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**3 December 2015**

**DPI/NGO Briefing to commemorate the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024): Combatting Racism in the 21st Century**

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Trusteeship Council Chamber

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**Announcement: The 66<sup>th</sup> United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference**

**We are pleased to announce that the 66<sup>th</sup> United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 30 May to 1 June 2016.**

**UN Democracy Fund: Call for Project Proposals**

The United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) invites civil society organizations to apply for funding for projects to advance and support democracy. Project proposals may be submitted online **between 15 November and 31 December 2015** at [www.un.org/democracyfund](http://www.un.org/democracyfund). You can find guidelines, FAQs and lessons learned from previous rounds at [www.un.org/democracyfund/application-materials](http://www.un.org/democracyfund/application-materials) (in English) and [www.un.org/democracyfund/fr/application-materials](http://www.un.org/democracyfund/fr/application-materials) (in French).

UNDEF supports projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. This is the Tenth Round to be launched by UNDEF, which provides grants of up to US\$300,000 per project. Proposals are subject to a highly rigorous and competitive selection process, with fewer than two per cent chosen for funding. Projects are two years long.

**Annual Review 2015**

**Submissions for the Annual Review will continue to be open until Sunday, 10 January 2016.**

**24 November 2015**

**High-level panel discussion on “Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) for Poverty Eradication and Job Creation for Women and Youth” (in observance of the African Industrialization Day 2015 )**

Co-organized by Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)

**Time:** 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room 7

For further information, please contact Mr. Hiroyuki Ozaki, UNIDO New York Office (e-mail [ozaki@un.org](mailto:ozaki@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5089).



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**25 November 2015**

**The United Nations Official Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**

Organized by UNiTE to End Violence against Women Campaign and UN Women

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ

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For further information, please contact Ms. Adina Wolf, UN Women (e-mail [adina.wolf@unwomen.org](mailto:adina.wolf@unwomen.org)).

**1 December 2015**

**Event entitled "From Goals to Implementation: Growth, Inclusiveness, and Trajectories"**

Organized by the World Bank and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Mr. Achraf Rissafi, World Bank (e-mail [arissafi@worldbank.org](mailto:arissafi@worldbank.org); tel. 1 (212) 317-4721); or Ms. Sara Burke (e-mail [sburke@fesny.org](mailto:sburke@fesny.org); tel. 1 (212) 687-0208).

**2 December 2015**

**Introducing Tolerance on the Internet: Changing Attitudes and Patterns of Behavior (on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination)**

Organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland, the Permanent Mission of Norway, and the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, the African Union, the UN Department of Public Information, and UNESCO

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ

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**3 December 2015**

**Interactive Briefing on "6th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption: Key Outcomes and Way Forward"**

Organized by The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Conference Room 8

To RSVP, please contact Ms. Yu Ping Chan (e-mail [chan7@un.org](mailto:chan7@un.org); tel. 917-367-3704).

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**8 December 2015**  
**Briefing on “Vulture Funds and Efficiency in the Financial System: Friends or Foes?”**

Co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Ena S. Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail [sawh@un.org](mailto:sawh@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).

### NGO CORNER

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### NGO Spotlight

#### Global Bioethics Initiative (GBI)

Global Bioethics Initiative (GBI) is a United States-based NGO focused on improving global health disparities through interdisciplinary research, public education, and policy change recommendations. Particularly, GBI aims to deepen international understanding and foster public debate on health, life science, biotechnological developments, and the frequent ethical issues that surround them. Moreover, GBI works to collaborate with policy makers and United Nations agencies to identify solutions and enact positive changes to pressing issues on the ground.

The organization is also very active on social media, sharing recent articles to update their followers on bioethical and life science-related innovations through their website, Twitter, and Facebook profiles. Annually, GBI also hosts an *International Bioethics Summer School* for high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals interested in such topics. In 2016, two summer camps will be hosted with one taking place in July in New York City, New York, and another taking place in August in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

To learn more about Global Bioethics Initiatives, visit [here](#).



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## NGO Resource Centre News

**Please note that DPI NGO Resource Centre will be closed on Thursday, 26 November, and Friday, 27 November, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

Remember to follow our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) accounts for more information about DPI/NGO Briefings, UN events, NGO events, **#StickToAGoal**, and more!

And don't forget to check out our pictures from our recent events and from the [#StickToAGoal](#) campaign!

Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

**Monday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Conference Room at the Resource Centre is available the following days and hours:

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Thursdays: 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

To book it, please send your request via e-mail to [undpingo@un.org](mailto:undpingo@un.org) with the desired date and time. **We will need the following information:**

**Name of the organization, Name of person responsible for the booking, and Contact information (e-mail address and phone number).**

**We will send a confirmation e-mail with the booking information.**

Please see the [Journal of the United Nations](#) for more information about events at the United Nations