

# MEDIA ADVISORY

## WFUNA HOSTING FIRST-EVER UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ELECTION DEBATE

*WFUNA will be hosting election debates for candidates competing for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council. All missions were invited on 16 February 2016 to participate in moderated debate, to present policies and platforms prior to the elections on 28 June 2016.*

**WHO:** Asia Pacific Group Candidates (Mon 23) –Kazakhstan (TBC), Thailand  
Western Europe and Other Group Candidates (Tue 24) – Italy (TBC),  
Netherlands (TBC), Sweden.

**WHAT:** Election Debates for candidate countries competing for a 2017-2018 non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council.

**WHERE:** Trusteeship Council Chamber + ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ

**WHEN:** Monday 23 May 2016 15:00 – 17:00 (Trusteeship)  
Tuesday 24 May 2016 15:00 – 17:00 (ECOSOC)

**WHY:** Debates for candidate countries competing for election to the Security Council have never been held before in UN history. While the process is usually more open than the process to elect a new Secretary General, candidates still have never presented the positions they will pursue in an open debate. The UN community will greatly benefit from a more transparent process to better hold Member States to account on their commitments. As a global civil society network of 100 nationally based United Nations Associations, WFUNA is perfectly placed to lead a fair, balanced procedure for each candidate country.

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