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2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

UNA-NCA STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 1

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

 **3,419** Facebook Followers

 **2,360** Twitter Followers

 **20+** Events on the UN and the SDGs

Goal 2

Enhance membership and inter-generational engagement

 **1,042** Active members 

 **339** Active GenUN Members (25 & Under)

33% of Members are 25 & under

54% of Members are 40 & under

Goal 3

Build a comprehensive **partnership network**

Over **20+** partners

Including government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, local and international nonprofits, universities, and businesses of all sizes



Goal 4

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

Updated **Board policies**

Strengthened Committee **leadership and engagement**

Expanded **professional development and mentorship opportunities**

Strengthened **accounting and investment practices**

In 2014, UNA-NCA's Board of Directors approved a new strategic plan to guide the organization's activities in carrying out its mission and vision. Over the past year, UNA-NCA has continued to work towards fulfilling that plan.

A Letter From Our **LEADERSHIP**



It has been an honor to serve for the past year as your President and Executive Director. This challenging period for the relationship between the U.S. and the UN makes the ongoing mission of UNA-NCA more important than ever. We continue to strengthen that relationship through a better understanding of the common values shared historically and today between the U.S., its citizens, and the family of UN organizations and agencies.

UNA-NCA is part of the growing network of organizations that extol the virtues of the UN by both contributing to its support with policy leaders, and also lending ideas and experience to improve UN operations and effectiveness.

Fortunately, the UN has gained more visibility thanks to the active leadership of UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and the engagement of U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley. This has been a politically turbulent year with the Trump Administration calling for drastic cuts to both mandatory and voluntary funding of the UN – including cuts to UNICEF, UNEP, UNFPA, and the World Food Programme – arbitrarily withholding funding for both peacekeeping and core operations, and Congress defending the importance of funding the UN and its agencies.

Despite this, and without comment on these drastic measures, Ambassador Haley has supported rational discussion about ways to improve the UN's peacekeeping operations. However, consistent with the President, she has made clear that the U.S. will punitively withhold foreign aid to those who oppose U.S. positions at the UN – a stance that now seems to negatively impact the votes – while gaining considerable respect as a forthright leader on important efforts in the UN Security Council on North Korean sanctions.

These turbulent times are all the more reason for UNA-NCA to maintain its mission and key focus on helping our members build concrete, factual knowledge about the UN's work and programs, and to foster non-partisan dialogue with policy leaders in our area, with Capitol Hill, and with the Administration.

UNA-NCA has had an active program year reaching public audiences and advocating with national policy leaders on the Hill to define and discuss areas where the UN can be strengthened, and where U.S. investments can be strategic to make the UN's relevance and progress on peace, development, and human rights better understood. Our members are attending programs in greater numbers across all ages, and engaging new members, especially among young professionals. Our long-term members and senior leaders generously give their time, expertise and donations for our work and programs.

The highlights of the past year are detailed in the report, but of particular note is the presentation of the 20th UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Human Rights Award to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, His Excellency Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein. All of our program committees have actively engaged in a variety of relevant global issues, including the dialogue surrounding peacebuilding and peacekeeping efforts, and the UN Secretary-General's current proposals for new strategy for early conflict prevention, the global-local application of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the North Korean nuclear challenge, among others.

We are pleased to see the ongoing growth of our youth and young professional programs with 54% of members under the age of 40. Throughout the year, we have placed high priority on their interests through three core programs: first, our Global Classrooms DC Model UN program which serves over 1,000 students in some 46 area schools; second, our semi-annual Young Professional Career Dinners connect small groups of young professionals with those currently working in their fields of interest; and third, our Graduate Fellows Program, a curriculum focused on key roles of the UN, coupled with a career mentorship and professional development component.

We are pleased to salute the extraordinary volunteers from our membership who serve on the Board of Directors, our Advisory Council, and who lead our committees. We especially want to recognize the wonderful staff team of Andrew Doll, Manager of Programs and Membership, and Nicole Bohannon, Managing Director of Global Education, and their excellent team of Program Assistants, all of whom truly make UNA-NCA function, while constantly improving and expanding its services in our community.

We are driven by our volunteer leaders coupled with financial resources from the charitable contributions of our individual members, and several very generous family foundations, and an important group of institutional sponsors and partners. Their active engagement and continued contributions are essential, and highly valued, for which we thank you all.

Thank you for your commitment and support.

Stephen F. Moseley, President

Paula Boland, Executive Director

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GLOBAL GOALS
LOCAL LEADERS

United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Year of Celebration



This year, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a milestone document which establishes all international laws on the matters of human rights, turns 70 years old. “This Universal Declaration has helped countless people gain greater freedoms and equality,” said UN High Commissioner for Human

Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein. “Violations have been prevented; independence and autonomy have been attained. While not all the promises of the Universal Declaration have been fulfilled, many people have been able to secure essential rights and freedoms and put an end to discrimination.”

To honor this landmark declaration, one which has greatly helped advance the case for human rights here at home and abroad, UNA-NCA wishes to showcase a few of its many accomplishments and some of the ways the international community is celebrating its anniversary.

Paris Stands Up for Human Rights

On December 10, 2017 the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Mayor of Paris launched the Stand Up Campaign at a public conference at Palais Chaillot, the exact place where the UDHR was adopted in 1948. In addition, the city of Paris will host an exhibition on human rights from November 29 to December 10, 2018.

A Conversation with Amal Clooney

On April 29, 2018, Amal Clooney, Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School, moderated a discussion with Columbia Law Students and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Stand Up For Human Rights Campaign

The Stand Up For Human Rights campaign has three core objectives: to promote, engage and reflect. Its aim is to engage a broad base of audiences; to help promote understanding of how the Universal Declaration empowers us all; and encourage further reflection on the ways that each of us can stand up for our rights.

A Conversation with Eleanor Roosevelt

On December 11, 2018, the UN Secretary General will celebrate Human Rights Day at the UN Headquarters. Eleanor Roosevelt, portrayed by an actress, will appear as a guest and speak about the triumphant development of the UDHR.

Human Rights Film Tour

The International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights in Geneva, in collaboration with the United Nations Human Rights Office, has organized a series of film screenings followed by debates with local NGOs, journalists, students, and activists. The international tour will spread over 45 countries.



Graduate FELLOWS Program

The UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program, which ran from January to April of this year, welcomed a group of **19 students** from **10 different countries**, including Canada, Iran, Jordan, Nigeria, Portugal, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

This highly dedicated cohort is also a highly diverse one, with fellows enrolled in fields ranging from International Affairs and International Education to Global Media, Conflict Resolution, Economic Development, and Global Environmental Policy.

Over the course of the semester, fellows were able to **invest in a stronger US-UN partnership** through **lectures and hands-on training** from experts in the United Nations, sustainability, conflict management, and more. This year also featured a **mentorship opportunity**, where students were paired with an advanced leader in their field of study, as well as **career development guidance**.

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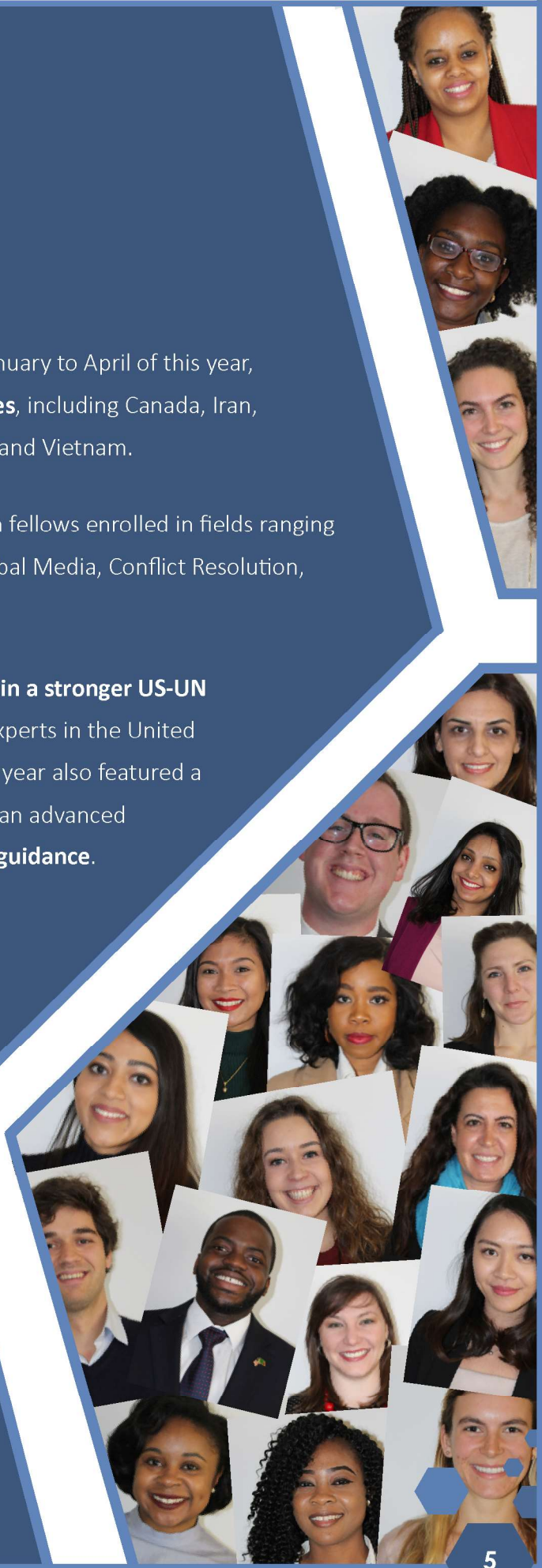
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GLOBAL CLASSROOMS DC

2017 ANNUAL GCDC FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Annual Fall Training Conference, held at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), is designed for groups and schools who are new to GCDC programming and to Model UN. The conference is **“teaching-style”** and focuses less on competition, and more on **skill development**.

2018 ANNUAL GCDC SPRING MODEL UN CONFERENCE

On April 27, 2018, **600+** students, educators, parents, volunteers, and guests gathered at the U.S. Department of State and PAHO. Students participated in a **fully immersive Model UN Conference**, and enjoyed discussing some of the world’s **most pressing international issues** with a diverse group of delegates, including a delegation from Lebanon.

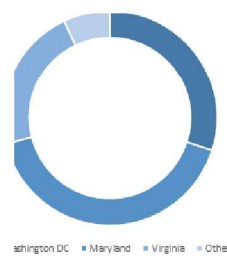


WHAT IS GCDC? Global Classrooms DC (GCDC) is UNA-NCA’s flagship education program. Through Model UN simulations, GCDC aims to **prepare the next generation of global citizens**, as well as help educate students from 5th to 12th grade on international issues and the work of the United Nations. It is also an opportunity for students to work on skills such as public speaking, research, and negotiation. The program also offers professional development workshop for teachers and educators.



Munira Khalif, U.S. Youth Observer to the UN, speaking at the GCDC Spring Conference

WHERE DOES GCDC WORK?



- 30% Washington, DC
- 41% Maryland
- 22% Virginia
- 7% Other

WHO DOES GCDC WORK WITH?

- 1,013 Participating Students
- 46 Groups & Schools
- 112 Educators & Teachers
- 95 Volunteers

UNA-NCA COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Young Professionals' Career Dinner Series



This year, the UNA-NCA Young Professionals Program held two editions of its Career Dinner Series. Each dinner began with a networking reception,

and was followed by a keynote address and intimate dinners hosted at the United Nations Foundation, and in the private homes of some of our guest speakers and sponsors.

The Fall Edition of our Career Dinner Series featured Andy Rabens, Special Adviser for Global Youth Issues at the Department of State, as the keynote speaker. In the Spring, our guest speaker was Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN).



The semi-annual Career Dinners are the flagship program of our Young Professionals bringing new members and revenue to UNA-NCA.

North Korean Nuclear Challenge

On September 20, 2017, UNA-NCA's International Law Committee invited members to a panel discussion with Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr. (ret.) and Washington Post reporter Missy Ryan. The event addressed the threat posed by North Korean nuclear weapons and weapon delivery vehicles, UN sanctions, suggestions for U.S. policy, and possible future outcomes.

UN Peacekeeping Reform

The Peace and Security Committee has addressed the full spectrum of Peace and Security issues from early warning systems, conflict resolution, UN Peacekeeping reform, and Building and Sustaining Peace. Continuing our partnership with the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), the Committee issued a Report that drew upon several expert roundtables and a public forum with UN Under-Secretary-General Jean-Pierre Lacroix, entitled *Reform and Strengthening of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Would Serve Important US National Security Interests*. The USIP partnership will now focus on implementing the UN Secretary-Generals' Pathways for Peace proposals. In partnership with the Stimson Center, the Committee co-sponsored a forum of experts on sustaining peace, and held events on the UN's peace building agenda, new frontiers in peace metrics, and a case study of the Congo. Guest speakers at our 30-member Committee meetings included a South Sudanese Civil Society activist. The Committee has worked with the UNA-NCA Global Classrooms DC and Graduate Fellows Programs.

Africa's Healthcare Challenges and Next Steps for the Future

On March 29, 2018, UNA-NCA's African Affairs Committee, in collaboration with George Mason University, hosted a discussion on the vital efforts needed by the private sector, NGOs, and the international community in building public health preparedness in Africa through technical assistance.

2017 UNA-NCA Human Rights Awards



On December 7, UNA-NCA hosted its annual Human Rights Awards Reception at the National Education Association (NEA). This event correlated with the 69th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as Human Rights Day.

Award Recipients

Louis B. Sohn Award

His Excellency Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein (pictured above), UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

F. Allen "Tex" Harris Diplomacy Award

Ambassador Keith Harper (Ret.), former U.S. Representative to the UN Human Rights Council

Perdita Huston Award

Nancy Rivard, Founder and President of Airline Ambassadors International

Community Award

Bread for the City, accepted by its CEO, George A. Jones



2017 UNA-NCA Human Rights Awards recipients



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

#MappingForward From Violence Against Women

On May 10, 2018, UNA-NCA's Human Rights and DC for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Committees held an event at the Capitol Visitor's Center through a grant from the UNA-USA "Stand Up for Human Rights" partnership with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). This innovative, grassroots project maps #MeToo stories onto geographical locations and aims to act as a platform for survivors of sexual assault. The event drew many speakers, including our gracious host, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton.

The UN, International Elections Observation, and Global Support for Democratic Elections

On February 28, 2018, UNA-NCA's Human Rights Committee, in partnership with the American Foreign Service Association, had the pleasure of hosting a distinguished panel to discuss the role of the UN in international election observations and global support for the democratic process. The panelists discussed how their different organizations aimed to ensure free and fair elections on the global level, sharing their experiences from Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

Whither the UN and Human Rights? Why 2017 Matters

On July 12, 2017, Felice Gaer, Director of the American Jewish Committee's Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights and Vice Chair of the UN Committee Against Torture, presented her thoughts on the status and expected highlights of the UN human rights activities in 2017. UNA-NCA President, Stephen F. Moseley then moderated a conversation with Ms. Gaer and the audience.



The UN Sustainable Development Goals: Diplomatic Perspectives

On September 25, 2017, UNA-NCA's Sustainable Development Committee, in collaboration with the Georgetown International Relations Club, hosted a program to commemorate the second anniversary of the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The panelists highlighted agreed upon perspectives and multiple forms of engagement in SDG implementation across a wide range of countries in the public, NGO, and private sectors.

The program's distinguished speakers featured diplomatic perspectives on the progress made and the challenges faced by countries including Afghanistan, Barbados, Costa Rica, Finland, and Sweden, in working to implement the SDGs, which include a universal set of goals, targets and indicators, to frame their policies over the next 13 years.

Congress and the SDGs: A Lawmakers' Perspective on Strong U.S. Leadership in the UN and on Climate Action

Since the announcement of the United States' decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement (COP21), the fundamental existence of climate-driven policies has been placed at a standstill, and in some cases eliminated entirely. On August 8, 2017, UNA-NCA's Sustainable Development Committee addressed the potential consequences and risks associated with this decision, and brought the perspective of Congressman Don Beyer (VA-08), Vice Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Sustaining Access to Clean Water in Haiti

According to USAID Haiti, only 58% of Haitians have access to an improved water source and only 28% have access to improved sanitation. The 2010 cholera epidemic has caused nearly 10,000 deaths, and, following Hurricane Matthew, the number of suspected cholera cases rose to about 40,000. On May 23, 2018, UNA-NCA's Sustainable Development Committee held a panel discussion which focused on the response to the cholera epidemic and ongoing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects in Haiti.

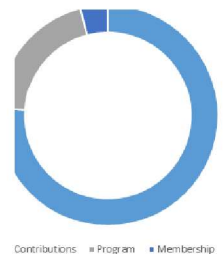
2017 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets		Net Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$86,124	Unrestricted	\$444,333
Receivables	\$4,386	Temporary Restricted	\$337,343
Prepaid Expenses	\$12,920	Permanently Restricted	\$61,582
Investments	\$770,311		
Security Deposit	\$2,975	Total Net Assets	\$843,258
Total Assets	\$ 876,716	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$876,716
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$28,920		
Due to UNA-USA	\$4,538		
Total Liabilities	\$33,458		

Note: FY 2017 Financial statements have not yet been audited.

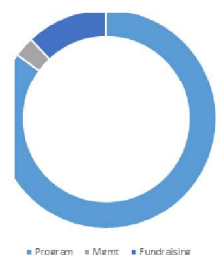
Income

Contributions	76%
Program Fees	20%
Membership Dues	4%



Expenses

Program	85%
Management	3%
Development	12%



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