

# United Nations Association of the National Capital Area

ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010



The National Capital Area Division of UNA-USA

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Successful GCDC Program and Spring Model UN Conference

During the 2009-2010 school year, Global Classrooms® DC (GCDC) was implemented in 40 schools, and engaged 1,439 students and 54 teachers from the Washington Metropolitan area. Over 600 students and teachers registered at the 2010 Model UN Conference at the State Department and the Pan American Health Organization.  
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GCDC students at work



2009 Graduate Fellows Program participants

## UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program

UNA-NCA's access to the United Nations system of agencies and the diverse range of professional relationships has helped make this program a great success. This year, 19 high quality people have been accepted into the Fall 2010 UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program.  
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## UN Week

Every year UNA-NCA celebrates United Nations Day with a week's worth of events. Our 2009 celebration was from October 16 to 25 and featured more than 25 events including panel discussions, film screenings, and networking sessions.  
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2009 UN Week fundraiser cupcakes



Thoraya Ahmed Obaid

## 2009 Human Rights Luncheon

The 2009 Human Rights Luncheon was a great success with over 200 people attending. Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, was the recipient of the 2009 UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Award. *"I congratulate Thoraya Obaid, and I commend the UNA-NCA on their choice,"* said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.  
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## Creation of the Global Classrooms Business Forum

The Business Forum was created to provide the local business community the opportunity to sponsor middle and high school students — many of whom are at risk and disadvantaged — to annually participate in the Global Classrooms program.  
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## ABOUT UNA-NCA

The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area is a not for profit membership based organization that works with foreign policy and political decision makers, schools, and other organizations in the National Capital Area to build knowledge, understanding, informed opinion, and new ideas on the United Nations and its relationship with the United States of America.

UNA-NCA is a division of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As I come to the end of my first year as President of UNA-NCA, we are able to point with pride to many accomplishments while also acknowledging the challenges to building support for the principles and vital work of the United Nations, to strengthening the United Nations system, to promoting constructive, principled United States leadership in the UN system, and to achieving the goals of the UN Charter. It is rare to be able to work with such a dedicated staff and network of volunteers who inspire me every day with their commitment, experience, and energy. Together we have been able to overcome many challenges while strengthening many of our programs.

## WE CAN BE VERY PROUD

The October 2009 **United Nations Week** organized more than 25 events ranging from networking sessions and panel discussions to film screenings and happy hours. At the December 2009 annual **Human Rights Luncheon** we presented the UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Award to Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

Our flagship program, **Global Classrooms Washington, DC (GCDC)**, reached 1,439 students from 40 schools during the 2009-2010 school year and over 600 students and teachers at the annual Model UN Conference on May 5, 2010 at the State Department and the Pan American Health Organization. In September 2009, we launched the **Business Forum for Global Classrooms**, to provide the local business community the opportunity to sponsor student participation. **Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC)** delivered good programs, including the revitalized monthly Lunch & Learn series and professional development opportunities. UNA-NCA worked with the UNA-USA **Conventions Working Group**, a network of national nonprofit organizations formed to promote U.S. ratification of key international treaties.

Organizationally, we recognize our three-jurisdiction configuration and have identified a set of responsibilities and opportunities for **Area Chairs** to convene community gatherings and assist various program committees in their respective jurisdictions. A three-year **Strategic Planning process** has begun with committees drafting scopes of work with clear indicators of success and lines of responsibility. The Nominating Committee, ably led by David Scotton and Cinnamon Dornsife, identified a diverse slate of candidates for the 2010 Board elections, and has recently transitioned into a **Governance Committee** with year-round responsibilities.

Executive Director Paula Boland successfully managed two **key staff transitions**, with the additions of Shirin Rateshtari as Finance and Administrator Director, and Jill Ruchala as Global Education Director. We continue to strengthen UNA-NCA's financial management and increase transparency and accountability. Despite the economic downturn, **UNA-NCA's financial position in 2009 was a generally healthy one**. Our Communications team, ably lead by Michael Briggs and Kate Wichmann, introduced a new **branding strategy** for our communication tools.

## ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHALLENGES

Sustaining and increasing membership continued to be a major challenge at both local and national levels. UNA leaders have begun to devote serious attention to this formidable challenge and new strategies such as a membership drive, member surveys, and phone banks have been implemented. Financial sustainability represents a continuing challenge. We experienced a significant decrease in foundation support in 2009, while our investment funds are gradually recovering their value. A strengthened development team, ably lead by Ken Giunta, put together a strategic development plan and efforts are underway to strengthen grant proposals and reach out to the local business community.

Opportunities today to influence the public debate about the United Nations, U.S. leadership, and multilateral cooperation are greater than they have been in recent years. The time is now to expand education and advocacy programs in the greater Washington area and build support for strengthening and renewing the United Nations. I look forward to your continued involvement in UNA-NCA!

*Karen Mulhouser*

## Global Classrooms® DC

Global Classrooms DC (GCDC), UNA-NCA's lead education program, had another successful year providing quality curriculum, resources, and support to Washington area youth, reaching a record 1,439 students in classrooms, after-school clubs, and special workshops in academic year 2009-10. GCDC consists of yearlong training and programmatic offerings in addition to the culminating Spring Model United Nations (UN) Conference traditionally held at the State Department. Through our varied program components, we were able to reach across three core groups of participants: students, teachers, and volunteers.

### GCDC Components

Two GCDC Model United Nations training conferences were held in March, one each for middle and high school students, with a focus on new and underserved schools. At each conference, students and teachers heard from speakers on each of the year's topics for their age group, with the opportunity to ask questions on their primary topics of study in breakout sessions with visiting experts in addition to a general Q & A session. Students also participated in a Model UN mini-simulation and explored rules of debate and parliamentary procedure, facilitated by GCDC staff and Model UN trainers from area universities.

For the seventh year, GCDC culminated with an exciting Spring Model United Nations Conference at the Department of State. This year we expanded to a bi-located conference with two committee sessions convening at the Pan American Health Organization. More than 600 teachers and students registered for the end-of-year event, where GCDC welcomed keynote speaker Dr. Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs. Then students used their knowledge of global issues and communication skills as they worked to develop resolutions in committee sessions throughout the day.



Dr. Esther Brimmer at the 2010 GCDC Spring Model UN Conference

### GCDC KEY PARTNERS

U.S. Department of State  
District of Columbia Public Schools  
United Nations Association of the USA  
Pan American Health Organization



Ghana Delegation at the 2010 Model UN Conference



GCDC Students in Action

### 2010 GCDC SPRING MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE TOPICS

#### Middle School

- Water Crisis: Freshwater resources, United Nations Environmental Programme
- Access to Medication, Economic and Social Council
- Access to Primary Education, Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean
- Child Soldiers, UNICEF Executive Committee

#### High School

- Global HIV/AIDS Crisis, Economic and Social Council
- Human Trafficking of Women and Children, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Situation in Afghanistan, Reformed Security Council
- Economics of Globalization: Free trade vs. fair trade, Economic & Social Council for Asia & the Pacific
- Education and Employment for Women and Girls, Commission on the Status of Women

## GCDC Participants

Following the UNA-USA Global Classrooms model, GCDC uses Model United Nations as a vehicle for students to improve critical thinking and research skills, explore international issues, and engage in collective problem solving. As we specifically target urban, public schools, 91% of the 2009-10 GCDC program participants were enrolled in public schools in the National Metropolitan Area, with 27% of students from D.C. wards seven and eight.

GCDC supports area teachers through professional development sessions and monthly Curriculum Advisory Group meetings. GCDC facilitators are provided with a curriculum resource CD, online access to resources and articles on the website, and additional relevant materials from GCDC partners and collaborating organizations. GCDC adapts UNA-USA topical background guides for DC students, designs mini-simulations for student Model UN practice on each conference topic, and offers extensive curriculum supplements—for middle school and high school levels—introducing the UN through information and student activities. The curriculum supplements are aligned to DC Public Schools Curricular standards for 6th and 10th grade Social Studies and English Language Arts, designed to complement social studies programs so teachers can utilize GCDC resources while meeting curricular objectives.

This year we implemented new approaches to connecting our volunteer resources with GCDC student, teacher, and program needs. The GCDC Volunteer program connected more than 120 area professionals with opportunities to support youth learning, from speaking engagements to curriculum consultation, policy advising and conference logistics. The Model UN Trainer program was again a youth to youth success, as college students shared their Model UN experience with GCDC students by co-facilitating alongside teacher participants. In 2009-10, GCDC offered three Professional Development sessions for teachers and GCDC facilitators. For the first time, GCDC Model UN trainers were invited to join these sessions, thus enabling participants to share their experience and increase connections between people and program components. An advocacy component was introduced at the last professional development session which generated much interest among participating teachers.

## GCDC Special Activities

GCDC also works to build enthusiasm and knowledge outside the classroom. We accomplished this goal by organizing or participating in area events.

- On September 11, students and guests at School Without Walls commemorated **National Day of Service and Remembrance** in a workshop with U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice, where they learned about malaria and advocacy tools for its prevention.
- During **United Nations Week**, GCDC coordinated a panel and student question session on Refugee Crisis and UN responsibility at Roosevelt Senior High School, followed by a Model UN mini-simulation on refugee crisis and burden-sharing.
- GCDC students participated in the **World Bank's Global Youth 2 Youth Conference** as part of UNA-NCA's United Nations Week offerings.
- GCDC students connected with international students through collaboration with **Relief International's school-to-school blogging program**.
- GCDC students from DC Public Schools were the recipients of scholarships to **George Washington University and Georgetown University's Model United Nations Conferences**.

### GCDC LOCAL SPONSORS

Academy for Educational Development  
 Bank of America Charitable Foundation  
 Beaty Family Fund  
 The Community Foundation for the National  
 Capital Region  
 Communications Workers of America  
 Creative Associates International, Inc.  
 Federal City Caterers  
 Hernando Garrigues Muñoz  
 Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide  
 The Fred Bergfors and Margaret Sandberg  
 Foundation  
 The Murry and Florence Schott Charitable  
 Foundation  
 The Summit Fund of Washington  
 Tobia and Linda Mercuro  
 United Nations Population Fund  
 8112 Studios

## Libraries

We continued our “UN Week in the Libraries” with month long prominent displays at the Rockville and Davis libraries in Montgomery County, Maryland.

## Fellows Program

The UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program provides an opportunity for Washington area graduate students interested in international affairs, development, trade, finance, and related disciplines to explore the field of international organizations. The Fellows Program offers participants the chance to build strong professional and academic skills through relevant internship experiences as well as a series of 10 seminars on global issues and the United Nations. UNA-NCA’s access to the United Nations system of agencies and diverse range of professional relationships has helped make this fellowship a successful program. Two program changes were instituted in this past year such that the seminar is now given once a year in the fall semester and we now have co-directors forming a multi-generational team.

Since officials of UNA-NCA initiated it in 1991, the program has involved over 500 students and 40 international organizations. In 2009, there were 20 UNA-NCA Fellows and 19 Fellows selected for the 2010 program.

## Languages and Cultures

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization declared February 21 to be International Mother Language Day to celebrate the ethno-linguistic rights of people around the globe. Partnering with seven organizations including the World Bank Y2Y group and Drishtipat DC, we celebrated World Languages at the Historic 6<sup>th</sup> and I street Synagogue in Washington through poetry, music, dance performances, and distinguished speakers. More than 300 participants, including many children, attended “One World, Many Voices,” an informative and festive occasion.

## UNA-USA High School Essay Contest

This year’s contest focused on Millennium Development Goal Eight, and asked students to tackle the challenge of promoting development through international partnership. Students were asked to write a letter to the President of the United States answering the following questions: “How can the U.S. build an international system that promotes good governance, development, and poverty reduction” and “how can the U.S. promote sustainable development and economic growth in developing countries?”

We had the largest number of entries ever. There were seventeen essays handled with due diligence from our judging committee and following a transparent set of

criteria. The students were mainly from high schools in Maryland and Virginia, both public and private. This annual competition is part of the continuous efforts of UNA to educate future leaders and global citizens.

## International Children’s Festival

On May 15, we collaborated again with the Meridian International Center and twenty-three embassies for the fourth annual International Children’s Festival. Over 1,400 children and their parents attended. UNA-NCA hosted two tables, an information center for parents, teachers, and guardians, and a table for children’s activities related to the work of the United Nations. In addition to the creative coloring and peace poster possibilities, there were word games and puzzles developed by the UN Foundation to teach older children about malaria and the Nothing But Nets program to provide mosquito nets for villages in Africa. A beautiful day and a wonderful crowd enjoyed the performances, food, fun, and information provided.

## Global Classrooms Business Forum

The UNA-NCA Business Forum for Global Classrooms is an alliance of leading businesses located in Greater Washington. It was established to support an ongoing, successful strategic partnership among UNA-NCA, area businesses, DC Public Schools, other area public and independent schools, and the U.S. Department of State. The objective of this alliance is to provide the local business community the opportunity to sponsor middle and high school students from the greater Washington DC area—many of whom are at risk and disadvantaged—to annually participate in the Global Classrooms program and the months of classroom preparation leading up to the Spring Model UN Conference.

Membership in the Business Forum offers local businesses the opportunity to support the engagement and best thinking of participating area youth in current, relevant, and often complex international policy issues that they may not be exposed to otherwise. The involvement of area businesses in this nationally-recognized program increases student access and better prepares participating students as they chart the course of their careers in the political world and global economy that they will inherit.

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

## Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC)

The YPIC Executive Committee worked diligently throughout the past year, to achieve an ambitious goal: develop and implement an intranet site for YPIC committees. Since its launch at the February YPIC Board of Directors meeting, committee feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. YPIC committee leaders now have access to resources on building and maintaining a successful committee, hosting and co-sponsoring events, and effectively communicating with the UNA-NCA staff and leadership.

On January 2010, YPIC introduced Wednesday Happy Hours hosted or co-hosted by different YPIC committees each month.

### YPIC Committee Work

The YPIC Africa committee focused on several education and awareness events including a screening of *The Greatest Silence*, *Rape in the Congo* film; *Rwanda Rising* film screening and discussion on the new Rwanda (co-sponsored with Johns Hopkins' School for Advanced and International Studies) and a forum on the Millennium Development Goals in Africa and the Diaspora.

YPIC's Economic Development and Middle East Committees both hosted various group meetings and focused on building strong, active committees.

YPIC's most active committee, Asia-Pacific, coordinated "Climate Change in Asia" featuring speakers from SAIS, the federal government and the UN Development Programme; hosted a YPIC Wednesday happy hour and kicked off YPIC's first committee e-newsletter, among other social and networking opportunities.

### Lunch & Learn



Lunch & Learn is a staple of UNA-NCA's engagement, education, and advocacy efforts and provides a monthly fundraising opportunity. The YPIC Director of Membership and Events took on administrative responsibility for the program by engaging various host committees, at both the general UNA-NCA and the YPIC level. Lunch & Learn continues to be one of UNA-NCA's most popular programs.



Guests at the Masquerade Gala

### UNA-NCA Masquerade Gala

UNA-NCA partnered with the International Club of DC for their annual masquerade gala, held at the National Museum for Women in the Arts on October 24, 2009. Over 300 young professionals celebrated UN Day with world cuisine, dance performances, and costumes. UNA-NCA's UN Week committee organized a silent auction as part of the evening's festivities featuring art, jewelry, and local business gift certificates. Many items were donated by UNA-NCA members, which helped us to raise over \$450 to support UNA-NCA's advocacy and program work.



Dancing at the 2009 Masquerade Ball

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Maternal Mortality and Reproductive Health in Ethiopia

According to the UN Development Programme (UNDP), more than 500,000 prospective mothers in developing countries die annually in childbirth or of complications from pregnancy. Preliminary results from the UNICEF 2000 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey found:

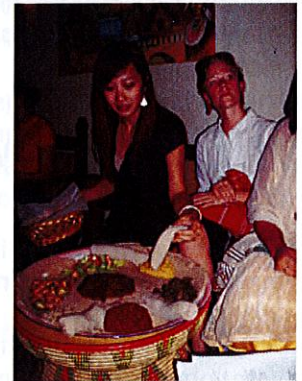
- one out of every 20 children born alive die in their first month of life;
- one of ten die before reaching their first birthday; and
- one out of six die before reaching their fifth birthday.

At this sold out event we learned about advancement in **maternal mortality and reproductive health in Ethiopia** and obstacles to future improvements. The event was presented by Sarah Craven, Chief of the Washington Office of the United Nations Population Fund. Sarah Craven had worked on fistula prevention and treatment in Ethiopia. Yodit Gedamu, from the University of Delaware and advocate for Link Ethiopia, discussed the social and cultural barriers to prevention methods.

The event was organized by Membership Development Program Assistant Eden Fekade and included an overview of the UN Millennium Development Goals presented by Communications Program Assistant Heather Louise Finch. The evening was held at a local Ethiopian restaurant. It ended with a traditional Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony and time for networking.



Yodit Gedamu



Amy Nguyen and Jill Ruchala

## Torture: Too High a Cost

Torture is among the most serious crimes to be inflicted on human beings. It is a crime against humanity and a war crime under both domestic and international law. It is so reviled that it is deemed unjustified under any circumstances and so heinous that under international law, every country is obliged to prosecute individuals responsible for torture. This event explored the use of torture in the United States, and what can be done to uphold human rights through transparency and accountability.

**“Torture: Too High a Cost”** featured human rights practitioners who addressed the high cost of torture in the “war on terror.” Panelists were Tom Parker, Amnesty International, Shaikh Shaker El-Sayed, Universal Justice Foundation, and Harold Nelson, Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International. The moderator was Colleen Costello, World Organization for Human Rights USA. Each panelist offered a distinct perspective on the cost of torture, from the personal and social impact that torture has on the victims and on society to the legal and political cost that torture has exacted on the United States. Panelists explained how the universal prohibition of torture was violated and how this human rights standard can be reclaimed and restored.



Panel participants



# ANNUAL PROGRAMS

## The Annual Human Rights Luncheon 2009

A familiar UNA-NCA tradition for many years, the 2009 Human Rights Luncheon on December 10 at the Cannon House Office Building was an exceptionally well attended and sophisticated event, in part because it was the second successful year of collaboration with the DC Office of Human Rights. The **Louis B. Sohn Award** was given to Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The DC Office of Human Rights gave its **Cornelius R. "Neil" Alexander Humanitarian Award** to Wade Henderson, Esq., President and CEO of the distinguished Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Nine UNA-NCA Community Human Rights Awards were granted, underscoring the axiom that all successful human rights work also has local roots.

### Human Rights Committee

The Human Rights Committee promotes human rights as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including specific concerns for the rights of women and children, international labor rights and the issue of congressional voting rights in the District of Columbia. This committee organizes the annual Human Rights Luncheon, and works on promoting better understanding of relevant Human Rights issues.

### UN Week

After nine days of celebration, UN Week 2009 came to a close Sunday, October 25th. With the help of outstanding volunteers, donors, staff, and sponsors, UNA-NCA was able to help organize and participate in more than 25 events ranging from networking sessions and panel discussions to film screenings and happy hours as well as displays at the Rockville and Davis libraries in Montgomery County, Maryland. We sold over 250 UN cupcakes for a total donation of \$735 from Georgetown Cupcake. We cosponsored a fundraiser happy hour at Cafe Citron with Stand Up for Poverty. With the Woman's National Democratic Club, we hosted 100 guests to meet with and discuss Women in US Leadership and the UN. More than 700 young people came together to focus on the future of international development and foreign affairs at the Global Youth Conference at the World Bank. And, most importantly, we recognized the 64th anniversary of the United Nations.

### United Nations Week Committee

The leadership team is appointed annually. The UN Week Committee coordinates the preparation and promotion of the annual week-to-ten day United Nations Week in October, a series of events celebrating the birthday of the United Nations.



Louis B. Sohn Award recipient, Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, with Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney



Guests at the 2009 Human Rights Luncheon on Capitol Hill



UN Week Happy Hour at Café Citron



David Birenbaum, William Durch, and H.E. Prince Zeid al Husein at the Woodrow Wilson Center

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Programs

The substance and variety of UNA-NCA programs since the 2009 Annual Meeting is impressive. In addition to the exceptional work of Global Classrooms DC, the increasingly effective Lunch & Learn series, and the annual events of United Nations Week, our 16 Young Professionals for International Cooperation and UNA-NCA committees organized events throughout the year. We expanded our outreach and collaborated with a greater number and diversity of organizations. Committee Leader Coordination meetings were organized to share best practices and increase collaboration between YPIC and UNA-NCA.

## Student Representative

UNA-NCA worked harder this year to increase its on-campus presence across the city and to present UNA-NCA programming to campus leaders. In October, we organized a Student Leaders Summit as part of UN Week. Campus leaders from American, George Washington, Georgetown, and George Mason universities came to the event. Most were leaders of on-campus organizations or societies involved with international affairs. At the summit, we discussed areas for collaboration and cooperation with student organizations.

### UNA-NCA COMMITTEES

*Advocacy*  
*Africa*  
*Embassy Events*  
*Global Education*  
*Latin America*  
*Middle East*  
*Human Rights*  
*International Law*  
*Peace & Security*  
*Sustainable Development*  
*UN Strengthening and Renewal*  
*United Nations Week*

### YPIC COMMITTEES

*Africa*  
*Asia-Pacific*  
*Economic Development*  
*Middle East*  
*Human Rights and*  
*International Law*

## Advocacy

Our Advocacy Committee focuses on a core program of visits by UNA members to Senate and Congressional offices, coupled with sustained follow-up to increase the chances of effectiveness. Essential issues are funding for UN peacekeeping, UN dues, and US foreign assistance related to the UN's Millennium Goals. We work with other UNA-NCA and YPIC committees to increase the effectiveness of their advocacy.

The Advocacy Committee is working more closely with UNA-USA's Washington office. All of our members receive UNA-USA's legislative updates and alerts. We have joined in the effort with the Global Leadership Council to get Congressional approval for President Obama's efforts to increase funding for defense, diplomacy, and development. The committee supported confirmation of the President's nominee to the UN Human Rights Council and is participating in efforts to encourage Senate ratification of treaties including Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, Law of the Sea, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and measures on arms control. The committee vice president addressed a group at the Sandy Spring Quaker residence on human rights and environmental issues and urged them to greater political activity in support of peace building.

## Embassy Programs

The Embassy Events Committee organizes events with embassies that promote understanding of a nation's history, aspirations and role in the UN, including culture, food, and geography. The popular YPIC embassy events called "Taste of.." are included in the work of the Committee.

UNA-NCA organized several events with embassies this year. We presented a symposium and reception in partnership with The Royal Dutch Embassy on "A New United Nations Path to Peace: the Practice and Promise of the Peacebuilding Commission." "The Bosnian Genocide and Norway's Peacekeeping Role in the UN" was co-sponsored with the Norwegian Embassy. There were two Diplomatic Dialogues co-sponsored with the Asia Society at the Philippine and Thai embassies.



Sophie Gotsadze and Mr. Sek Wannamethee, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission from the Royal Thai Embassy

## Africa

The Africa Committee promotes the core principles of the UN with respect to those actions of the global community that impact the continent of Africa.

The Africa Committee focused on the current status of the Millennium Development Goals, new challenges to poverty reduction, and the reality of significantly reducing poverty in Africa by 2015 amid the current global economic crisis. A panel discussion featured high-level experts from the field of international development.

### Featured Event

- "The Millennium Development Goals in Africa & the Diaspora: Promises, Prospects, & Realities? Leading aid experts discuss the reality of significantly reducing poverty in Africa by 2015." Panel members: Vivian Derryck, Ben Kwame, and Dr. Franck S. Wiebe.



Panel participants

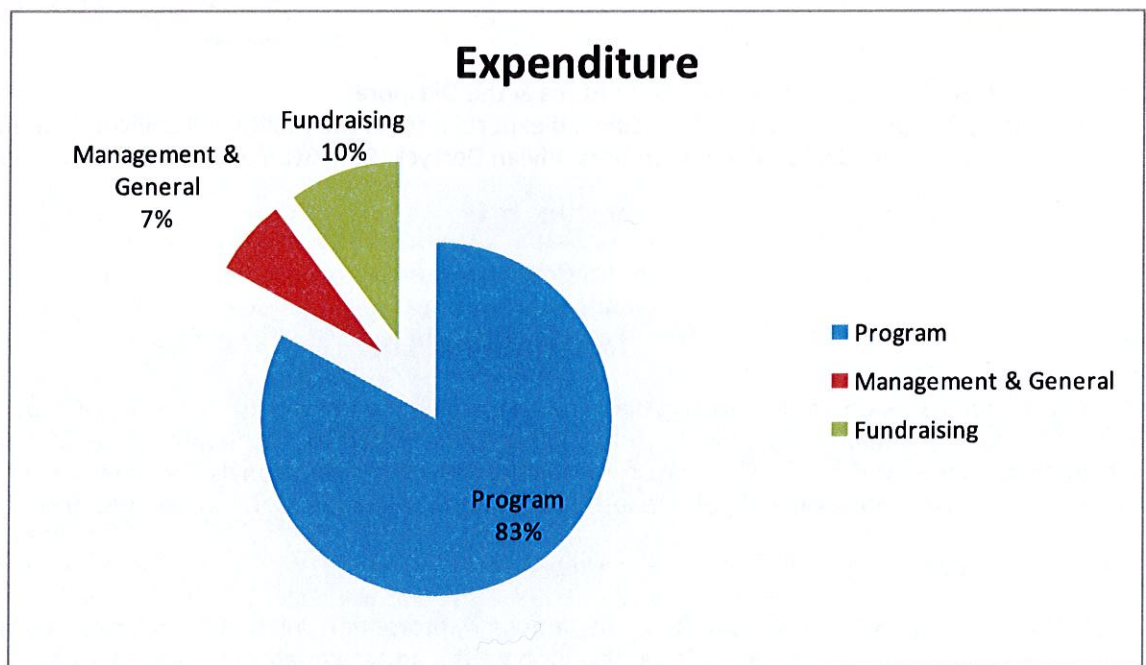
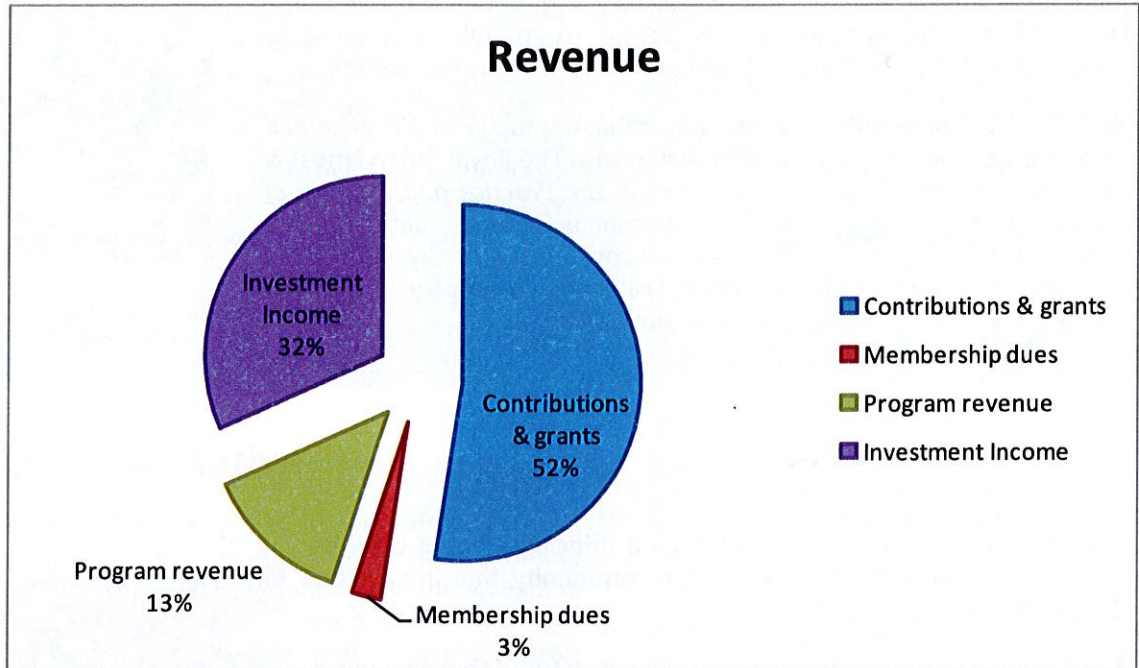
## International Law

The International Law Committee fosters dialogue concerning the UN and international law, specifically issues related to the International Criminal Court and US policies related to the prison in Guantanamo, Cuba. The International Law committee, which consists of lawyers and other professionals, discusses and presents events on current international legal and policy issues important to members of the United Nations.

### Featured Events

- In the past year, we have held programs on democracy promotion and human rights in the United Nations, the parameters of the right of anticipatory self-defense, and negotiating nuclear weapons to zero, as well as a talk by Judge Buergenthal of the International Court of Justice.

# FINANCIAL REPORT



**Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2009**

**ASSETS**

Cash and equivalents	\$ 67,045
Pledges receivable	5,279
Prepaid expenses	6,156
Investments	603,055
Security deposits	2,975
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$21,390	<u>2,120</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 686,630</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 2,626
Due to UNA-USA	<u>2,535</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,161</b>

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted:	
Undesignated	\$ 44,721
Board designated	<u>317,336</u>
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<b>362,057</b>
Temporarily restricted	264,959
Permanently restricted	<u>54,453</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b><u>681,469</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 686,630</u></b>

### FLORENCE PEPPER SCHOTT ENDOWMENT AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

UNA-NCA is fortunate to be in a strong capital position, with significant endowment and investment funds. This fortunate position is due to the generosity in past years of several lead donors, but also to the continuing support of a great number of members and past members.

The UNA-NCA endowment and investment funds showed an appreciation of almost 20 percent in 2009, even net of disbursements. This is a gratifying recovery from the losses we incurred in 2008, which, however painful, were less than many organizations experienced. The following table shows the changes in our endowment and investment funds over the last three years, net of disbursements:

	<u>12/31/09</u>	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>12/31/07</u>
Fund A (Operations)	\$351,800	\$288,348	\$435,273
Fund B (Facilities)	\$215,067	\$190,074	\$304,275
Fund C (Perdita Huston Fund)	\$ 8,749	\$ 7,011	\$ 15,523
Fund D (AE Rice Fund)	\$ 27,438	\$ 20,363	\$ 29,209
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$603,054</b>	<b>\$505,796</b>	<b>\$784,280</b>

Disbursements in 2009 were \$16,395 from Fund A to support operations and \$16,935 from Fund B to cover the majority of office rent. Both expenditures were as budgeted.

Fund A is invested, through Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, in a relatively conservative balance of stocks and bonds. Fund B, intended to cover the majority of facilities expenses, is invested mainly in income-producing assets.

We have continued to benefit from the appreciation in markets in the first quarter of 2010. Even after further planned disbursements in the last several months, the combined investments as of March 31, 2010, stood at \$619,245.

## Middle East

The Middle East Committee promotes understanding of the peoples and issues in the Middle East: 1) by informing UNA-NCA members of UN resolutions on the Middle East and the role of the UN and the US have in fostering peace in the region. Aside from political issues, the committee shall host cultural events with films, music, dance and poetry, 2) by advocating a just and peaceful resolution of conflicts in the region through engaging in grassroots initiatives with other non-governmental organizations and by engaging Congress and the White House in ways the US and/or the UN might better foster peace in the region.

### Featured Events

- Yes We Can: Middle East Peace Afternoon of Music, Theater, Pleas for Peace, Sixth and I Historic Synagogue
- Two part lecture series: The History of Middle East since 1947 to the Present

## Sustainable Development

The Sustainable Development Committee promotes understanding of the priority attention being given by the UN to the issues of climate change and the responsibilities of governments and citizens to act. The committee is also committed to increasing awareness and support of the Millennium Development Goals.

The last nine months have been active ones for the Sustainable Development Committee. Much of the committee's current focus is on expanding this year's agenda for Climate Change and Community Development. The more recent events focused on concerns relating to the December Climate Change Summit. The Sustainable Development Committee is also active in the current membership drive.



January 2010 Lunch & Learn sponsored by the Sustainable Development Committee

## Peace and Security

The Peace and Security Committee promotes the core peace and security principles of the UN and examines US policies toward the UN's initiatives on peace and security. The committee collaborates with other organizations in order to broaden understanding about peace issues and the UN. A special Arms Control Task Force focuses on Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, preparations for the 2010 UN Geneva Conference on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and proposals for limiting trafficking in small arms.

The Peace and Security Committee held its first planning meeting in March and laid out plans for two discussion panels in 2010, focusing on Central America and Central African security. The committee plans to become more actively involved in invigorating broader UNA advocacy initiatives, engaging area universities, and reaching out to related nongovernmental organizations to form co-sponsorships and collaborative networks.

# COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

## Communications

The Communications Committee had a productive year. Our top priority has been refreshing the UNA-NCA brand by developing a new, more professional identity for the organization. Here is an overview of recent and current activity:

**New UNA-NCA logo:** We created a fresh new logo for UNA-NCA (featured on the cover) that references both our focus on the UN and our location in the nation's capital. We are currently updating the Young Professionals for International Cooperation logo and hope to unveil that this summer.

**New publication templates:** We are working to create more streamlined publication designs beginning with the DC Global Classrooms Business Forum booklet. We are currently developing a style guide and a set of templates for all UNA-NCA publications to ensure greater consistency for the organization's "look and feel."

**Building the communications committee:** A key priority for the year ahead will be finding experienced volunteer graphic designers who can use the new brand guidelines to develop a set of templates for all of the materials UNA-NCA produces.

## Membership

Following the National UNA-USA's trend, the National Capital Area Division has also experienced a decrease in membership in the last year from approximately 1200 to about 1000 (as of June 2010). Though this decrease may be due to organizational and economic factors, the UNA-NCA membership team has used the following programs to mitigate this trend:

- Distribution of a members survey to learn more about member interests and preferences (see results box);
- Preparation of a prospective members survey that will soon be available in the UN Express and on our website;
- Expanding outreach by increasing the number of cosponsored events;
- Institutionalizing quarterly lapsed member email reminders;
- Continuing to use our popular Lunch & Learn series to recruit members throughout the year; and
- Using career and intern fairs not only for intern staffing, but also for promotional purposes and member recruitment.

Currently, we are in the middle of the UNA-USA 2010 Membership Drive seeking \$5,000 in membership fees by the end of June; as of this publication (June 21, 2010) we are the top ranked chapter in the nation and hope to succeed in our stated goal.

One of our main challenges this year was our ineffective database. After extensive research into all database options, considering both the monetary and practical costs, the research has shown that it is in the best interest of UNA-NCA to change to a new database. With the

recent approval of the Executive Committee, UNA-NCA will soon begin the extended process of switching to a new company. With a new database the monthly costs will increase slightly, and there will be an initial set up fee. But the added benefits of more features, such as interactive forums, we look forward to expanding our ability to reach more potential members, respond better to our existing members, and provide better and more accurate information for grants development purposes.

### Results of our member survey have enabled more informed programmatic decisions.

- The number one reason (81% of respondents) cited as a motivation for joining UNA-NCA was a desire to "Support the United Nations".
- Thirty percent have been members for over five years.
- Over 50% of the members responding to the survey stated interest in assisting with the Global Classrooms DC.
- While committee interest was equal across the topic committees, there was a slightly higher interest in the Sustainable Development (71%) and Human Rights Committees (68%).
- Among the regional committees, member interests also seemed to be equal, with an exception of the Middle East Committee where over 80% of respondents cited interest.

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UNA-NCA would like to take this opportunity to recognize the invaluable assistance we gain from our Program Assistants (PAs) throughout the year. Due to our small staff, UNA-NCA has become dependent on the PAs that volunteer for the organization. Without the PAs, it is doubtful if UNA-NCA events, activities, or the general workplace management would be able to run as smoothly as they do.

Our PAs also benefit in many ways. They gain professional development through our hands on approach of giving them serious responsibilities and opportunities in the workplace. Our program assistants also benefited from being able to meet and converse with top professionals around the D.C. area at UNA-NCA events. Since our members range from retired ambassadors to CEOs and presidents of organizations, this was a great learning tool for them to perfect their communication skills, as well as networking opportunities. They have joined the committees that interest them and in this way, it has been a shared benefit for UNA-NCA and for the program assistants. The committees gain the insight and creativity that our interns bring, while the interns expand their networking contacts and learn about possible career opportunities.

Our members and staff benefit immensely from the hard work and determination of our Program Assistants.

*I have gained a lot of insight into the extensive and exciting International Community of Washington DC. The friends, professional contacts, and experience that has been provided by UNA-NCA will be with me for the rest of my life.*

Rachel Christofferson, Program Assistant, Summer 2010

*I love that there's so much room for initiative and constructive criticism. I also love the support that the staff gives someone whether they have an event idea or even just a suggestion.*

Joyce Bassil, Program Assistant, Summer 2009

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