



# UNA-USA GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018 | UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

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## Agenda

**7:30 am**            **Registration & UN Ground Pass**  
Location: Church Center for the UN (777 UN Plaza: 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & 44<sup>th</sup>)

**8:00 am**            **United Nations Entrance Opens**  
Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street

**9:00 am**            **Opening Plenary**  
Location: UN General Assembly Hall

*Jeanne Betsock Stillman, Conference Chair, UNA-USA National Council and UNA-USA Southern New York State Division*

*Chris Whatley, Executive Director, UNA-USA, Conference Co-Chair Includes Adopt A Future Essity Representative*

*Kathy Calvin, President & Chief Executive Officer at the United Nations Foundation*

**10:15 am**            **Breakout Session I**

**ISSUES TRACK: OUR PLANET, OUR RESPONSIBILITY**  
Location: UN General Assembly Hall

**Moderator:**

*Zephanii Smith, UNA National Council and NGO SustainUS, Inc., Liaison to the United Nations*

**Panelists:**

*Megan Boone, Environmental advocate and actress from the hit TV series The Blacklist and Sony's Picture This competition judge*

*Elliot Harris, Director of New York Office and Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment Program*

*Lia Cairone, Senior Policy Advisor at New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability*

**ACTION TRACK: ADVOCACY THROUGH THE ARTS**  
Location: Conference Room #4

**Moderator:**

*Dr. Cindy Maguire, Director, Arts Action Group and Professor, Adelphi University; eL Seed, artist, activist, and TED Fellow*

**Panelists:**

*Theresa Balderas, Disney: Dream Big Princess Photographer*



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Aaron Barksdale, *VICE Impact*  
Ahmed Badr, *Poet*  
Rene Spellman, *Creative Artists Agency Foundation*

**11:20 am**

## **Breakout Session II**

### **ISSUES TRACK: PEACE AND SECURITY**

Location: UN General Assembly Hall

#### **Moderator:**

**Peter Yeo**, *President, Better World Campaign and Vice President of Public Policy and Advocacy, United Nations Foundation*

#### **Panelists:**

TBD

### **ACTION TRACK: TAKING ACTION FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS**

Location: Conference Room #4

#### **Moderator:**

**RJ Johnson**, *UNA National Council; WFUNA*

#### **Panelists:**

**Ayesha Barenblat**, *Founder, Remake*  
**Munira Khalif**, *U.S. Youth Observer to the UN*  
**Clayton Ferrara**, *Executive Director, Ideas for Us*

**12:10 pm**

## **Lunch Break (on your own)**

International Resource Exhibits

**1:40 pm**

## **Breakout Session III**

### **ISSUES TRACK: PRIVATE SECTOR'S ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Location: UN General Assembly Hall

#### **Moderator:**

**Donna Rosa**, *President, UNA-USA Northern New Jersey Chapter*

#### **Panelists:**

**Tim McCollum**, *Madécasse*



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## **ACTION TRACK: STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Location: Conference Room #4**

### **Moderator:**

*Ryan Kaminski, Senior Program Manager: Human Rights, UNA-USA*

### **Panelists:**

*Fabrice Houdart, UN Human Rights Office (Human Rights Officer), to discuss OHCHR's new Corporate Standards of Conduct for Tackling Discrimination Against LGBTI persons*

*Maria Almario PhD., Chair, UNA-SNY Partnership for the Eradication of Human Trafficking*

*Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Special Advisor to Governor Andrew Cuomo for Policy and Community Affairs of New York State Homes and Community Renewal*

**2:15 pm**

## **Breakout Session IV**

### **ISSUES TRACK: FORCED DISPLACEMENT & WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2018**

**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**

### **Moderator:**

*Rachel Pittman, Sr. Director of Membership and Programs, UNA-USA*

### **Panelists:**

*Gillian Sorensen, International Rescue Committee Board Member*

*Amir Ashour, IraQueer, Founder and Executive Director*

### **ACTION TRACK: USING TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL GOOD**

**Location: Conference Room #4**

### **Moderator:**

*Ari Eisenstat, Activist Impact Investor, Civil Society/ICC Representative to the United Nations, Chief Ambassador, Moeda Cooperative Crypto Banking Platform*

### **Panelists:**

*Jill Nguyen, Senior Client Strategy Lead, Phone 2 Action*

*Nicol Perez, Facebook*

*Lauren Theurkauf, Charity Miles*

*Robert Kirkpatrick, UN Global Pulse (Executive Office of the UN Secretary General), Director*

**3:50pm**

## **Closing Plenary**

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**Lidia Bastianich**, *world-renowned chef, author, TV personality, former refugee, and UNA-USA's Adopt-A-Future champion*

**KEYNOTE: Jeffrey Sachs**, *Director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University*

**Teta Banks, Esq.**, *Chair, UNA-USA National Council*

4:55 pm

Adjourn