In the National Capital Area—Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, we bring the United States, as a member state within the United Nations, into strategic focus. Our small and mighty staff— together with the generous expertise, time, and resources of members and sponsors—propel our association as a prominent voice related to the UN and its critical partnership with the United States.

UNA-NCA has delivered impactful programs through the 2022-2023 program year, reaching across relevant disciplines and generations, messaging that the United Nations is relevant to Americans and to global well-being. While there are many highlights to this year, there is always room for more members, with involvement in our committees and initiatives.

Advocacy in full force was demonstrated last week as members and leaders from across the country gathered for the UNA-USA Leadership Summit. We targeted our message to members of Congress, highlighting that the United States’ leadership in the United Nations is essential and the necessity of its active engagement to sustain democracy. Our continued advocacy is necessary for the United States to pay mounting arrears for peacekeeping missions and activate its membership with UNESCO. The United Nations is a critical diplomatic tool for the United States.

At the local level, UNA-NCA successfully shepherded support for the District of Columbia’s new law, the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women Act. Implemented across the District government, this intersectional law will bring data to equitable practices and funding; implementing the principles of the human rights treaty for Women, CEDAW, at the local level.

The U.S. Department of State’s International Organization Affairs Bureau hosted our Global Classrooms DC Model UN Conference this spring, bringing over 500 middle and high school students and educators together to practice diplomacy. Our UN partners at the International Labor Organization (ILO-USCA) and the USA for International Organization for Migration (IOM) bring important relevance to this work through curriculum and policy development.

The Graduate Fellows Program included 35 scholars from area universities with weekly gatherings that add a UN-lens to international relations. With a deep dive on the UN, its agencies, and the impact of the United States, this program also included mentoring and career development sessions.

Our Young Professionals Program offered valuable online for and it revived its signature Career Dinner Series this spring. Career paths and options were explored from multiple perspectives, bringing the social connections together as well.

The Embassy of Switzerland hosted our UN Day gathering that featured Under Secretary of State Bonnie Jenkins and others through moderated discussions. Our Global Goals at Home program continues to build upon partnerships as we create a dashboard of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in the DMV area. Early in 2023, UNA-NCA convened a virtual side event at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) on strategies for ending online violence against women and girls. Numerous other programs organized by committees, the Advisory Council, and the office build competency about contemporary issues.

Our Human Rights Awards event, held at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center last December, honored key leaders in civil society and government. This year is the 75th anniversary of the world’s most ratified treaty, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

All this happens due to active engagement of members and generous sponsors. Thank you for being a part of this valuable citizen movement that connects the local to the global through UNA-NCA.

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Paula Boland, President
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**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 UN

- **Snapshot Views**: 8,024
- **Events Hosted**: 17
- **Facebook**: 4,342
- **Twitter**: 2,626
- **Instagram**: 1,507

**GOAL 2**

**Enhance membership** and intersectional engagement

- **Total Active Members**: 985
- **Active Youth Members**: 646
- **27.87%**: 27.87%
- **23.76%**: 23.76%
- **30.81%**: 30.81%

**GOAL 3**

**Build a comprehensive partnership network**

- **80+ Partners**
- Including government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, local and international nonprofits, universities, businesses, and foundations

**GOAL 4**

**Institutionalize and systematize processes to maintain an integrated, and financially stable organization**

- **Strengthened financial position** for operations and long term investments
- **Strengthened Board nominations process with an increased focus on diversity and inclusion**
- **Updated Strategic Business Plan**
In March 2023, the Advocacy Committee welcomed the passage of B24-0649 - Elimination of Discrimination Against Women Amendment Act of 2022 (EDAW). EDAW implements the principles of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, known as CEDAW, in Washington, DC. The passage of EDAW has been a top priority for UNA-NCA, Cities for CEDAW, and a number of organizations committed to empowering women across all aspects of society. CEDAW was adopted by the UN in 1979 and signed by President Carter in 1980. The United States is one of only six countries in the world that has yet to ratify CEDAW. With EDAW now law in Washington, DC, the Mayor’s Office of Women Policy and Initiative will implement CEDAW principles of gender equity enhancement. This includes a requirement for the DC government to conduct a gender analysis every four years, starting in October 2023, reporting on intersectional progress, programming, staffing, and budgeting to address sex, race, immigration status, familial status, along with other factors.

A UNA-NCA delegation met with Representative Don Beyer (D-VA-8) to discuss CEDAW, COP27, and potential future collaborations. The delegation thanked the Congressman for his long standing support of the UN and for his recent legislation efforts to support reproductive justice and advance climate action. This was our first in person meeting on Capitol Hill since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNA-NCA Coffee Chats is a discussion series hosted virtually that brings together diverse leadership from across the UN, Congress, private sector, NGOs, think tanks, and civil society to explore challenges to sustainable development. Between 2022 and 2023, UNA-NCA hosted discussions on Reproductive Justice, the Global and Local Impacts in a Post-Dobbs World, Labor Rights, Workers Rights in a Changing Economy, and Ending Online Gender-Based Violence as a side event of the 67th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67).
GRADUATE FELLOWS PROGRAM (GFP)

2023 Graduate Fellows Home Countries

The semester long program included 35 students from ten universities and covered several relevant topics and brought experts to discuss them through a UN Lens. The program also included mentoring and career development sessions.

Following the conclusion of the 2023 semester, several fellows have sought out positions on our committees, actively participate in our young professionals program and attend UNA-USA events, while others write for UNA-NCA’s blog and newsletter.

“The fellowship allowed me to fulfill a childhood dream of mine to visit the UN Headquarters and establish professional networks within the UN. It enabled me to find my voice and open up to making meaningful connections”

Graduate Fellows in the UN General Assembly Hall during UNA-USA’s Global Engagement Summit.

86% of Fellows say they’d strongly recommend the program to a friend

93% of Fellows agreed that learning to view issues through a “UN lens” has been valuable
Global Classrooms® DC (GCDC), is the signature education program of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA). Founded in 2003, GCDC is a Model UN program that educates children in grades 5 through 12 about global issues and the functions of the UN. By developing crucial skills including public speaking, negotiation, research, and writing, GCDC facilitates in equipping globally aware students through its unique global education curriculum, Model UN mini-simulations, and opportunities at its annual Model UN Conferences.

The 2023 Winter Model UN Training Conference was held in person for the first time since 2019, with a new institutional host, the American University School of International Service (SIS). Over 100 students and educators attended from six GCDC Year-Round Community Schools, across three training committees.

The 2023 GCDC Spring Model UN conference returned to the U.S. Department of State after a three-year hiatus, following the 2022 iteration at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Over 500 delegates from 37 schools from 3 states and the District of Colombia and over 100 educators, sponsors, partners, and guests attended the conference. Delegates debated in 8 unique committees covering a variety of topics under the conference theme, “Empowering Youth for Transformative Change.”

During the Spring 2023 conference held at the U.S. Department of State, students representing countries in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) debated Climate Change and Migration.
UN DAY CELEBRATION

The UN is uniquely equipped to deal with the major issues we face on a global level. One of these issues is food security.

Nourishing Peace, UNA-USA’s theme for UN Day 2022, addressed how food security and peace are intertwined on the international scale. In 2022, we saw firsthand how the scarcity of sufficient and nutritious food drives conflict and how violence threatens food supply chains all across the globe.

“In October 2022, Jacques Pitteloud, Ambassador of Switzerland to the United States, hosted UNA-NCA and Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins (Top left, right), Under-Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, to discuss global solutions, global goals of peace, and Sustainable Development Goal 16. Ambassador Pitteloud discussed the importance of the United Nations to Switzerland, and emphasized the relevance of “International Geneva” as “Geneva has become one of the world’s leading multilateral hubs with roughly 40 international organizations, 750 NGOs, and permanent representations of 180 member states.” The program included moderated discussions on global and local applications of the SDGs featuring Global Goals at Home partners.”

“...we must all work to ensure disparate voices are heard, that opinions and experiences of different populations are included and that voices ignored in the past are heard – and heeded – in the future, particularly the voices of women and girls.”
Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins
HUMAN RIGHTS
AWARDS 2023

Louis B. Sohn
Human Rights Award

Perdita Huston
Human Rights Award

HAROLD KOH
Sterling Professor of International Law, Yale Law School

Emerging Human Rights Leader Award

JASON MACK
Counselor for Economic Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America, Rome, Italy

Kelebogile Zvobgo
Founder and Director, International Justice Lab; Assistant Professor of Government, The College of William & Mary; Faculty Affiliate, Global Research Institute

Kakenya Ntaiya
Founder and President, Kakenya’s Dream

Each year, UNA-NCA commemorates the anniversary of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a celebratory event. UNA-NCA recognized outstanding individuals and organizations who are working to improve human rights in their communities and around the world.

The program returned to in-person on Capitol Hill for the first time since December 2019.

Professor Harold Koh (center, holding award) stands with UNA-NCA Chair Jill Christianson, President Paula Boland, and Dean Claudio Grossman (far right) of the Washington College of Law at American University and former Louis B. Sohn Honoree.
UNA-NCA’s 2022-2023 saw an enthusiastic return to in-person events, and the building of community. We brought with us a sustained model of virtual and hybrid programming allowing people from across our jurisdiction and the world to participate.

Our programming addressed ten of the seventeen Global Goals across more than a dozen events attracting over 450 attendees. Our Program Committees include African Affairs, Human Rights, International Law, Peace & Security, Sustainable Development and Young Professionals.

See below for some of the themes and issues that our committees covered.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

5 GENDER EQUALITY
- Violence Against Women and Girls
  - Public Space
  - Gender Inclusive Strategies
  - Storytelling
- Migration
- Data Privacy
- Transnational Response
- Health Care Infrastructure
- Displacement

3 EVENTS
- Water Conservation
- Youth Empowerment
- Climate Impact

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- Youth Impact
- Climate Impact

3 EVENTS
- Climate Change
- Impactful Careers
- Climate Policy

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
- Youth Impact
- Women Leading Change
- Human Security

1 EVENT
- Climate Action

13 CLIMATE ACTION

4 EVENTS
- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Ukraine
- Refugees & Migrants
- Data Sharing
- Food security
- Professional Opportunities

16 EVENTS
- Spring 2023 Career Dinner Series
Launched in October 2021, Global Goals at Home bridges the gap between global goals and local action; through an innovative 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.

This research framework, as well as the published data and analysis, serve as valuable tools in bridging data gaps and developing coalitions. UNA-NCA collaborates with direct service providers, think tanks, universities, and private sector partners to inform and update 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.
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## Individual & Institutional Support

### UN Global Goals Achievers

**$10,000 and above**
- Anonymous
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- Edison W. and Sally Dick

**International Labour Organization of the U.S. and Canada**
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2025 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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