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## NEWSLETTER

January 31, 2014

### PPAF Accredited to UN Economic and Social Council

We are happy to announce that at its January meeting, the UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations approved the Public-Private Alliance Foundation as an accredited NGO in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Consultative status provides NGOs with access not only to ECOSOC, but also to its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, ad-hoc processes on small arms, as well as special events organized by the President of the General Assembly.



ECOSOC Committee in Discussion

### Haitian Community Honors Dany Laferriere

David Stillman and PPAF colleagues attended the celebratory event held by the Haiti Mission to the UN and the Haiti Consulate in honor of Dany Laferriere - Haitian/Canadian author named to the Academie Francaise. On 24 January 2014 about 400 attended in the newly renovated ECOSOC Chamber at the UN.



## UNA-USA Welcomes PPAF Friends to Attend the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference / Members Day at the UN

Friday, February 7, 2014  
8:30 a.m. (registration) to 4:30 p.m.  
Enter on 1st Avenue at 47th Street

### General Assembly Hall

## "The United Nations: Building Peace in an Age of Upheaval"

[Please register here now!](#)

Everyone is invited. Everyone must pre-register to enter the UN. UNA-USA members and students attend free of charge. Others can join for an introductory cost of \$25.

9:30 - **Welcome and Introductions** - Jeanne Betsock Stillman, President, UNA Southern New York State Division, Conference Co-Chair

9:40 - **Welcome** - Chris Whatley, Executive Director, UNA-USA and Pamela K. Agnone, Senior Vice President, UN Federal Credit Union

**9:50 - Keynote and Remarks from the UN Secretary-General, by Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division, UN Department of Public Information**

**10:10 - Remarks and Panel Introduction - Tiffany Taylor, U.S. Youth Observer at the UN.**

**10:20 -**

**Panel: Making Peace, Keeping Peace, Building Peace and Q & A**

Moderator: Jeffrey Laurenti, Board Chair, UNA Princeton/Trenton Area Chapter

Panelists:

Jeffrey Feltman, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs

Warren Hoge, Senior Adviser for External Relations, the International Peace Institute. Formerly journalist with the New York Times and the Times's foreign correspondent at the United Nations Bureau

Mohammed Loulichki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN

**11:40 - Panel: What World Do We Want? The Post-2015 Development Agenda and Q & A**

Moderator: Marcia Brewster, President, UNA Westchester Chapter

Panelists:

Paul Ladd, Head, Team on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

Jeanne Betsock Stillman, President, UNA Southern New York State Division, on the Division's Post-2015 Activities

Chris Whatley, Executive Director, UNA-USA, "What do Americans Think?" on results from Consultations held by UNA-USA throughout the U.S. to engage the American Public in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

**12:45 - Lunch Break**

**2:15 pm - Presentation of the "Patchwork for Peace" Tapestry to the UNA Mid-Atlantic Region**

by Shalom / Salaam of Rutgers University

2:20 pm - **Keynote Address (Speaker to be announced) and Q & A**

3:00 pm - **Panel: Human Rights Challenges: 2014 and Beyond and Q & A**

Moderator: Suzanne Nossel, Executive Director of the PEN American Center

Panelists:

Philippe Boloignon, United Nations Director, Human Rights Watch, on "Central African Republic, Syria and Displaced Populations"

Iselin Hebbert Larsen, UN General Assembly Third Committee (Human Rights) and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN, on "Women Human Rights Defenders"

Charles Radcliffe: Chief of Global Issues Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, "International Efforts to Advance LGBT Rights"

4:20 pm - **Conference Wrap-Up**

Chris Whatley, Executive Director, UNA-USA, Conference Co-Chair

4:30 pm - **Adjourn**

For questions before February 6, email [unasouthernny@gmail.com](mailto:unasouthernny@gmail.com)

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