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An International Day of
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Reception Program Includes:
Remarks from Ambassadors of Austria and Tunisia
Keynotes from UNESCO; Video Presentations on
Best Practices of Global Citizenship;
9-yr old Violinist's Ensemble with Piano;
World Traditional Dance Group of Choonuri; and
Reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres

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CONCEPT NOTE

On July 18, 2014, global citizenship was added to the language of SDG 4.7. For the second consecutive year, this celebration will mark the anniversary and highlight the essential role of Education for Global Citizenship by reaffirming the collective commitment to establishing an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship at the United Nations.

The world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent and yet faces continuing threats to peace, human rights, justice, equity, and environmental sustainability. Migration and forced displacement across the globe, including Africa, Latin America and the Arab League, have become major challenges in security and sustainable development within and among countries. During the African Dialogue at the United Nations (May 21-23, 2019), Secretary General António Guterres stressed durable solutions by both local leadership and global cooperation, along with long-term approaches—inclusive education and life-long learning—for conflict prevention, poverty reduction, acceptance of diversity, and solidarity among nations and their peoples.

For achieving peace and sustainable development, education is required to “transform the ways people think and act.” Education for Global Citizenship (EGC) emphasizes “giving people the understanding, skills and values they need to cooperate in resolving the interconnected challenges of the 21st Century”, as elucidated in the vision of the Global Education First Initiative launched in 2012. UNESCO’s Global Education Meeting 2018, entitled “Education in an Interconnected World: Ensuring Inclusive and Equitable Development”, underlines the role of global citizenship education in cultivating the mindset of individuals with a sense of promoting respect for diversity, solidarity and sharing a sense of humanity.

The enactment of an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship will create a strong platform for this very purpose so that we the citizens of the world will share the progress made each year. It would include advancing the ways to integrate global citizenship throughout all learning and education systems: from local communities to the international system. Global citizens identify themselves as responsible members of the world and act together for shared values with compassion and respect for all. This International Day will empower all to advance various SDG initiatives and cultivate partnerships among diverse actors of society - NGOs, the media, public and private sectors - for protecting nature and the climate phenomena; and for creating a more just, equal and peaceful society.

This event will celebrate An International Day of Education for Global Citizenship as a day to spotlight SDG 4 Quality Education, in particular, SDG 4.7: “the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.”

PROGRAM

6:00 PM - Welcoming Reception
Drinks & Interactive Activities

6:20 PM - Opening Remarks
H.E. Ambassador Philipp Charwath, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Mission of Austria to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Sami Bougacha, Ambassador chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations
6:30 PM - Keynotes
Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations in New York

6:40 PM - Video Presentations: Best Practices of EGC
High school students from multiple countries
Youth projects from UNESCO

6:55 PM - Conversational Reception
Group conversations with drinks and hors d'oeuvres

7:30 PM - Musical Celebration
Charlotte Im, 9-year old violinist & Dr. Sung Ho Yang, Pianist, Adjunct Faculty at New Jersey City University - CN Philharmonic Orchestra
1) Jules Massenet - Meditation from Thais for Violin and Piano
2) Csárdás by Monti

Traditional Dance Group of Choomnoori
3) Jindo Drum Dance - designated as a Korean Important Intangible Cultural Property

7:45 PM - Closing Remarks
Dr. Hyun Mook Lim, Director, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (UNESCO- APCEIU)

Dr. Scott Carlin & Dr. Eunhee Jung, Co-Chairs, The NGO Steering Committee for an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS
H.E. Ambassador Philipp Charwath has been the Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in New York since August 2015. Mr. Charwath has been keenly interested in questions of human rights, human dignity, equality and international cooperation. In 2017, he served as the Chairman of the 55th session of the UN Commission for Social Development. Prior to his current position, he served as Deputy Head of Office of the Deputy Foreign Minister in Vienna, Austria. His previous diplomatic assignments included postings in Ethiopia, Senegal, and at the Austrian Permanent Missions to the UN in Vienna and New York, respectively.

H.E. Sami Bougacha is a Tunisian diplomat and Ambassador chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations in New York. He has played diverse leadership roles in the Tunisian Foreign Ministry including, among others, as Minister Plenipotentiary and Director at the General Directorate for Multilateral Cooperation and Chargé d’Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office in Geneva. He has often invited to speak at numerous conferences and initiatives related to the status of women, anti-corruption, human rights, inclusive growth, economic integration, justice and anti-terrorism.

Ms. Marie Paule Roudil is the Director of UNESCO Liaison Office New York and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations since 2015. Ms. Roudil previously was Head of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels and the UNESCO Representative to the European Union having been appointed to that position in October 2010. She joined UNESCO in 1990 to contribute to the design and launching of the joint UN programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). She also carried out preparatory work on the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, adopted in 2003.
Dr. Hyun Mook LIM is currently the Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), a UNESCO Centre based in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Prior to assuming this position, he worked as Assistant Secretary General for Education at the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, where he had started his professional career in 1992. He has taught at Sungkyunkwan University as visiting professor. He received a Ph.D. in Political Thought from Sogang University, Republic of Korea and MA in International Studies from the University of Denver, Colorado, USA.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Charlotte Im, age nine at Chadwick School in Palos Verdes, CA. Charlotte began her violin at age 6 and studies with Mr. Glenn Dieterow. She has been the recipient of numerous awards ranging from regional to international competitions, including first place at the CAPMT State Final Concerto Competition, first place at the ASTA greater Los Angeles, first place at MTAC Scholarship Auditions, first place at Korea Times Music Competition, and first place at Lansum International Music Festival. Recently, She performed Mozart Violin Concerto with CN Philharmonic at the Lincoln Center: Bruno Walter Auditorium.

Korean Traditional Dance Of Choomnoori (KTDOC) was founded in the U.S. in 2008 by Director Eunhee Ahn. The organization is comprised mainly of 1st and 2nd generation Koreans. Its mission is to share and grow the legacy of Korean culture and display its rich history to the world. KTDOC performed on the NBC Today Show to celebrate the 100 day mark before the PyeongChang Winter Olympics. KTDOC has also amassed many awards and recognitions including the Grand Prize from competitions such as the World Traditional Korean Arts Competition and the Asian Traditional Performing Arts Competition.

Dr. Scott Carlin and Dr. Eunhee Jung serve as Co-Chair of the NGO Steering Committee for an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship (IDEGC). Dr. Carlin is an associate professor of geography at LIU Post and coordinates campus sustainability efforts. He is an NGO representative for LIU Post and the International Society of Doctors for the Environment. Dr. Jung is the Founder and President of IVECA International Virtual Schooling. Her expertise is in using instructional technologies to transform classroom activities towards globally connected teaching and learning that promotes interculturally competent global citizens who can contribute to peace and sustainable development.

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