



Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing®

UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

The title of this event was 'Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving Sustainable Development Goals Together – Youth as Agents of Change'

This event acted as a pre-conference leading up to the [United Nations Department of Information/Non-Governmental Organization Conference](#). It focused on discussing the issues of education and global citizenship, as well as empowering youth as partners and actors in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

This event was held on 28 April, 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY and online live stream via UN WebTV.

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Many of the dignitaries who spoke with youth discussed the important role youth have to play in providing a creative voice as well as being the best potential communicators for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), given the interconnectedness of our generation. It was suggested that youth can play a critical role in ensuring accountability and monitoring of governments in achieving the SDGs. In particular, youth-led initiatives, organizations and localization of SDGs were consistently highlighted as successful strategies to achieving the SDGs. A representative from Lehigh University encouraged universities to join United Nations networks but also encouraged universities to take a lead on SDG research.

There was also an International Youth Panel where the youth spoke about planning for the youth session of the United Nations Department of Information/Non-Governmental Organization conference in South Korea (Republic of Korea), where there will be a roundtable focused on Children and Youth: Tomorrow's Global Citizens Today. There are also opportunities to contribute to the conference via e-consultation. At the end of the Conference in South Korea, an outcome document will be created which will act as a guide and tool for civil society in enacting the SDGs. The youth also discussed various tools which were available re: how to engage various stakeholders, including youth, in developing global citizenship, practical examples.

Link for Video of event: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/avlibrary/asset/1613/1613151/>

Global Citizenship Education – Preparing learners for the challenges of the 21st century - based on personal experiences/strategies that people have found success with – available online <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002277/227729e.pdf>

Link to the Youth page of the conference which outlines youth activities:

<http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/conference-2016/youth-2016/>

DPI/NGO Youth website:

<http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/youth/>