



## UN DATES 2016

### OCTOBER

- 2 Int. Day of Non-Violence
- 3 World Habitat Day
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 11 Int. Day of the Child
- 16 World Food Day
- 17 Int. Day –Eradication of poverty
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 November

### DECEMBER

- 7 UNAA Community Awards
- 10 Human Rights Day

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### Newsletter

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## UNAA Queensland - The new Qld President

Donnell Davis, from rural Queensland, gained 25 years diverse experience in government, followed by 16 years working locally and internationally with private sector and charities. She studied and practiced accounting, audit, evaluation, public policy, ethics, sustainable development, urban and regional planning, environmental law, urban design, climate governance, women's policy and interdisciplinary innovation. She now consults, teaches and is a prolific writer.



Donnell was UNAA Queensland auditor before becoming a member, treasurer, secretary and vice president over the past 2 decades. She co-authored in 2008 'Australia: Re-engaging with the UN'. Her active involvement includes UN Habitat (elected governing council 22 NGO spokesperson), CHOGM (2001 -2015), UNEP Foresight Project, UNESCAP, EAROPH (Asia Pacific Planning and Human Settlements), and Commonwealth Human Ecology Council country representative since 2001, and recently with ICAT (joint initiative of UNDP, World Resource Institute and UNEP DTU partnership for transformational change). However, she believes we also have to "do it in our own backyard" and co-founded Friends of SEQ in 2000.

She lectures on Concepts of Global Governance (Masters Students) and Introduction to the UN (Undergraduates) in Bond University but continues in other countries and other universities upon invitation. She published provocative articles on 'Multinational Corporations setting world standards for behaviour' and 'What if Mayors Ruled the World' in order to revisit UN and CHOGM values. Last year, she wrote the 2020 Blueprint for Swinburne University's Centre for Design Innovation after whetting her appetite on integrating interdisciplinary Humanitarian Village and Care programs.

Donnell practices what she preaches by (1) incorporating ancient wisdom and biomimicry into evaluating urban futures projects; (2) by designing, funding, building and managing Selsey House - a sustainable housing for older women/ disability project in Runcorn in 2008; and(3) by establishing 'Sisters 4 Sustainability' with ongoing networks for Pacific Women's enterprises for local climate projects, remote women's scholarships, and more recently Envirobusiness Foundation for advancing women's education in sustainability. Donnell has two children, and a large extended family.

## Alfred Nobel's Will

On 27 November, 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his last will at the Swedish-Norwegian Club in Paris. After his death, when it was read the will caused controversy both in Sweden and internationally, as Nobel had left much of his wealth for the establishment of a prize. His family opposed the establishment of the Nobel Prize. It was five years before the first Nobel Prize could be awarded in 1901.

### The Establishment of the Nobel Prizes

Alfred Nobel dictated that his remaining estate should be used to endow "prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind in 1. physics 2. chemical 3. physiology or medicine 4. Literature 5. Fraternity between nations promotion of peace"

This year's first Nobel Laureate, for Physiology or Medicine **Yoshinori Ohsumi** discovered and elucidated mechanisms underlying *autophagy*, a fundamental process for degrading and recycling cellular components. The word *autophagy* originates from the Greek words *auto-*, meaning "self", and *phagein*, meaning "to eat" thus, autophagy denotes "self eating".

**Yoshinori Ohsumi** was born 1945 in Fukuoka, Japan. He received a Ph.D. from University of Tokyo in 1974. After spending three years at Rockefeller University, New York, USA, he returned to the University of Tokyo where he established his research group in 1988. He is, since 2009, a professor at the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

For information see website: noble prize 2016



## UNITED NATIONS - New Leaders in 2017

### High stakes for UN Secretary-General

Nine candidates are still in the running for UN secretary-general. The Council held its fourth straw poll on 9 September with Antonio Guterres (former Portuguese prime minister turned UN refugee chief) and Miroslav Lajcak holding onto their first and second spots respectively. Reports out of the G20 gathering in China [claimed](#) Kristalina Georgieva (from Bulgaria) a long-rumoured potential candidate, had received support from Croatia, Hungary, and Latvia with Germany's endorsement. Russian officials, reportedly support Bulgaria's current candidate Irina Bokova.



In the meantime, numerous reports indicated that Bulgaria was considering replacing Bokova with Georgieva as its nominee. Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov [is said](#) to be under pressure from his colleagues in the conservative European People's Party to support Georgieva against Guterres, a long-time socialist leader. After much speculation, Borissov [announced](#) Bokova would remain Bulgaria's nominee. The Interpreter by Sarah Frankel. The Interpreter [[interpreter@lowyinstitute.org](mailto:interpreter@lowyinstitute.org)]

### Election process for the WHO Director-General

**Geneva: Six candidates have been proposed by Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the position of WHO Director-General.**

Member States—the governments of proposed the following candidates:

Ethiopia has submitted the nomination of Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;

Italy has submitted the nomination of Dr Flavia Bustreo;

France has submitted the nomination of Professor Philippe Douste-Blazy;

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has submitted the nomination of Dr David Nabarro;

Pakistan has submitted the nomination of Dr Sania Nishtar;

Hungary has submitted the nomination of Dr Miklós Szócska.

The deadline for proposals closed on 22 September 2016. Since 22 April 2016, WHO's 194 Member States have had the opportunity to propose candidates.

The Director-General is WHO's chief technical and administrative officer and oversees WHO's international health work. The current Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan, was appointed in 2006 and will complete her second term on 30 June next year.

On 1-2 November, a forum will be held for candidates to present their visions to WHO Member States, and the public, and answer questions from Member States on their candidacy. The forum will be webcast in all UN languages on the WHO website: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

In January 2017, WHO's Executive Board will draw up a shortlist with a maximum of 5 candidates. Executive Board members will then interview these candidates and nominate up to 3 to go forward for consideration by the World Health Assembly in May 2017, when Member States will vote in a new Director-General. Previously, just 1 nomination was submitted by WHO's Executive Board to the World Health Assembly, which then made the final appointment.

The new Director-General will take office on 1 July 2017.

#### Note to editors

The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of WHO. It is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States. The main functions of the World Health Assembly are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget.

The Executive Board is composed of 34 technically qualified members elected for 3-year terms. The Board meets twice a year: in January, when the members agree upon the agenda and the resolutions to be considered by the World Health Assembly, and again in May following the Assembly.

For more information, please contact: [media@who.int](mailto:media@who.int)

Further information: [Election process for the WHO Director-General](#)



## From President UNAA Qld coming events:

International Water Futures in Brisbane  
International Integrity Summit in Brisbane  
Lessons to learn from past events – join our discussions at UNAA monthly meetings.  
Digital Diplomacy- World Humanitarian Day event – summary of findings.  
Gillian Triggs 31 August – 3 recommendations for UNAA Q  
Indigenous and civil rights event @ QUT  
Launch of Breaking Barriers with Margaret Reynolds – past UNAA National President  
50 years of women’s work in Queensland.  
Inaugural Women in Planning - resolutions  
Launch Peter Greste Book.  
Tony Fitzgerald Lecture – Decline of Democracy  
Outcomes of National Event - 6 panels addressing Women’s Economic Empowerment.  
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## Global Compact Network Australia – Monthly Update—

### New GCNA Members

◆ We are delighted to welcome new members **Clifford Chance, CARE Australia** and **Law Council of Australia** to our network  
◆ **One year ago**, the UN General Assembly created history in adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – the most ambitious global agenda for creating a future of equality and prosperity within planetary boundaries by 2030.  
◆ **The GCNA** has launched the CEO Statement of Support for the Sustainable Development Goals, with over thirty leaders from the Australian business community coming together behind the statement. With this Statement, this incredible list of CEOs showing support for the SDGs demonstrates the private sector’s willingness to contribute to realising a sustainable future for Australia and the world,” said Alice Cope, Executive So where are we one year into this 15 year journey ?

### Up and coming events

Australian Dialogue on Business and Human Rights 2016: FRI, 28 OCT | SYDNEY  
Workshops: Cross-Sector Partnering for Sustainable Development: 14-16 NOV | SYDNEY, MELBOURNE  
UN Forum on Business and Human Rights: 14-16 NOV | GENEVA  
Security and Human Rights Workshop: WED, 23 NOV | CANBERRA  
GCNA Annual General Meeting: THU, 24 NOV | SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, PERTH  
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by Delivering News to the Aid, Development, and Humanitarian Community

**Humanity Affirming Birth of the Day...** “A healthy baby boy has been born to Nigerian parents on board a rescue boat in international waters of the Mediterranean Sea, according to the medical charity Doctors without Borders (MSF). Newman Otas was delivered on Monday an MSF midwife on the MV Aquarius vessel, just 24 hours after his parents Otas and Faith and their two elder sons were rescued from an overcrowded rubber dinghy.” (Al Jazeera <http://bit.ly/2czfKIQ>)

**Syrian** President Bashar al-Assad said on Monday the state was determined to recover all areas from terrorist groups, the presidency said in a statement on its social media accounts, hours before a U.S.-Russian ceasefire deal was due to take effect. (Reuters <http://yhoo.it/2c5TdE2>)

**UN aid deliveries** are consistently failing to reach the vast majority of the 590,200 **Syrians** living in besieged areas, and convoys have been stripped of almost 50 tonnes of potentially lifesaving medical equipment in the past eight months. (Guardian <http://bit.ly/2c4c2T9>)

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A gay **Chinese** student activist on Monday lodged a suit against the Ministry of Education over school textbooks describing homosexuality as a mental disorder, the latest step by China's small but growing gay rights movement. (Reuters <http://yhoo.it/2c4ci4x>)

The United Nations agricultural agency today signed a \$15 million agreement with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to boosting the capacity of developing countries to track key agricultural data – information considered essential to good policy-making and that will help track progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). (UN News Center <http://bit.ly/2czft8E>)



**The Paris climate agreement**, the world's strongest effort yet to try to curb the pace of climate change, sped even closer toward becoming active as **India**, the planet's fourth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, formally joined the accord Sunday. 3 October 2016 (WaPo <http://wapo.st/2dvSgEK>)

Civilians under bombardment in **Syria's** rebel-held east Aleppo are facing "a level of savagery that no human should have to endure," the UN aid chief said Sunday 3 October 2016 (AFP <http://>

[yhoo.it/2djXbr3](http://yhoo.it/2djXbr3))

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Five **myths** about global women's economic empowerment (Guardian <http://bit.ly/2czgvmi>)

### Workshop: Is the Paris Agreement Good News for the Ocean? 14 September 2016 | Washington DC, US



The Division of Oceanic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and the National Environment and Geographic Society organized a workshop that gathered approximately 80 representatives from government and civil society to consider the theme, "Is the Paris Agreement Good News for the "Ocean?" The workshop took place at National Geographic headquarters in Washington DC US, on 14 September.



Participants focused on how to build on the momentum generated with the "Because the Ocean" initiative that was announced during the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which concluded with the adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate change. The workshop brought together the ocean and climate communities, including representatives from governments, climate change negotiators, scientists and civil society, to identify challenges related to including the ocean in the UNFCCC agenda and to develop an action plan for addressing ocean-related issues through the climate action to take place under the Paris Agreement.

<http://www.iisd.ca/oceans/paris-agreement/>



### UNAA Qld DATE CLAIMER

"We the People" UN World Habitat Day—3rd October 2016  
Sustainability Development Goals  
Join us in celebrating 'The Future We Want'.

#### DATE CLAIMER

"We the people" UNITED NATIONS DAY —24 October  
Signing The Charter

#### DATE CLAIMER

World Habitat Day New Urban Agenda Event - 29 October  
EcoCentre , Griffith University , Nathan

#### FUTURE EVENTS

International Water Futures in Brisbane  
International Integrity Summit in Brisbane





integrity20

2016 INTEGRITY ROUNDTABLES

## INVITATION: 2016 INTEGRITY ROUNDTABLES - MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

Dear Colleague

We invite you to join us for the **2016 INTEGRITY ROUNDTABLES** on **Monday 24 October**. Griffith University's third annual **Integrity 20** conference (formerly the Global Integrity Summit) is being held on 25 to 26 October at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, South Bank. The program was formally launched by esteemed international lawyer and author, Philippe Sands on Tuesday 30 August.

We are taking advantage of the large number of distinguished speakers to hold a series of **invitation-only** 'integrity roundtable' meetings involving Integrity 20 speakers and local experts – to be held in the Legislative Council Chamber in the Queensland Parliament (the 'Red Room'). I do hope you can join us.

Professor Charles Sampford

Director, IEGL, The Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law  
Co-Convenor, Integrity 20 **When:** Monday 24 October, from 8.30a.m.

**Where:** Legislative Council  
Chamber, Queensland Parliament

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by **Wednesday 5 October** to Carmel Connors to reserve your place in these important round tables

**Email:** [c.connors@griffith.edu.au](mailto:c.connors@griffith.edu.au)

## Australian Outlook Weekly Digest

### Wanted: A UN Secretary-General with Courage and Integrity

**by Professor Ramesh Thakur**

Outgoing UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had strong words for both Syria and Russia last week in the UN General Assembly. Yet this conviction has largely been absent on other equally outrageous occasions during his tenure. Nearly always, the UN chief is not what the world needs—an independent and activist secretary-general—but what the permanent members of the UN Security Council want. ....

### China Through Australian Eyes

**by The Hon Bob Carr**

In the ongoing debate about Australia's 'China choice', many acknowledge that Australia must engage with China on its own terms, acting on the imperatives of national interest rather than ideology or history. This requires occasionally going against the grain of Australia's traditional foreign policy positions; in particular, the propensity to view the world through Washington's.....

### Syria: A Changing Balance of Power

**by Dr Anthony Billingsley**

The Syrian catastrophe staggers on from outrage to outrage reaching, as the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recently observed, a "new level of depravity" with the attack on a UN aid convoy in northern Syria. Refugee flows continue with significant repercussions beyond the region. And, of course, the killing goes on. For a while,....

### American Politics in the Time of Trump

**by Don Watson**

Every four years the people of the United States of America choose the person they think most likely to keep them free and safe; and to decide what their country's interests are and how they should be pursued. Among those interests are the interests of national security, which means they are in effect choosing the person...

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## Empowering Women through Adversity



UNIVERSITY  
OF SOUTHERN  
QUEENSLAND

26 October 2016 from 1.00 - 5.00 pm

University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba

USQ invites you to a free half day **symposium** at the University of Southern Queensland's Toowoomba campus. The symposium will explore and engage in issues confronting women in today's society and raise awareness, encourage discussion and promote networking. A series of topics ranging from women, peace and security, economic empowerment for women world-wide, regional resilience, entrepreneurship and innovation will be presented by representatives of UN Women, the Australian Defence Force and USQ.

The symposium will invite attendees to explore and engage in issues confronting women in today's society and raise awareness, engender discussion and promote networking. It will also be available online.

A panel session will follow to discuss various issues and questions from the audience.

**Symposium Facilitator:** [Associate Professor Janet McDonald](#), USQ Head of School (Arts & Communication)

### Presenters and Panel members

[Janelle Weissman](#), Executive Director, UN Women

**Topic:** Women's economic empowerment worldwide

[Colonel Brad Orchard](#), Director, National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security, Office of the Chief of the Defence Force **Topic:** Operationalising women, peace and security in the Australian Defence Force

[Professor Retha Wiesner](#), USQ School of Management and Enterprise

**Topic:** Empowering women through entrepreneurship and innovation

[Dr Aastha Malhotra](#), USQ Institute for Resilient Regions

**Topic:** Empowering migrant and refugee women 2.0

### Additional Panel members

[Deputy Mayor Carol Taylor](#), Toowoomba Regional Council (to be confirmed)

[Professor Janet Verbyla](#), USQ Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (to be confirmed)

Special thanks to [Professor Ken Udas](#), USQ Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Services) and Chief Information Office. This is a wonderful opportunity for our region and beyond to support and learn from each other.

Organising committee - Ms Janine St Claire, Ms Mary-Anne Fiebig

Sponsored by USQ Academic Services Division. Further details can be found at <https://lnkd.in/bengiWN>

**#MoveTheMoney**  
from war to peace and gender equality



[www.peacewomen.org/wps-financing](http://www.peacewomen.org/wps-financing)



### New Initiative to Boost Funding for Women, Peace and Security

From the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

This toolkit, includes a motion graphics explainer video available in five languages, case studies, fact sheets, social media graphics and media guides. It is intended to stimulate advocacy among non-governmental actors, and push the United Nations and national governments to shift their funding focus from war to gender justice and peace.

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, in 2015 there was a global military expenditure of **\$1.6 trillion**. Meanwhile only two percent of aid to fragile states in 2012-2013 targeted gender equality as a principal objective, according to the Global Study on UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

WILPF toolkit shows that instead of funding war, the UN and member states should invest in gender-responsive budgeting, transparency in defence budgets, National action Plans on Women, Peace, and Security, and civil society-inclusive UN funds."

"If the international community wants peace, it needs to invest more in gender equality and social justice policies," said Dr Abigail Ruane Director of WILPF's Women, Peace and Security program (PeaceWomen).

The interactive toolkit forms part of a larger Women, Peace and Security Project by WILPF, which also consists of an event for government actors, a civil society workshop and a series of surveys.

WILPF, a non-profit peace organisation with national sections in 33 countries, produced the toolkit to address the striking disparity between military funding and peace and gender equality funding across the globe available at [www.peacewomen.org/wps-financing](http://www.peacewomen.org/wps-financing),



## MUSIC VERSUS WAR - concerts & performances—

ORCHESTRE DES NATIONS UNIES  
Antoine Marguier, Directeur musical et Co-fondateur

Billetterie ouverte à partir du 16 septembre.

Hommage musical au  
Secrétaire général des Nations Unies  
M. Ban Ki-moon

Piotr Ilitch Tchaïkovski  
Concerto pour violon en ré majeur op. 35  
Extraits de la Symphonie N° 5 en mi mineur op. 64

Maxim Vengerov  
violon

Antoine Marguier  
direction

Victoria Hall  
Dimanche 2 octobre à 20h00

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### United Nations Office at Geneva

hosts more than 10 concerts and performances each year, ranging from classical recitals to traditional and folk presentations. Concerts are a valuable part of the **Cultural Activities Programme at the Palais des Nations**, often introducing audiences to a completely new musical style or tradition. More than any other kind of event, concerts provide the opportunity for guests to interact and absorb different cultures; the artists are present in the Palais, often dressed in national costumes.

All concerts and performances are proposed by Permanent Missions and international organizations in the UN system. The organizer may not charge an entrance fee for any event taking place at the Palais des Nations. For information on access to events contact the Palais des Nations, Email:

[visit-gva@unog.ch](mailto:visit-gva@unog.ch)

### Johann Strauss Orchestra Conductor

André Rieu, 66, first picked up the violin at just five, went on to form his own orchestra. To date Rieu's live and recorded performances have brought joy to millions of people all over the World and has sold more than 35 million records. Few in his audiences are regular classical music attendees and it could be seen as promising that, via Rieu, they are listening to standards of the classical canon. The fact that Rieu's focus is on highly accessible, enjoyable repertoire is not an argument against his musical credentials. The Orchestra began in 1987 with 12 members, giving its first concert on 1 January 1988. Over the years it has expanded dramatically, nowadays performing with between 80 and 150 musicians.

## The Legacy of John Hopkins & the ABC –Vale 30 September 2013

John Hopkins' career spanned more than 60 years as both a conductor and teacher. Born in Britain, he became one of the youngest ever conductors of a BBC orchestra at 24. Then in 1952 conductor of the [BBC Northern Orchestra](#) until he then moved to New Zealand as conductor of the then National Orchestra (now the [New Zealand Symphony Orchestra](#)). where in 1959 he founded the New Zealand National Youth Orchestra. he also conducted the [South African National Youth Orchestra](#).

By 1963 he'd migrated to Australia and became the director of music at the ABC, started inexpensive Australian Proms and broadcasting international avant-garde classical music. Hopkins programmed a variety of music, from the Renaissance, the then rarely performed music of [Hector Berlioz](#), [Gustav Mahler](#) and Sir [Edward Elgar](#), avant-garde music from overseas Australian composers who wrote music for the concerts included [Peter Sculthorpe](#), [Nigel Butterley](#) and [Richard Meale](#).

In 1974 he became the inaugural dean of the School of Music at the newly formed Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) (now the [University of Melbourne Faculty of VCA and MCM](#)) and led the world premiere of Peter Sculthorpe's opera/music theatre work [Rites of Passage](#). He was director of the [Sydney Conservatorium of Music](#) from 1986 to 1991. He conducted the [Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra](#) in 1987 in one of New Zealand's first Orchestral Composers' Reading Workshops. He was professor of conducting at the University of Melbourne Faculty of VCA and MCM and still did some guest conducting with community and youth orchestras until the time of his death. John Hopkins was a giant in Australian orchestral music.



**UNAA QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY AWARDS**  
recognise outstanding contributions to  
programs, projects or activities which advance the  
United Nations' purposes .



**UNAA Qld 2016 Community Awards Presentation**  
**Parliament House -Date 7 December 2016**  
**2pm—4pm**



**Vice Chancellor and President**  
**Professor Ian O'Connor**  
**The Griffith Lecture 2016**

**When;** Monday 24 October, 2016 6.30pm-7.45pm  
**Where;** Conservatorium Theatre, Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University  
140 Grey Street, South Bank

***On Liberty***  
**Presented by Shami Chakrabati CBE**

Shami is the UK's best known civil liberties and human rights campaigners. After training as a lawyer and serving as a barrister, she joined the Home Office where she worked for five years before joining Liberty (the National Council for Civil Liberties) as their in-house counsel. She went on to be their director for more than a decade, gaining a reputation for fearless and highly effective campaigning against anti-terrorist measures and the erosion of civil liberties.

Shami was once described by The Sun as the 'most dangerous women in Britain', a title she has since called a 'sterling icebreaker'.

Awarded a CBE in 2007, she is the Chancellor of the University of Essex, Honorary Professor of Law at Manchester, Honorary Fellow of Mansfield College at Oxford and a Master of the Bench of Middle Temple.

In 2011, she was invited to be one of six independent assessors advising Lord Justice Leveson in his Public Inquiry into the Culture, Practice and Ethics of the UK Press. She was chosen as one of only eight Olympic Flag carriers at the London 2012 Olympics opening ceremony.

Her first book, *On Liberty*, was published in 2014.

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**AIIA National Conference - Date Claimer**

The AIIA National Conference will be held on Monday **21 November** in Canberra on the theme "**Australian Foreign Policy: Navigating the New International Disorder**".

Confirmed speakers include:

- The Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIIA, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- George Megalogenis, journalist and commentator
- Jennifer Westacott, Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia
- Peter Varghese AO, former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Geraldine Doogue AO FAIIA, journalist, ABC

Tickets are selling fast, to secure your seat at Australia's premier foreign policy National Conference visit the registration page on Australian Institute of International Affairs at [media@internationalaffairs.org.au](mailto:media@internationalaffairs.org.au)





## International Day of Peace, St John’s Cathedral, Brisbane



Debbie Kilroy and Senator Claire Moore  
Photo Mike Henry

*“Peace is one of humanity’s most precious needs.  
It is also the United Nations’ highest calling.”  
UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon*

For the fifth year the United Nations Association Qld  
Held a special Brisbane Peace Lecture at  
St John’s Cathedral, Brisbane.  
Opened by UNAA Qld President Donnell Davis.

The guest speaker Debbie Kilroy was introduced by  
Senator Claire Moore.

The theme of Debbie Kilroy’s, very moving address,  
focused on ‘the human rights of women who have been  
criminalised’.



St John’ Cathedral

## The UNAA Young Professionals Network

The UNAA Young Professionals network is an opportunity for young professionals to be involved and contribute to the development of other professionals with a focus on the role of the United Nations. This UNAA support network involves and inspires young professionals throughout Australia about the United Nations around the world and international affairs. Through meetings, conferences and advocacy campaigns, as professionals, we raise international awareness. If you're interested in being involved, sharing your time and passion to help promote the work of the UN, and bring young professionals together and even meeting some amazing people along the way, this might be the perfect opportunity for you!

### The Role

These are a range of committee and member roles. Members will gain experience working across our Events, Memberships, and Partnerships portfolios. We are ideally seeking new members with:

- Knowledge of event planning and management;
- Experience working and/ or volunteering an NGO;
- Commitment to furthering and promoting the UN;
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced team
- Willingness to share administrative duties with other committee members.

### The Commitment

Members are required to:

- Attend meetings and majority of Committee-hosted events;
- Proactively contribute to Branch activities, and within assigned portfolio and
- Commit to volunteering for a minimum of at least one year

### The Process

As active members of United Nations Association of Australia the UNA Young Professionals Networks are committed to fostering international cooperation and community education on international affairs

- 1 Are passionate about making the world a better place and are looking for an opportunity.
- 2 Want to learn something new and be inspired
- 3 Want to become part of a dynamic national network of young professionals promoting the importance of the United Nations.

We attract young professionals from a diversity of professions including media, architecture, accounting, marketing, finance, law and consulting. They might not be experts in everything that the UN does but if that sounds like you, please send your application to us by email. Young professionals come together because they care

If you're interested in joining our fun, friendly and dynamic team, please send through your CV and 150 word statement highlighting why you would like to join the Committee and what skills and ideas you can offer.

**Next UNYEYP event ; “Ecotourism – double edged sword”, 12 October at Griffith University Webb Centre (S202) Grey Street ,South Bank. Contact email: unaa.qld@gmail.com Phone 3735 3525**



**UNAA YP Meeting at Parliament House with John Goddard: prev. Chief Operating Officer Bendigo Bank**

# Global Compact Network Australia

## CEO Statement of Support for the Sustainable Development Goals

On 1 January 2016, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) came into effect. These 17 global goals lay out an ambitious path to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet over the next 15 years.

In agreeing the SDGs, world leaders recognised the important role business will play in achieving this ambitious agenda and have called on business to support the goals.

We are a diverse group of companies with footprints across Australia and the globe. We agree that business has a critical contribution to make towards achievement of the SDGs – both domestically and internationally – through responsible business operations, new business models, investment, innovation, technology and collaboration.

Our businesses are already contributing to the SDG agenda in many ways. The products, services and resources we provide drive economic growth through investment, employment and innovation. We are striving to reduce our environmental footprints, strengthen relationships with communities and create positive impact through our activities and supply chains. We recognise the power of gender equality, diversity and inclusiveness and are supporting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We are forging partnerships to strengthen our contributions and outcomes for both business and the community.

We can do more. The SDGs provide points of focus around which we can innovate and collaborate in the search for solutions to critical global and local sustainability challenges, while at the same time positioning competitively for the future. Through our participation in the UN Global Compact and the incorporation of the SDGs into our strategies, we will continue to invest in these priority areas and work together with Governments, civil society, academia, and other businesses to realise the opportunities the SDGs offer to all, and we call on other business leaders to join us.

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## CEOs and World Leaders Meet at United Nations to Activate Private Sector on Refugee and Migrant Crisis

(New York, 19 September 2016) — Today, more than 350 chief executives, Heads of State and Government, UN and civil society leaders gathered at the United Nations for the annual UN Private Sector Forum to discuss the role of business in advancing sustainable development and the important link between achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and preventing global instability.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon emphasized the critical role of business in helping to create a more unified response to the current humanitarian crisis and offering solutions that have the potential to save lives, protect rights and secure a better future for vulnerable refugees and migrants. “I call on the private sector to combat xenophobia and discrimination in the workplace and communities,” said Ban, adding that “business should enable equal employment opportunities for refugees and migrants...and invest in education initiatives for displaced youth.” He appealed to business leaders to “help us by raising your voices and taking whatever actions you can to defend the most vulnerable.”

With over 60 million people displaced worldwide, advancing the **2030 Agenda for Development** is crucial to stem the growing flows of people fleeing conflict and insecurity around the world, address root causes of instability, and avoid future crises caused by large scale migration and forced displacement. With the theme of Business and the 2030 Agenda: Securing the Way Forward, the UN Private Sector Forum emphasized the important connections between the SDGs and the new **Agenda for Humanity** – which, together with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Action Agenda on Financing for Development, are pillars of the 2030 Agenda.

In his keynote address, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau underscored the imperative to bring business to the table to address the refugee and migrant crisis. “All parts of society must have a shared role in building a successful, inclusive world. It is up to each of us to do what we can, where we can, to help migrants and refugees build better, more stable lives for themselves.” He continued on to encourage the business community to support migrants and refugees, providing them, “the sense of belonging that is humanity’s collective birthright.”

Marking the one-year anniversary of the adoption of the SDGs, the Forum saw the announcement of 50 corporate and other commitments and partnerships addressing each of the 17 SDGs. Major announcements include:

**GSMA**, a global mobile industry association, will identify and mobilize action by the mobile industry on critical areas related to the humanitarian agenda and SDGs;

**IKEA Switzerland** will open opportunities to refugees in the Swiss job market by offering six-month internships to nearly 100 refugees; and

**Oando PLC** committed to investing in education for internally displaced children in Nigeria who have been driven away from their communities and schools by terrorist groups such as Boko Haram.

In an effort to encourage further UN-Business collaboration toward achieving the SDGs, the UN Global Compact launched the Partnership Passport, an interactive resource for companies to find new UN partnership opportunities and enhance existing ones.

The event also saw the launch of *Children in Humanitarian Crises: What Business Can Do*, a guide developed by UNICEF and the UN Global Compact outlining ways in which business can help uphold children’s rights and support and promote their well-being during humanitarian crises.

Since 2008, the UN Private Sector Forum has annually gathered CEOs and Heads of State at the United Nations to discuss pressing issues such as climate change, global development, and human rights. Hosted by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, this year’s Forum was held in the context of the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants, and was organized by the UN Global Compact in collaboration with the Co-Chairs of the United Nations High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly to address Large Movements of Refugees and Migrant, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM); Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDGF); The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR); United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); and the United Nations Foundation.

[See compendium of corporate commitments](#)

[See full remarks by the UN Secretary-General](#)

[See the Partnership Passport](#)

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GCNA Note: The GCNA has previously highlighted opportunities for businesses, including in Australia, to get involved in this space.



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