



Parliamentarians for Global Action
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Biannual Strategic Roundtable of the PGA UN Committee

Ambassadorial Level

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations

150 E. 42nd St, 33rd Floor, New York

13 June 2016, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm

Luncheon will be served

I. Objectives

1. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level.
2. To provide an update on PGA's Strategic Plan 2016-2018 and the 3 PGA Programs:
 - a) Gender, Equality and Population
 - b) International Law and Human Rights
 - c) Peace & Democracy

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Improved understanding of the role parliamentarians can play when implementing the UN Agenda at the domestic level and how the United Nations can support these endeavors.
2. Increased knowledge of the activities and goals of PGA in the second half of 2016, with a focus on individual programs and campaigns.

III. AGENDA

1:15pm Introduction

Chair: **H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations, **Chair of the PGA UN Committee**

Welcoming remarks by **H.E. Gillian Bird**, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations (5 Minutes)

Opening remarks by the **President of PGA Executive Committee, Dip. Minou Tavárez Mirabal**, (Dominican Republic) (5 Minutes)

1:25pm PGA's Campaigns and involvement of the PGA UN Committee in 2016/2017

Ms. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, MP, (Ghana), (PGA Gender, Equality and Population Programme)
Ms. Barbara Lochbihler, MEP, (Germany), (PGA ILHR Programme - the PGA ICC Campaign)
Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, (Argentina), (PGA Peace and Democracy Programme)

1:35pm Interactive Discussion: The Opportunities and Challenges of National Implementation of and Support for the UN Agenda

Moderator: **Dr. David Donat Cattin**, Secretary-General of Parliamentarians for Global Action

Interactive Discussion among the PGA UN Committee (Ambassadors) and the PGA Executive Committee and Int. Council (MPs) (40 minutes)

2:15pm **Other Business**

2:35pm **Conclusions**

Meeting Summary & Closing Remarks by Hon. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria), Treasurer, PGA Executive Committee (5 Minutes)

2:45pm **End of the meeting**

IV. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
(Countries/Delegations in Alphabetical Order)

PGA UN Committee Members

1. H.E. Amb. Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN
2. H.E. Ms. Minna-Liina Lind, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN
3. H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
4. H.E. Amb. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
5. H.E. Amb. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN

Non-UN Committee Members

6. H.E. Amb. Martin Garcia Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN
7. H.E. Amb. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN
8. H.E. Amb. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN
9. H.E. Amb. Sarah Mendelson, United States Representative on the Economic and Social Council
10. Mr. Thomas Markram, Director and Deputy to the High Representative, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

PGA Board Members

11. Ms. Petra Bayr, MP, PGA Treasurer, Austria
12. Dip. Margarita Stolbizer, Argentina
13. Dip. Ronny Monge Salas, Costa Rica
14. Ms. Barbara Lochbihler, MEP, (Germany), European Parliament
15. Ms. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, MP, Ghana
16. Mr. Kula Segaran, MP, Malaysia
17. Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar, MP, Pakistan
18. Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP, Sweden
19. Dip. Bertha Sanseverino, Uruguay

PGA Secretariat Staff

20. Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General
21. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (USA), Deputy Secretary-General
22. Ms. Mónica Adame (Mexico), Director of Gender, Equality and Population (GEP) Program

23. Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland), Director of Peace & Democracy (P&D) Program
24. Ms. Leyla Nikjou (Austria), Specialist on Rule of Law & UN Strengthening, Senior Program Officer ILHRP
25. Ms. Romina Morello (Argentina), Legal Advisor; Officer-in-charge, PGA Hague Office
26. Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/Portugal), Executive Officer; P&D Program Associate, P&D
27. Ms. Melissa Verpile (Haiti), International Law and Human Rights (ILHR) and GEP Programs' Associate
28. Mr. Francisco Berreta, (Argentina), GEP Program Officer
29. Ms. Saarah Monawvil (USA), ILHR Program Intern
30. Ms. Shengling Zhu (China), ILHR Program Intern

MISSION STATEMENT OF PGA

VISION

To contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world.

MISSION

PGA, a non-profit, non-partisan international network of committed legislators, informs and mobilizes parliamentarians in all regions of the world to advocate for human rights and the rule of law, democracy, human security, non-discrimination and gender equality.

STRATEGY

PGA brings together parliamentarians with key stakeholders, including civil society and international organizations, across sectors; equips legislators with relevant knowledge and expertise; and achieves immediate impact and longer-term national implementation on programs and initiatives in support of the mission.

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- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
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- UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR)

Governments

- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia
- Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands
- Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN
- U.K Foreign and Commonwealth Office *[until March 2016]*
- U.S. State Department Global Equality Fund

Foundations and other Private Entities

- Arcus Foundation
- Hivos Foundation
- Humanity United
- Open Society Foundations
- Raymond & Elizabeth Bloch Charitable and Education Foundation
- Sigrid Rausing Trust

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