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GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS: THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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INTRODUCTION

The 41st Plenary Assembly is hosted by UNA-Canada in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and held at Marriott Pinnacle Downton Hotel, 1128 West Hastings Street, on 18-22 November 2015.

The Plenary Assembly is the supreme organ of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), responsible for setting and pursuing our core objectives in support of the United Nations. Each United Nations Association is a valued member of WFUNA and is actively encouraged to participate.

OVERVIEW

WFUNA's 41st Plenary Assembly and its side events provide a platform for UNAs to interact with each other and the Secretariat, consider WFUNA's progress and future plans, share ideas, coordinate efforts, formulate joint projects, learn from each other, and delve into the issues most relevant to the United Nations today. It will be organized in three parts: Seminar (18 November), Executive Committee session and various meetings (19 November) and the 41st Plenary Assembly (20-22 November).

The Seminar on 18 November will consider the global transformations regarding the Sustainable Development Goals as well as the necessity to accelerate action on Climate Change; the capacity-building sessions on 19 November will impart technical and organizational skills to support UNA activities, and the formal sessions of the Plenary from 20-22 November will establish a vision and action plan for WFUNA for 2016 and beyond.

The WFUNA Global Youth Forum will be held parallel to the Plenary Assembly. This event will bring together young activists from UNAs around the world to share their experiences and engage youth.

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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

DAY 1 18 NOVEMBER 2015		DAY 2 19 NOVEMBER 2015		DAY 3 20 NOVEMBER 2015		DAY 4 21 NOVEMBER 2015			DAY 5 22 NOVEMBER 2015					
Days 1-5 UNAs Exhibit: Pre-Function Area, 3rd Floor	8:30	Coffee break		8:45	Meeting of the Credentials Committee (members only) Caulefield									
	9:00	Welcome and Introduction Pinnacle				9:00	Plenary Session 3 Pinnacle	Elections Committee (members only) Caulefield	Global Youth Forum Shaughnessy 1	9:00	Plenary Session 5 Pinnacle	Global Youth Forum Shaughnessy 1		
	9:30	Capacity Building Session Stream 1 Pinnacle 1	Capacity Building Session Stream 2 Pinnacle 2	10:00	Opening Ceremony Pinnacle									
				11:00	Plenary Session 1 Pinnacle	Global Youth Forum Shaughnessy 1	11:00	Plenary Session 4 Pinnacle						
	12:30	Lunch		12:30	UNA-Canada Lunch		Lunch			Lunch				
	13:30	Capacity Building Session Stream 1 Pinnacle 1	Capacity Building Session Stream 2 Pinnacle 2	14:00	Thematic Panel Discussions Pinnacle		Global Youth Forum Shaughnessy 1	13:00	Commission 1 Pinnacle	Elections Committee (members only) Caulefield	Global Youth Forum Shaughnessy 1	13:00	Plenary Session 6 Joint session with WFUNA Global Youth Forum Pinnacle	Elections Committee (members only) Caulefield
	14:45	Regional Meetings Europe: Pinnacle 1 Africa: Pinnacle 2 South America: Shaughnessy 1 North America: Shaughnessy 2 Asia Pacific: Caulefield						15:30	Coffee break			212th Executive Committee (members and officers only) Shaughnessy 1		
	16:00	Coffee break		16:00	Coffee break									
	16:30	SEMINAR Global Transformations: The Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Change Pinnacle		16:30	Heads of Delegations Meeting Shaughnessy 1		16:30	Plenary Session 2 Pinnacle	Elections Committee (members only) Caulefield	Global Youth Forum Shaughnessy 1	17:00	Group Excursion		
	17:45			18:00	End of Program									
19:30	211th Executive Committee Meeting (members and officers only / working dinner) Shaughnessy 1		Global Citizens Gala Dinner Pinnacle				UNA-Canada Dinner		End of Program					

UNA Resource Room Dundarave



DETAILED SCHEDULE

All sessions are held at Marriott Pinnacle Downton Hotel. Room assignments can be found in the schedule overview and below.

Information on how to reach the venue via public transit or taxi can be found in your welcome package.

Venue:

Marriott Pinnacle Downton Hotel, 1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver.

[Room Dundarave](#) is available for all UNAs to use as a Resource Room throughout the Plenary, including laptops with printing facilities.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER – SEMINAR (Pinnacle)

16.30-17.45	Seminar (Room: Pinnacle) Panel 1: <i>Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i>
18.00-19.15	Seminar (continuing) Panel 2: <i>SDG 13: Accelerating Action on Climate Change</i>
19.30	211th Executive Committee Meeting (members and officers only / working dinner, Room: Shaughnessy 1)

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER – CAPACITY BUILDING SESSIONS AND MEETINGS*

*Please see timetable overview p.10

8.30	Coffee break
9.00	Welcome and Introduction (Room: Pinnacle)
9.30	Capacity building sessions <i>Stream 1</i> (Room: Pinnacle 1) <i>Stream 2</i> (Room: Pinnacle 2)
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Capacity building sessions <i>Stream 1</i> (Room: Pinnacle 1) <i>Stream 2</i> (Room: Pinnacle 2)
14.45	Regional Meetings (See page 4 for rooms)
16.00	Coffee Break
16.30	Heads of Delegations Meeting (Room: Shaughnessy 1)
17.45	Global Citizens Gala Dinner (Room: Pinnacle)

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER – 41st PLENARY ASSEMBLY

- 8.45 Meeting of the Credentials Committee
(members only - [Room: Caulefield](#))
- 10.00 Opening Ceremony ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- 11.00 **Plenary Session 1** ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- Commencement of work on the items on the agenda
- Global Youth Forum** ([Room: Shaughnessy 1](#))
- 12.30 Luncheon for all delegates
- 14.00 **Thematic Panel Discussions on:** ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- Global Youth Forum** ([Room: Shaughnessy 1](#))
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 **Plenary Session 2** ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- Continuation of work on the agenda
- Closure of Nominations for President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer at 17.00*
- (Meeting of the Elections Committee - [Room: Caulefield](#))
- Global Youth Forum** ([Room: Shaughnessy 1](#))
- 18.00 End of Program

SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

- 9.00 **Plenary Session 3** ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- Conduct of the elections for President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General and Treasurer*
- Continuation of work on the agenda items
- (Elections Committee Meets - [Room: Caulefield](#))
- Global Youth Forum** ([Room: Shaughnessy 1](#))
- 11.00 **Plenary Session 4** ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- Announcement of the results of the elections for President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General and Treasurer*
- Continuation of work on the agenda items
- 12.00 UNA-Canada luncheon for all delegates
- Elections - Deadline for the Nomination of Executive Committee Members at 13.00*
- 13.00 **Commission 1** ([Room: Pinnacle](#))
- Policy Issues
- WFUNA Vancouver Declaration
- (Elections Committee meets – [Room: Caulefield](#))
- Global Youth Forum** ([Room: Shaughnessy 1](#))

15.30	Coffee break
16.00	Commission 2 (Room: Pinnacle) WFUNA Organizational Matters Global Youth Forum (Room: Shaughnessy 1)
19.00	UNA-Canada Dinner

SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

9.00	Plenary Session 5 (Room: Pinnacle) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuation of work on the agenda items Global Youth Forum (Room: Shaughnessy 1)
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Plenary Session 6 (Room: Pinnacle) <i>Conduct of elections for Executive Committee Members</i> (Elections Committee Meets – Room: Caulefield) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conferring of the title of Honorary President
13.30	Joint Session with WFUNA Global Youth Forum
14.00	Plenary Session 7 (Room: Pinnacle) <i>Announcement of the results of the elections for Executive Committee members</i> Closing remarks by the President
15.00	212th Meeting of the Executive Committee (members and officers only – Room: Shaughnessy 1)
17.00	Group Excursion
19.00	End of Program

GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS: THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE - SEMINAR

LOCATION: Pinnacle

SEMINAR OVERVIEW

In September 2015, three years of Post-2015 consultations and negotiations culminated in the adoption of a new sustainable development agenda, officially titled 'Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,' at the United Nations Summit. This is the most ambitious development agenda to date and will require a great amount of financial resources and effective partnerships between governments, civil society and the private sector.

Civil society played a strong role in the development of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Consultations, such as those conducted through the World We Want Platform allowed civil society to provide perspectives on the new agenda. As global advocates for the United Nations, it is imperative that UNAs have a strong, authoritative, and representative voice in the implementation, monitoring, and review of the SDGs. UNAs around the world have a responsibility to spark dialogue, educate and spread information, influence policy and mobilize popular support for these efforts.

Panel 1 in this seminar aims to introduce the new sustainable development framework, challenges and opportunities for civil society organizations and United Nations Associations in particular, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as we move forward. Panel 2 will highlight SDG 13 ('Take Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and its Impact') and the upcoming 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the UNFCCC and discuss how these processes can effectively address global climate change.

Panel 1

Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Wednesday, November 18 • 16h30 – 17h45

Under the new Post-2015 agenda, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been established that will guide the work of governments, civil society and the private sector over the next 15 years. There are grand challenges to be met - including eradicating poverty, protecting our planet, ensuring all people live prosperous and healthy lives, fostering peaceful and inclusive societies, and mobilizing the means required to implement this agenda.

Now that these goals have been adopted, questions remain for the implementation process - How do we achieve our goals this time around? How do we mobilize the financial resources necessary? How do we engage civil society and the private sector?

This panel will discuss these questions, specifically focusing on the role of civil society and how civil society can effectively take the lead in the implementation, monitoring and review of the new development agenda.

Panellists (TBC)

- Kate White, President & CEO, UNA-Canada | Chair of the Executive Committee , WFUNA (Welcome Remarks, Moderator)
- 1. Bonian Golmohammadi, Secretary-General, WFUNA
- 2. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
- 3. The Hon. Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
- 4. Dr. Annie S.C. Wu, HK Beijing Air Catering Ltd, Member of the Board, United Nations Association of China

Panel 2

SDG 13: Accelerating Action on Climate Change

Wednesday, November 18 • 18h00 – 19h15

Few weeks after this seminar, world leaders and the international community will gather in Paris for COP21. Despite years of sluggish progress, political will is growing and expectations are high for this year's conference to build upon the momentum created by the adoption of the SDGs and establish a global, legally binding agreement on climate change.

This panel will provide an overview of the key milestone events in the global climate change policy process. Many key questions will be discussed – How can we align commitments under UNFCCC with the SDGs (particularly Goal 13)? Can we meet the financial commitments necessary to address climate change? Will the Green Climate Fund work? How can we address major issues such as 'Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and 'Intended National Determined Contributions'? How should we engage the private sector, foster Private-Public Partnerships? Finally, what if COP fails?

This panel will also discuss key initiatives and case studies from UNA-Canada, the Canadian government and the City of Vancouver to address climate change at the global, national and infra-national level.

Panellists (TBC)

- Helena Laukko, Executive Director, UNA-Finland | Member of the Executive Committee, WFUNA (Welcome Remarks, Moderator)
- 1. Mayor Gregor Robertson, City of Vancouver
- 2. The Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of Environment
- 3. Dr. Mathieu Leoporini, Science and Technology Attaché, Consulate General of France in Vancouver
- 4. Fatou Ndoye, Deputy Director Regional Office of North America, UNEP

PROGRAM FOR CAPACITY BUILDING SESSIONS

	STREAM 1: Introductory Training	STREAM 2: Advanced Training
9.00 – 9.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
9.30 – 10.45	Capacity Building Session Communications and Social Media Room: Pinnacle I	Capacity Building Session Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies Room: Pinnacle II
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Capacity Building Session Basics of Fundraising Room: Pinnacle I	Capacity Building Session Fostering Global Citizenship Room: Pinnacle II
12.30 – 1.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 – 14.45	Capacity Building Session Building A Viable UNA: Membership and Financial Management Room: Pinnacle I	Capacity Building Session Human Rights in the 2030 Agenda Room: Pinnacle II

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 41ST PLENARY ASSEMBLY

1. Opening of the Plenary Assembly
2. Adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Organization of work
 - Establishment of Commissions and election of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs of the two Commissions
 - Appointment of the members of the Elections Committee
5. Secretary-General's report on the work of the Secretariat
 - Adoption of the report
6. Membership Issues
 - Admissions and terminations
7. Conduct of elections for:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-Presidents
 - c) Secretary-General
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Executive Committee Members
8. Treasurer's report
 - Approval of Treasurer's report
 - Approval of audited accounts
9. Amendments to the Constitution
10. Reports of the two Commissions
 - Vancouver Declaration
 - Resolutions
11. Budget and dues
 - Adopt budget for 2016-2017
 - Adopt membership dues schedule
12. Date and place of the 42nd Plenary Assembly
13. Conferring of the titles of Honorary President
14. Closing of the Plenary Assembly

PROGRAM FOR THE WFUNA GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM

The 2nd WFUNA Global Youth Forum will be held in conjunction with the 41st WFUNA Plenary Assembly in Vancouver, Canada. From 18-22 November, the forum will act as a platform to allow UNA Youth representatives to share best practices, develop joint projects, and build a strong youth network.

Question: How can we build ownership of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and mobilize our Youth Network to support its implementation?

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

The WFUNA Youth Network is comprised of United Nations Association Youth Sections/Chapters and United Nations Youth Associations around the world. The WFUNA Global Youth Forum, as the official youth space of the WFUNA Youth Network during the 41st WFUNA Plenary Assembly, will bring together young people that actively participate in "the biggest international movement working for a stronger and more effective United Nations".

The aim of the Forum is to:

- **Elect the upcoming WFUNA Youth Advisory Council for the 2015-2018 term.**

The upcoming WFUNA Youth Advisory Group will be in charge of advising the WFUNA Secretary-General on youth initiatives, foster youth involvement among United Nations Associations and United Nations Youth Associations and work with WFUNA's mission of developing youth programs that build the capacity of its global membership. Members of our Youth Network will be able to nominate themselves prior to the Global Youth Forum. Elections will take place during the Global Youth Forum. Two youth delegates per continent will be elected.

- **Provide a space to share best practices and networking opportunities for a stronger WFUNA Youth Network.**

Youth leaders from our Youth Network will be able to meet and share best practices. The Global Youth Forum will also provide a creative space where youth can engage with like-minded individuals from other UNAs and UNYAs around the world.

- **Build the organizational and individual capacity of the WFUNA Youth Network.**

The individual and organizational capacity of our Youth Network varies from member to member around the world. The Global Youth Forum will aim to bridge those gaps by offering workshops and thematic trainings in the areas that are most relevant to the members of our Youth Network.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 2ND GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

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| 15:30 | Youth Delegates Meet-and-Greet
Hotel Lobby |
| 16:30 | Seminar / Global Transformations: the Sustainable
Development Goals |

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

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| All day | Registration and Check-in |
| All day | WFUNA Capacity-Building Session |

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

Morning Session

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| 10:00 | Opening Ceremony |
| 11:10 | Welcome and Orientation |
| 11:25 | Report by outgoing WFUNA Youth Advisory Group |
| 11:50 | Presentation of candidates for the new WFUNA Youth
Advisory Council |
| 12:10 | Group Photo |
| 12:30 | Lunch |

Afternoon Session

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| 14:00 | Energize |
| 14:10 | Presentations by UNA Youth Sections/UNA Youth
Associations
(15 minutes each) |
| 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:30 | Presentations by UNA Youth Sections/UNA Youth
Associations
(15 minutes each) |
| 17:50 | Decompress |
| 18:00 | End of Day |

SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

Morning session

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| 9:00 | Energize |
| 9:10 | Workshop by the UN Youth Association of Denmark |
| 11:00 | Conference call with Nöella Richard, UNDP Youth Policy
Specialist (TBC) |
| 12:00 | Lunch |

Afternoon session

13:00	Energize
13:10	WFUNA Youth Advisory Council Elections
14:00	Introduction to the UN Youth Delegate Programme
15:00	Meeting with WFUNA SG
15:30	Coffee Break
16:00	WFUNA Youth Network
	Part 1 Communications Strategy
	Part 2 Capacity Building: Bridging the gap
15:50	Decompress
18:00	End of Day

SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

Morning session

09:00	Energize
09:10	Conference call with UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth with UN Officer
09:50	Opportunities for engagement with WFUNA in 2016
10:20	#UNYACHAT: Ideas for online engagement
11:30	Evaluation of Global Youth Forum
12:00	Lunch

Afternoon session

13:00	Global Youth Forum Report to Plenary Assembly
	Closing of Global Youth Forum