

#### **News and Events**

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October 2021

# **Upcoming Events**

### Monday, October 25 2:30 pm Central

UNA-USA Virtual Event: Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future, featuring UN officials, young change makers and others. Keynote speaker is Ambassador Linda Thomas Greenfield, U.S. Ambassador to the UN. To register, go to <a href="https://www.unausa.org">www.unausa.org</a>.

## Tuesday, October 26 6:00 pm Central

Iowa UNA Virtual Event: Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future, featuring IUNA Executive Director Debra DeLaet and a panel of IUNA College Ambassadors discussing their vision for creating a better future in our interconnected world. Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/82699540777? pwd=cmh4YXpKeHFSdFIreFBX dnRpWm1PZz09

Meeting ID: 826 9954 0777 Passcode 814498



# Special: United Nations Day Observance in cooperation with the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council

Wednesday, October 20, Noon - 1:30 pm.

You may attend in person at the MidWestOne Bank Building on Clinton Street in Iowa City (across from the Pentacrest) or you may watch it via livestream through City Channel 4. To register, please go to <a href="https://www.icfrc.org">www.icfrc.org</a>.

#### Climate Change and the Road to Glasgow COP26

Jerry Schnoor, Co-Director, UI Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research

A new report, the sixth in a series since 1990, Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis was released this fall by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. UN Secretary-General António Guterres called the report a "code red for humanity." Among its many findings, "It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land."



A turning point could be the upcoming United Nations Glasgow Climate Conference, November 1-12, also known as COP26. There, the world will try to agree on greater cuts in nationally-determined greenhouse gas emissions, more funding for the most vulnerable nations (the Green Climate Fund), ending oil exploration and production, constraints on international financial transactions, and limits on international travel. Cuts in emissions of 50% by 2030 and to net-zero by 2050 are deemed necessary to avoid catastrophic warming and dangerous interference with the climate system.

Climate action promises healthier ecosystems and people, cleaner air, stable climate, a dynamic economy, and a sustainable future for our children.

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# Here are Three Ways to Celebrate the UN's 76th Anniversary

- 1. Attend the events listed on the front page.
- 2. Recruit a new member. UNA-USA is urging each current member to recruit a new member. A growing membership gives us credibility with policy makers and opinion shapers, greater visibility in our community, and additional resources as we build a constituency for international cooperation. Members receive valuable information from UNA-USA and our chapter, invitations to events and opportunities to advocate for a better world. New memberships are \$25, and
- there is no charge for young people 25 or younger. For this campaign, which ends October 24, please enroll new members online at <a href="www.unausa.org">www.unausa.org</a> (when prompted, please indicate that the new member wants to join the Johnson County Chapter).
- **3. Join UNA-USA Call-in Challenge, October 25.** Call Rep. Marianette Miller-Meeks to urge her to support the U.S. commitment to Peacekeeping Act #4420. Full information and a script are available at <a href="https://unausa.org/advocacy/call-in-day-2021/">unausa.org/advocacy/call-in-day-2021/</a>

#### **UNA Membership Renewal Form** Please be certain your membership is up to date! Membership Rates: \$50 Regular Member, \$25 Introductory Member, no dues for youth 24 and younger by joining on line at unausa.org. Please return the information below with your check payable to UNA-USA. Send to: Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ **UNA** 308 E. Burlington St, #245 Iowa City, IA 52240 City, State, ZIP Make check out to: UNA-USA Telephone Send my newsletter: Circle: New Renew by regular mail or email (to save trees) Email