



## UN DATES 2016

<b>April</b>	
3	Reconciliation Day
7	World Health Day
<b>May</b>	
3	World Press Day
28	International day of UN Peacekeepers
<b>June</b>	
5	World Environment Day
8	World Oceans Day
17	World Day of Desertification & Drought
20	World Refugee Day
<b>July</b>	
11	World Population Day
17	World Justice Day
<b>August</b>	
9	International Day of World's Indigenous People
12	International Youth Day
19	World Environment Day
<b>September</b>	
21	International Day of Peace

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## UNITED NATIONS Secretary General:

Of course, *it helps if you know the process of selection*. For starters, you cannot have a Permanent Member of the UN Security Council (China, France, Russia, UK and USA [P5]) as the UN Secretary General. The New York Times suggested Christine Lagarde, Managing Director International Monetary Fund. She is unfortunately a French national, therefore she isn't a possible candidate; nor is the excellent suggestion by Slant of Ertharin Cousin, the US World Food Programme head.

The UN is a set of checks and balances – just like the US Congress. Well... we hope not like the present US Congress.

It makes complete sense that the P5, should not have even more power by taking the UN Secretary General's position. It's not a written rule but one cannot imagine that the other 188 countries would agree to a P5 Secretary General. There is some feeling that the P5 want to ensure that the candidate is not too strong, and that the UN itself is not too strong.

### The process

The election for the next UN Secretary General is due to be held in 2016 to determine who succeeds **Ban Ki-moon**, whose term as the eighth United Nations Secretary-General will conclude December 31, 2016.

At present, the Security Council recommends a candidate for appointment to the General Assembly – ANY of the P5 can veto a candidate and is discussed and decided in private meetings. The actual appointment is "by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council," which is traditionally through a GA resolution.

Historically, the Secretary-General selection is based on an informal system of regional rotation. The GA Resolution 51/241 states that, "due regard shall continue to be given to regional rotation and shall also be given to gender equality." To date, there have been **NO Women**, and so it is highly likely that the next Secretary General could be a woman.

There are five regional blocs the UN recognizes. The distribution of the past Secretary-General has been:

*Western Europe and Other Group* (WEOG) (Trygvie Lie [Norway], Dag Hammarskjold [Sweden], Kurt Waldheim [Austria])  
*Asia* (U Thant [Burma], Ban Ki-moon [Republic of Korea])  
*Latin America and the Caribbean* (Javier Perez de Cuellar [Peru])  
*Africa* (Boutros Boutros-Ghali [Egypt], Kofi Annan [Ghana])

To date, **no Secretary-General** has hailed from *Eastern Europe*, which is why it is expected that *Eastern Europe* is likely to have a strong case and that Russia will play a significant role in that choice.

The UN is in need of another period of reform, so it is 'fit for purpose' in ensuring that the new **Sustainable Development Goals** become the agenda of all its organs over the next 15 years. **The new Secretary General** will have to oversee:

1. the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
2. the crisis in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, as well as
3. the humanitarian crisis around refugees
4. Climate Change and
5. the emergence of new technologies and
6. their massive impact on the global work force –
7. in particular – tomorrow's youth unemployment crisis. Let's choose a UN Secretary General who can address these issues effectively.

**Three candidates announced**, and have the support of their governments. They are:

**1. Former Prime Minister António Guterres:** proposed by the Portuguese government as its candidate, announced by Prime Minister António Costa in of January. (66)

**2. Mr Danilo Türk** (Slovenia), former President of Slovenia, former Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, former Ambassador to the UN, former President of the Security Council of the UN (nominated by the Slovenian government in January 2014) (63)

**3. Ms Irina Bokova** (Bulgaria), UNESCO Director-General (nominated by the Bulgarian government in June 2014) (63)

**Other women for consideration include:** Helen Clark, Karen Figueres Olsen, Vesna Pusic, Krinsdtalina Georgieva, Dalia Grybauskaitė, Michelle Bachelet, Alicia Barcena Ibarra, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Margot Wallstrom, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Frederica Mogherini (11). **Posted 2nd September 2015 by Felix Dodds** edited by V Balmain.



## PEACE IN THE WORLD—IS IT ACHIEVABLE ?

### PEACEKEEPING

*"a tool to advance political, not military, solutions"*— UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson told the UN Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

Peacekeeping by the United Nations is a unique and dynamic instrument developed by the Organization as a way to help countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace". It is distinguished from both peacebuilding and peacemaking. There are also observances around the world, often countries will honour



their own peacekeepers abroad, but the UN also organizes festivals, discussion forums, and memorials in cooperation with local and national groups.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said: "United Nations peacekeeping has given life to the UN Charter's aim "to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security.

#### UN peacekeeping forces in one of the earlier missions, in Cyprus (**UNFICYP**) 1967

**United Nations Peacekeeping helps countries torn by conflict to create conditions for lasting peace.** Australia was a founding member of the United Nations (UN) in 1945 and since 1947 Australians have joined peacekeeping operations in Cambodia, Korea, Namibia, Rwanda, and Somalia among others. All three services of the Australian Defence Force, as well as police officers and civilians, have been involved in peacekeeping activities.



Photos: UN Photos

Australians were the first peacekeepers to serve under United Nations auspices when they sent military observers to Indonesia in 1947 during the independence struggle.

About 65,000 Australian personnel have taken part in more than fifty peacekeeping operations, in about 25 different conflicts. Operations include military observation, monitoring cease-fires, clearing landmines, humanitarian aid and the repatriation of refugees.

**Australian Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Veterans' Association, was formed on 24 October 1997 - and has a current constituency of over 77,000. — 24 October is celebrated**

#### annually as United Nations Day.

**International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers** is celebrated on Saturday 28 May 2016 in Brisbane. The "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers" is "a day to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication, and courage and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace."

**Join Australian Peacekeepers and representatives from countries supported by UN Peacekeepers on**

**Saturday 28 May, Anzac Square, Brisbane from 10am  
Join the marchers from King George Square leaving at 9.45am**



Welcome to the United Nations. It's your **WORLD**



**In the headlines:**



●UN calls for political will to overcome inequality hindering sustainable development for all.  
**A view of the city of Bogotá, Colombia. Photo: Dominic Chavez/World Bank**



●UN calls for more 'equitable' responsibility-sharing to relieve plight of Syrian refugees.  
**Members of a Syrian family register as refugees in northern Lebanon. Photo: UNHCR/F.Juez**



●Libya: UN envoy welcomes arrival of Presidency Council in Tripoli, urges peaceful handover of power.  
**Traffic in Tripoli, Libya. Photo: UNSMIL/Abbas Toumi**

● In Asia and Pacific, UN views sustainable development through demographic changes.  
**Girls play in the schoolyard at Santo Niño Elementary School in the town of Tanauan, Philippines. Photo: UNICEF/Giacomo Pirozzi**



● In Stockholm, UN chief highlights climate change and human mobility as pressing issues.  
**Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon delivers the 2016 Dag Hammarskjöld Lecture at the Stockholm City Hall in Sweden and jointly hosted by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Uppsala University. UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe**

●Security Council extends mandate of UN mission in DR Congo through March 2017.  
**UN peacekeepers. Photo MONUSCO**



●Grim conditions in Syria despite greater access, UN aid chief warns Security Council.  
**Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, addresses the Security Council on the situation in Syria. UN Photo/Manuel Elias.**

●Veteran UN officials appointed to senior positions in Cyprus and in charge of field support.



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**Lisa Buitenhuis (left), new deputy of the Department of Field Support, and Elizabeth Spehar, newly appointed Special Representative in Cyprus. UN Photo/Paulo Filgueiras**



### Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

Right now, in over 60 countries around the world, women and men, boys and girls are at risk from landmines, cluster munitions, and other explosive weapons of war

**Mine action** is a broad set of efforts intended both to prevent and to address the problems caused by mines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war.

**Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)** works to eliminate mines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war—in a world where human security is still hindered by explosive hazards. To achieve this, the GICHD supports national authorities, international organisations and

civil society in their efforts to improve the relevance and performance of mine action.

For information: [www.gichd.org](http://www.gichd.org)

**The Australian Network to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions (ANBLC)** is a non-profit, non-political organisation with no paid staff. The ANBLC is a member of the Cluster Munitions Coalition Australia.

For information: [australia.icbl.org/safe%20ground.htm](http://australia.icbl.org/safe%20ground.htm)



Soraj lost both his legs to a cluster bomb when he was 10 years old.

Soraj was playing with a cousin and some friends near his home in Herat Afghanistan.

His cousin was killed in the explosion and his friends were also injured.

*Photo Courtesy of Alison Locke*

**Landmines are cheap to lay but difficult and dangerous to clear.**



### United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)

UNMAS is located in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions and is the coordinator for the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action, which brings together working-level representatives of UN organizations involved in mine action to develop or revise policies and strategies, set priorities among UN players and share information.

**The United Nations** supports mine action in 40 countries and three territories. In some cases, UN services may be limited to one aspect of mine action—such as mine-risk education or victim assistance. In other places, the United Nations may be involved in every aspect of mine action, from clearing landmines to destroying stockpiled ones. The extent of the United Nations' involvement depends on the scope of the problem, the amount of assistance requested by national governments, and on any special circumstances, such as large-scale movement of refugee populations or the need to deliver relief supplies to isolated mine-affected communities.

#### United Nations Programs in countries:

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Abyei                            | Afghanistan        |
| Central African Republic         | Colombia           |
| Côte d'Ivoire                    | Darfur             |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Iraq               |
| Lebanon                          | Libya              |
| Mali                             | Somalia            |
| South Sudan                      | State of Palestine |
| Sudan (exclude Darfur)           | Syria              |
| Western Sahara (MINURSO)         |                    |





## Gender equality is a fundamental right –International Women’s Day

To mark International Women's Day, the Global Compact Network Australia, S&P Dow Jones Indices and International Finance Corporation rang the **ASX opening bell for gender equality**, joining 33 other stock exchanges around the world.

## Introduction to Business and Human Rights and Human Rights Policies

MON, 11 APRIL –from 12.30pm ON LINE

The **Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA)** invites you to an introductory webinar on business and human rights, the first of four in our business and human rights '101' webinar series.

Webinar speakers **Dr David Cooke**, Managing Director, Konica Minolta Business Solutions Australia and **Kate Hughes**, Chief Risk Officer, Telstra. **Vanessa Zimmerman**, Director, GCNA and Chair, GCNA Human Rights Leadership Group will lead the webinar.

This webinar will introduce the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) – the authoritative global reference point on business and human rights – and build business’ practical capacity to manage their human rights-related risks and meet growing expectations to 'know and show' that they are respecting human rights.

The webinar will unpack the origins of international human rights standards and why and how they are now being applied to business. The webinar will also explain the foundations of the UNGPs and how they tie in to the UN Global Compact, the Sustainable Development Goals and other key sustainability initiatives. Participants will be provided with an outline of all of the elements of the business responsibility to respect human rights which will be the focus of the rest of the series.

The webinar will then explore the first element within the responsibility to respect human rights, the development and integration of human rights policies.

This webinar will discuss:

- What human rights are
- How human rights are relevant to business
- The business case for respecting human rights
- Key human rights norms and standards applicable to business, including the UNGPs
- How the UNGPs fit with other corporate sustainability frameworks and standards
- How to develop a human rights policy – first steps in meeting the business responsibility to respect human rights

**Registration \$47.00pp**

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Australian Institute of International Affairs

## WHERE TO NOW, AUSTRALIA?

**TUESDAY 12 April 2016,  
6 for 6:30pm**

**VENUE: Queensland Multicultural Centre, 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point**

**Presented by Peter Beattie**

**AC** Premier of Queensland from June 26, 1998 to September 13, 2007 and for most of that time Minister for Trade.

Currently: Director of the Medical Research Commercialisation



Fund; Ambassador for Life Sciences Queensland; joint adjunct professor at the University of Queensland’s Australian Institute for Bioengineering & Nanotechnology & Institute for Molecular Bioscience and National Commentator on Sky News.



## WORKING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**TUESDAY 24 May 6pm to 7.30pm**

**VENUE: Harris Terrace (46 George St).**

**Presented by Maxwell Gaylord** who is about to conclude his assignment as the UN Assistant Secretary and Senior Advisor to the Government of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh.

**Note:** All events are free for AIIA members. Non-members are welcome and can pay \$15 (or \$10 for student non-members) online while registering. Or they can pay at the door on the night. Drinks are available for purchase at the event, Register at: [www.internationalaffairs.org.au/qld/](http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/qld/), **Queensland Events.**

## Griffith University—Asia Institute

### FOOD CONVERSATIONS LUNCHEON SERIES

**FRIDAY 22 April 2016 12NOON-2PM**

**VENUE:** Hotel Jen, 159 Roma St, Brisbane  
*Griffith Asia Institute and Hotel Jen invite you to hear contemporary stories at the luncheon series 'Food Conversations', led by 612ABC Weekends presenter Katrina Davidson.*

“Food and agribusiness trade to Asia is an attractive, accelerating multi-billion dollar industry segment .”

**Panel Members: Antony Allen**, leader in commercial horticulture, **Associate Professor Robin E Roberts** agribusiness researcher and **more to come.**

Cost: \$500 for a table of 10; or \$55 per person (includes three course lunch and beverages)

**RSVP by Friday 15 April 2016.** No refunds for cancellations after 17 April, Places are limited for this event. For information contact:

**[events-gai@griffith.edu.au](mailto:events-gai@griffith.edu.au)**



### WILPF Centenary Congress 2015

The Congress Report is now online, on website: <http://wilpf.org/wilpf-publications/>

Note that all congress resolutions can be found as single entries in our Advocacy Document Archive on the website. Just use the search function: <http://wilpf.org/wilpf/advocacy-documents/>

Further, you can find many photos from the Congress on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wilpf-international/albums/72157651898415887> You are welcome to use these photos as long as you remember to credit the photographers.

R. The new Executive Committee  
(Photo by Li Grebäck)



### ROSIE BATTY NAMED AMONG FORTUNE MAGAZINE WORLD'S GREATEST LEADERS

Famed business magazine *Fortune* has named domestic violence campaigner **Rosie Batty** one of its top 50 world's greatest leaders. Ms Batty is fresh off handing the baton of Australian of the Year to Lieutenant General David Morrison.

She is one of two Australians named in the list, the membership of which is decided by a poll of *Fortune's* readership, and sits among lofty company. Also on the list is Angela Merkel (2), Pope Francis (4) and basketballer Stephen Curry (15).



**Mina Guli** is the other Australian to make the list, at 45th spot. Ms Guli is less well-known than Ms Batty, but her achievements are impressive.

The corporate lawyer turned activist ran 40 marathons across seven continents in seven weeks to raise awareness about water scarcity. She also operates her own activism organisation, **Thirst. All for 1 Reason**: to raise awareness of THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS. Mina Guli is the founder and CEO of Thirst, an educational charity that teaches future leaders about water conservation.

"From 1 February to 22nd March, 2016 I will be doing something nobody in the world has ever done before – running across 7 deserts on 7 continents in just 7 weeks. I'm doing it for one reason – to raise awareness about the water crisis. To show the world in pictures and in images, what the water crisis looks like, and to highlight the fact that left unchanged, our water use will increase unsustainably – to a point where **by 2030 we will have a 40% greater demand for water than supplies available.**



### NEW UNAA QLD OFFICE

After 12 years located at New Farm the UNAA Qld Office has now been re-located to Griffith University at Nathan. The new office address and contacts are :

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## UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY AWARDS 2016

### NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN—WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE???

Recognising Community initiatives based on United Nations Principles and reflecting:  
Peace, Human Rights, Social Justice

*"We the peoples of the United Nations"* UN Charter

**Awards are made for an outstanding contribution to or development of programs, projects or activities which advance the UN Purpose/s and which address the criteria.**

### QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY AWARDS -CATEGORIES

1. UNAA Q Community Award: recognising young people aged between 15- 25 years, Awarded to an *individual or group*
2. UNAA Q Community Award: recognising people 25 years and over, Awarded to an *individual or group*.
3. UNAA Q Community Award: – Organisation  
Awarded to recognise a non-government or community based organisation or individual
4. UNAA Q Community Award: – Government  
in recognition of a state, local government initiative by a department, team, organisation or individual.
5. UNAA Q Community Meritorious Award Medals are special meritorious awards to recognize an individual or group in the above categories who achieved at an exceptionally high level through their project or activity.

### QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY AWARDS—SELECTION CRITERIA

The project or activity should reflect one or more of the following criteria and have been undertaken over a substantial period of time within a five year period from 2010:

1. Local, State, National or International capacity-building activity.
2. Impact in terms of increased community awareness.
3. Approximate amount of time and resources devoted to the activity.
4. How cooperation, harmony and growth in community understanding have been fostered
5. How initiative and innovative practices, including working with others, have been demonstrated.
6. Contribution to the advancement of the UN Purpose/s or UN related projects such as poverty, Sustainable Development Goals, UN Women, UN volunteering, International Days, Weeks or Years or addressing, for example, sustainability, water issues or climate change.
7. Promotion, advancement and understanding of a special activity based on peace, human rights and/or community service.

**UNAA Queensland Community Awards recognise outstanding contribution to or development of programs, projects or activities which advance the United Nations' purposes and which address the selection criteria.**

**NOTE Applications close on 1 September 2016**

Age is taken as at 24 October (United Nations Day) of the year of nomination for the Award.



**For more information and copies of the 2016 Guidelines contact:  
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**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN—WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE???**



**SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION**

The United Nations Association is an independent non-government association with a mission to support Peace and Security worldwide and assist United Nations activities and programs such as Peace Keeping, Human Rights, women and children's programs. Currently the UN is represented by 192 countries. Individuals can join UNAA Queensland, UN Student Associations and or UN Youth Australia.

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**Donation supporting Domestic against Family Violence \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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