese girl ever has to leave home in search of opportunity. She continues to use her platform to advocate for migrants and refugees all over the world. Sandra's memoir, *How Dare The Sun Rise* (Harper Collins) is out now.



JEAN PAUL LAURENT @MAYOROFSMILE

Jean Paul Laurent is the founder, chairman & CEO of the Unspoken Smiles Foundation, a New York-based nonprofit that seeks to promote both long-term oral health and economic security in the world most disadvantaged regions. As CEO, Jean Paul works across two key program areas—oral health education and prevention, and the Unspoken Smiles Fellowship—to help ensure better, access to quality dental services for the greatest number of people. By developing, supporting, and incubating those initiatives, Unspoken Smiles Foundation is building confidence, improving health, and transforming futures in underserved communities across the world.



STEPHANIE CARLIN @STEPHANIECARLINMUSIC

Since 2012, Stephanie has fueled her music career as the founder of Free Spirits Music, an international songwriting school with thousands of students across 9 countries. Based in Brooklyn, Free Spirits Music trains artists to be leaders and emphasizes breakthroughs in self-expression and self-doubt through music. In 2015, Stephanie had the honor of performing at an international United Nations Conference in South Korea with thousands of delegates in attendance, including the UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon. There she saw firsthand the power of music to transform lives at a global scale.



VIVI HU @VIVIHUMUSIC

Vivi Hu is an award-winning New York-based Chinese vocalist, songwriter, and bandleader dedicated to fostering international arts exchange. Specializing in jazz, folk, and gospel music, she works to bring Chinese jazz and folk music to contemporary America and traditional Western gospel to Chinese audiences. Through her performance and directing, Vivi's passion for building a cross-cultural appreciation of Eastern and Western music roots results in a distinctive artistic voice that continues to captivate audiences internationally.



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Upcoming Events



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The Department of Global Communications
and the Permanent Mission of Albania
invite you to
the United Nations Civil Society Briefing

*A Matter of Humanity: The Rescue of Jews
in Albania during the Holocaust*

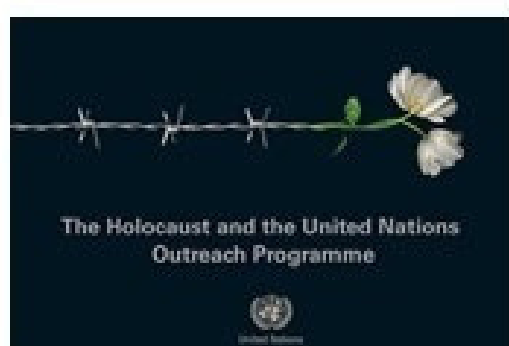
Thursday, 31 January 2019

Conference Room 1
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Register by Wednesday, 23 January
<https://bit.ly/2FVcOWH>

Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Besiana Kadare, Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations
- Ambassador Ronald Lauder, President of the World Jewish Congress
- Prof. Shaban Sinani, historian and author of the book *Albanians and Jews: The Protection and Salvation*
- Dr. Anna Kohen, whose family was rescued in Albania during the Holocaust
- Mr. David Estrin, Founder of "Together We Remember"



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