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**30 June 2015**

**Panel Discussion on “Process of selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General: A call for ACTION”**

Organized by ACT (a group of 27 Member States)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Nathalie Chuard, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail: [chn@eda.admin.ch](mailto:chn@eda.admin.ch); tel. 1 (212) 286-1540).

**1 July 2015**

**High-level commemorative event on “Srebrenica: Remembering and honouring the victims of the genocide”**

Organized by the Preparatory Committee for the Commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Economic and Social Council Chamber

For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (e-mail [bihun@mvp.gov.ba](mailto:bihun@mvp.gov.ba); tel 1 (212) 751-9015).

**1 July 2015**

**Briefing on “The World Investment Report 2015”**

Organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**Time:** 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room B

For further information, please contact Mr. Jiaming Miao, UNCTAD New York Office (e-mail [miaoj@un.org](mailto:miaoj@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-3766).



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**1 July 2015**

**Information session on “World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) beyond 2015: Building upon multistakeholder consensus based outcome documents of the ITU and UNESCO hosted WSIS+10 Review Events”**

Co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)  
and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**Time:** 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact Mr. Gary Fowlie, ITU Liaison Office  
(e-mail [fowlie@un.org](mailto:fowlie@un.org)); or Ms. Sharon London (e-mail [london@un.org](mailto:london@un.org)).

**1 July 2015**

**Special event on “One ocean — Regenerating fish stocks: Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources)”**

Co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas, Palau and Poland,  
the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance, the Global Partnerships Forum  
and the Institute for Conservation Science

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room 1

For further information, please contact Ms. Agata Duda-Plonka, Permanent  
Mission of Poland (e-mail [agata.duda-plonka@msz.gov.pl](mailto:agata.duda-plonka@msz.gov.pl)).

**2 July 2015**

**The Launch of “The Bridge and the City”, a new book by Daniel Biau, on connectivity in the cities of the world**

Co-organized by UN-Habitat and UNESCO

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

**Venue:** Conference Room B

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**10 July 2015**

**Special event on “25 Years Later — The impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act in New York and beyond”**

Co-organized by the New York City Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities,  
The New York City Mayor’s Office for International Affairs  
and the United States Mission

**Time:** 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room 7

For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (e-mail [kerry@state.gov](mailto:kerry@state.gov)).

**10 July 2015**

**Event on new pedagogical tools for General History of Africa**

Co-organized by the DPI Remember Slavery Programme  
and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room 5

The event will be webcast live at <http://webtv.un.org>. This project will contribute to the implementation of the action plan for the International Decade for People of African Descent and help in the fight against racism and discrimination.

For further information, please contact Kimberly Mann (e-mail [mann@un.org](mailto:mann@un.org)).

**“2015 Time for Global Action” Campaign**

The “2015 time for Global Action” campaign is centered around monthly themes that coincide with the priorities for 2015 and opportunities in the calendar of events.

The month of July will highlight the environment and we are pleased to send you the communication package attached that includes resources and tools on this topic.

For more details please visit [www.un.org/action2015](http://www.un.org/action2015)



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**7 July 2015**

### **Technology Salon on ICTs in public consultations**

Organized by Technology Salon NYC

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Venue:** ThoughtWorks, 99 Madison Ave, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10016

Public consultations are a common method of gathering citizen input. They range from global processes like the post-2015 sustainable development goals (SDGs), to national processes such as constitution making, to local processes like participatory budgeting, and well beyond.

The following aspects of ICTs in public consultation will be discussed:

- What are the different phases of a well-designed consultation process and how are ICTs influencing these processes? What do we need to know before making decisions about where and when to integrate ICTs?
- What are some ways that ICTs can make public consultation processes more inclusive and representative? How are ICTs being used together with more traditional, offline tools to facilitate greater participation and voice?
- What are the challenges and realities with using ICTs in public consultation processes? What are the common pitfalls and how can we avoid them?
- What determines the success of a consultation process? Is there any evidence that ICTs improve consultation processes? When, where, why and how?
- What are the potential privacy, ethics and security issues that should be considered when using ICTs for public consultation?

[Please RSVP](#) to join Technology Salon NYC for a conversation with the following thought leaders on the use of ICT in public consultations:

- [Tiago Peixoto](#), Team Lead, World Bank Digital Engagement Unit.
- [Michele Brandt](#), Director, Interpeace Constitution-Making for Peace Program.
- [Ravi Karkara](#), Co-Chair, Policy Strategy Group, World We Want Post-2015 Consultation.



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## NGO Spotlight

### Lehigh University

Lehigh University, located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, became just the sixth university in the world to become a DPI associated NGO in 2004. In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this collaboration, Lehigh recognized the “United Nations/Lehigh Partnership” as one of the 150 best qualities of the university because of the opportunities made possible in involving academic civil society in the international agenda. Demonstrating this involvement are the 1,800 Lehigh faculty and students that participate in U.N. programs annually, the visits from over nine Ambassadors to speak on campus, and Lehigh’s membership in the U.N.’s Higher Education Sustainability Initiative. The university also offers U.N.-related classes, hosts many United Nations and NGO related activities on campus and provides bus transportation to many DPI/NGO briefings. Furthermore, Lehigh established the first U.N. Youth Representative program. It now boasts over 300 youth delegates engaging in U.N. and international development activities, representing organizations from around the world.

You can click [here](#) to find out more information about this partnership.

## NGO Resource Centre News

### [NEW PUBLICATIONS IN THE DPI/NGO RESOURCE CENTER](#)

#### [Winter/Spring 2015 DPI/NGO Briefing Calendar](#)

Please find below the Resource Centre hours of operation:

**Monday, Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m**

**Thursday - 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

**Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 1 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 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 & 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