

United Nations Association of the National Capital Area



Annual Report 2021-2022

Together, Forward.



A Letter From Our Leadership



As we reflect on progress over the past year, it is your involvement that makes a difference in the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA). Through the strategic focus of dozens of volunteer leaders,

together with a mighty staff, UNA-NCA delivers impactful programs and advocacy.

We advance U.S. engagement in the United Nations and further our members' understanding of complex international issues. Democracy is challenged, both here within our own nation and beyond our borders. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights continues to be a beacon as violations occur based on race, ethnicity, gender, LGBTQ+, disability, and religion. The UN Peacekeepers are stretched thin. The U.S. needs the UN and the UN needs the U.S. This partnership is essential for building lasting peace during this decade of action.

While the COVID pandemic continues, programming and committee progress has proceeded almost exclusively in the virtual format, allowing diverse participation. UNA-NCA events examining a spectrum of issues from COP26 climate talks to nuclear proliferation, and Indigenous rights have taken place on computer monitors, tablets and phones across the DC, Maryland and Virginia region, often with guests and friends from across the nation and globe. We convened a presentation at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66) focused on girls, education, and climate. The Global Classrooms DC Model UN Conference took place in person, co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the host's headquarters, the U.S. Institute of Peace at which middle and high school students practiced the art of principled diplomacy. The Graduate Fellows program, composed of 31 masters' and doctoral students from area universities, convened its first hybrid program as it nurtured the professional development and understanding of complex issues through a UN lens.

Partnerships are key to UNA-NCA delivering impactful experiences to members and the broader community. These diverse partnerships provide greater visibility and reach, enhanced programming, research, and at times, financial support to the association. Our Global Goals at Home program that examines the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from our local realities has received national and international recognition and forged relationships with 50+ organizations who have a stake in local outcomes of the SDGs. Our Young Professionals continued to offer professional development opportunities through its career series. Our advocacy work, with the DC for CEDAW as a case in point, is stronger as we engage with partners for legislative progress.

Through pursuing common interests with UN agencies, the U.S. government, think tanks, NGOs, universities, and others, we fulfill our mission. For the last two years, our President Paula Boland has served as National Council Chair of the United Nations Association of the USA, which has opened doors for our chapter and increased its visibility.

UNA-NCA is in a solid financial position due to prudent budgeting and decisions combined with generous donors and institutional partners, including the World Bank Community Connections Campaign. Of course, there is so much more we can do – and will do.

Our strategic planning continues as we build out UNA-NCA as a vital force that links the local to the global.

Together, we can accomplish great things in the years ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to building a strong U.S.-UN partnership.

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* Indicates outgoing Board Member

Followers

 4,201

 2,654

 1,295

Snapshot Views

11,268

Events Hosted

27

1,167

Total Active Members

741

Active Youth Members

SUPPORT

Build Support for the work of the United Nations and connect the National Capital Area's residents and organizations to the work of the United Nations



MEMBERSHIP

Enhance membership and inter-generational engagement

Build a comprehensive partnership network
PARTNERSHIP

Create an increasingly efficient, integrated, and financially stable organization
STABILITY

30+
Partners

Including government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, local and international nonprofits, universities, businesses, and foundations

Strengthened financial position for operations and long term investments

Strengthened Board nominations process with an increased focus on diversity and inclusion

Updated the strategic business plan

Graduate Fellows Program (GFP)

"The exposure to subject matter experts, experienced professionals around the system, learning, and structure of the UN and its operations is priceless! The level of discourse we experienced was so very impressive. I will truly miss the exchanges with my cohorts and program management team."

-Excerpt from the GFP's anonymous 2022 Fellow surveys

2022 Graduate Fellows Home Countries



- Argentina
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Ethiopia
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Italy
- Poland
- Mongolia
- Nigeria
- Singapore
- South Korea
- The United States
- The United Kingdom

2022 Survey Results

74%

of Fellows say they'd strongly recommend the program to a friend

80%

of Fellows found the mentorship experience valuable

Seeing the World With a UN Lens

"The GFP use of a UN lens means that we learn to look at global challenges from the perspective of UN leadership - from the inside. It means that whether our concerns touch a global pandemic, the challenges of human rights, the management or reduction of violence, or the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, we see issues from the standpoint of the global community, rather than from the perspective of an individual country or interest group. It means that we work together to envision new strategies, partners and possibilities for international cooperation where others may only see obstacles."

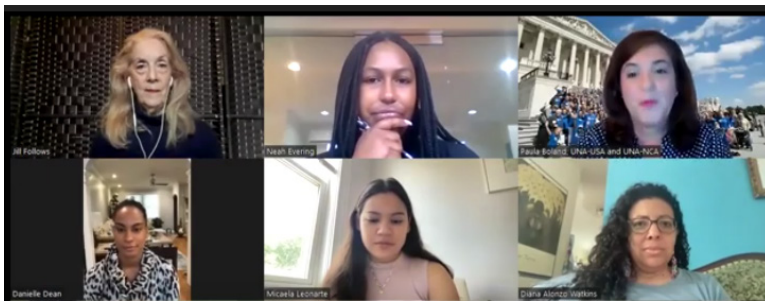
- Nancy Donaldson & A. Edward Elmendorf, GFP Co-Directors

UNA-NCA's Graduate Fellows Program (GFP) offers a semester-long engagement to graduate and post-graduate students competitively selected from DC-area universities. During the 2022 Program, GFP Fellows participated in SDG training offered to UN staff, engaged with volunteer mentors operating at senior levels in their fields, and participated in weekly explorations of global challenges confronting the UN system, alongside current and former U.S. and UN officials. For the 2022 spring semester, the GFP pivoted to a hybrid format, and enjoyed virtual dialogue with UN personnel in DC and overseas. From early January until late April, thirty-one students originating from fifteen countries shared in a journey towards better understanding the UN system, and how, as professionals, they can define their path towards UN-related careers.

The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area has been a leading force in support, awareness, and action to bring local implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in Washington DC. UNA-NCA continues to lead a coalition of organizations to advocate for the passage of a recently introduced bill implementing key components of CEDAW in D.C. UNA-NCA also joined a coalition of organizations including the League of Women Voters and the Zonta Club to support the successful passage of a resolution of support for CEDAW in Fairfax, VA.

UNA-NCA advocates are looking to build strong advocacy priorities that energize individuals, local elected officials, and grassroots organizations around human rights at the global and local level.

Coffee Chats



Total Attendees
350

Average Attendees
40

Discussions Included:

- Indigenous Rights
- Climate Activism
- Womens' Rights
- Rights of Workers

Coffee Chats brought together leaders across the UN, the private sector, and civil society for dynamic explorations of diversity and inclusion as an integral imperative when addressing the most pressing challenges of our generation. UNA-NCA hosted a parallel event as part of the 66th UN Commission on the Status of Women Forum. UNA-NCA highlighted the work of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Global Campaign for Education, CAMFED International and UN Women to discuss girls education, empowerment and girls' influence on climate mitigation and resiliency.

Mobilizing at the Grassroots

UNA-NCA hosted meetings with Congressional offices to build legislative support for the UN and key UN agencies delivering force-multiplying services such as peacekeeping, ending food insecurity and reducing education gaps for refugees and other immigrants directly impacted by the ongoing global conflicts that continue to escalate in early 2022. UNA-NCA Advocacy moves beyond Congressional offices to key agencies in the Biden Administration to develop actionable recommendations for the Department of State, and local implementation in furtherance of the SDGs.

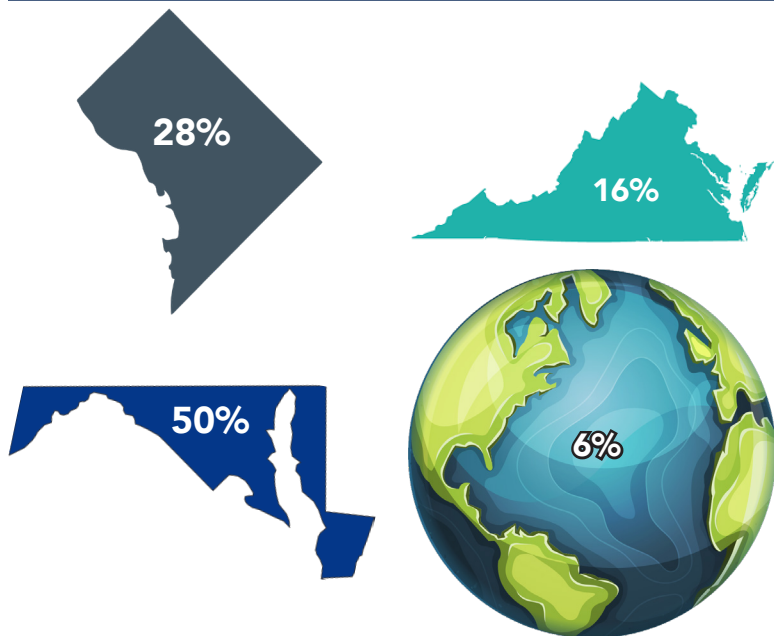
Working Together



Global Classrooms DC (GCDC)

Global Classrooms © DC (GCDC) is the UNA-NCA's flagship initiative, which began in 2003. GCDC is a Model UN program that teaches students in grades 5 through 12 about the United Nations system and international issues. GCDC seeks to equip globally conscious citizens by enhancing critical skills such as public speaking, negotiation, research, analysis, and writing through a holistic global education curriculum, and yearly Model UN conferences for students to apply their knowledge.

Where?



Who?

Students	607	Educators	53
Volunteers	40	Groups/Schools	32



What?

Fall Model UN Training Conference

The 2021 conference was held virtually in partnership with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO). Joining the conference were 131 students from 12 schools across the region and from other parts of the United States as well.

Annual Spring Model UN Conference

In the spring, in partnership with U.S. Department of State's International Organization (IO) Bureau and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), GCDC hosted its annual Spring Conference, serving as the culminating event of the year-round program. For 2022, GCDC returned to an in-person format after two years, hosting the conference with USIP. With over 200 delegates from 17 schools from across the region in attendance, the delegates were able to hear pre-recorded remarks from U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken; Ambassador George Moose, USIP Board of Directors Chair; Ambassador Michele J. Sison, Assistant Secretary of State of the IO Bureau; and Cynthia Yue, the U.S. Youth Observer to the UN.

Emerging Leaders

In 2021, GCDC and the UNA-NCA Advocacy team launched the Emerging Leaders Fellowship. The inaugural cohort includes 19 students, ranging from sixth graders to college undergraduates.

Maryam Abdul Sattar	Sinclair Ogot
Elisa Contreras	Semilore Olatunde
Nirvaan De Silva	Filip Orth
Pavani Durbhakula	Anjali Patel
Alexios Eleftheriou	Alexandria Perez
Kaya Equevilley	Anneliese Raynolds
Minako Furukawa	David Sherr
Jasmine Kabira	Andrea Terrones
Brayden Mahoney	Jordan Webb
Stephanie Njeri	



“The U.S. needs to do a better job of communicating to Americans as to what the U.S. has achieved with the UN SDGs.”

-Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)

UNA-NCA celebrated UN Day with the launch of its Global Goals at Home (GGH) program, a forward-thinking dataset that localizes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) progress across the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area. To commemorate the UN’s 76th anniversary, guests U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) and UN Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator Achim Steiner joined in speaking about the future of sustainability. Senator Cardin was presented with the 2021 Edison W. Dick Advocacy Award for his leadership advancing the SDGs, particularly good governance and climate change.



“The SDGs are a global framework, but at the end of the day actions begin locally”

Human Rights Awards 2021

Louis B. Sohn Human Rights Award



Professor E. Tendayi Achiume
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance

Perdita Huston Human Rights Award



Gayatri Patel
Vice President of External Relations, Women's Refugee Commission; Vice Chair of Advocacy, UNA-NCA

F. Allen "Tex" Harris Diplomacy Award



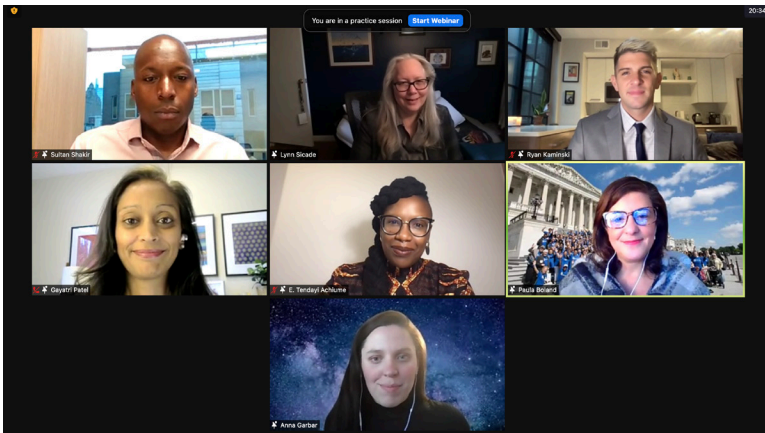
Lynn Sicade
Director, Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State

Emerging Human Rights Leader Award



Ryan Kaminski
LGBTQI+ Advisor, Inclusive Development Hub, U.S. Agency for International Development

Community Human Rights Award



On the evening of December 8th, UNA-NCA held its annual Human Rights Award Ceremony. We were incredibly proud to honor four inspiring individuals and one organization, all committed to advancing and fighting for Human Rights. That evening, we were joined by over 130 human rights advocates who helped celebrate Human Rights Day.



This year, we had the privilege of Keren Yang, Classical Pianist and Composer, and Graduate Fellow alumna, perform her arrangement of C. Debussy *Pour le Piano*.

Program Committee Highlights

SDG 8: Decent Work & Economic Growth | SDG 9: Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure |
SDG 10: Reduce Inequalities | SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Diplomacy

Refugees

Refugee Rights

Migration

Civic Engagement

5
Events

Human Security

Career Advancement

Sustainable Agriculture

Activism

Youth Empowerment

Gender & Climate

6
Events

SDG 13: Climate Action | SDG 15: Life on Land



Program Committee Highlights

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Human Rights

Civic Engagement

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Events

Child Labor

Environmental Impact

Gender

Global Health

Youth Impact

Career Advancement

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Events

Program Committees
 African Affairs
 DC for CEDAW
 Human Rights
 International Law
 Peace & Security
 Sustainable Development
 Young Professionals

SDG 1: No Poverty | SDG 3: Good Health |
 SDG 4: Quality Education | SDG 5: Gender Equality



UNA-NCA's 2021-2022 programming year saw a return to normal after two full years of exclusively virtual programming, we began hybrid programming. Despite the hurdles presented to us, UNA-NCA delivered strong programs addressing ten of the seventeen Global Goals across more than two dozen events. See here some of the themes and topics addressed and learn more about them at www.unanca.org.

Global Goals at Home (GGH)



Global Goals at Home bridges the gap between global goals and local action; through the creation of an online dashboard, GGH is cataloging, localizing, and contextualizing progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the DMV.

The SDGs offer an interconnected blueprint for sustainable and inclusive change, as well as a necessary framework for collaborating across stakeholders. However, the SDGs measure progress using benchmarks that do not capture the reality of inequality and critical need in the United States, particularly at the municipal level. Our interactive online dashboard documents quantitative

and qualitative progress towards the SDGs across DC, MD, and VA, utilizing proxy indicators at the state, county/ward, and congressional district level.

500+ Dashboard Users
Across 20 Countries



**An Award Winning Program
with International Recognition**

This research framework, as well as the published data and analysis, serve as valuable tools in bridging data gaps and developing coalitions. UNA-NCA partners with direct service providers, think tanks, universities, and private sector partners to inform and reform all published content. UNA-NCA is a facilitator, convening roundtables, amplifying essential messaging, and serving as a conduit between constituents and their state and Congressional representatives.

In just a few months, the program has garnered over

500+ Partners



60% are Direct
Service Providers

2021 Donor Recognition

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George Mason University	Society for International Development – Washington Chapter	World Justice Project
George Washington University	Stimson Center	Young Professionals in Foreign Policy
Georgetown University	Strategy for Humanity	
Greater Washington Community Foundation	The Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs	
International Labour Organization	The Rumi Forum	
International Organization for Migration	United Nations Association of the USA	

2021 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents.....	\$105,049
Receivables.....	\$2,750
Prepaid Expenses.....	\$8,211
Investments.....	\$1,138,409
Security Deposit.....	\$3,938
Total Assets.....	\$1,260,378

Net Assets	
Unrestricted.....	\$926,277
Temporary Restricted.....	\$337,343
Permanently Restricted.....	\$61,582
Total Net Assets.....	\$1,325,202
Total Liabilities & Net Assets.....	\$1,325,823

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable.....	\$621
Deferred Income.....	\$0
Total Liabilities.....	\$621

Note: FY 2021 Financial Statements have not yet been audited.

Income

Contributions	93%
Program Fees	5%
Membership Dues	2%



Expenses

Program	86%
Management	5%
Development	9%



Thank you for an outstanding year of supporting a strong U.S.-UN partnership!



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