



Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing®

UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

The [DPI/NGO Youth Representatives](#) event was a networking opportunity for DPI/NGO Youth Representatives to meet and learn about the work of youth around the world who are supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.

This event was held 31 January 2017, at the United Nations headquarters in New York, NY, United States.

Report submitted by Aden Hamza, STTI United Nations Youth Representative

A panel discussion was held; youth representing various organizations and member states discussed their work as it relates to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and shared their thoughts on how to ensure youth remain engaged.

Costa Rick

Discussed the pillars of a) strengthening of economy, b) open government, c) eradicating poverty.

A social council with youth was developed to understand the issues taking place at the local level as well as the limitations of priorities within an area. They facilitated a program for communicating with government, shifting to a multidimensional look at various factors impacting an individual in poverty and making a unified registry to ensure that the different ministries working on poverty are dovetailing their benefits.

Youth are diverse, and poverty has worse effects for women and persons with disabilities, thus policies need to address that.

Eric

Expressed his thoughts on religion and how it is evolving knowledge to help society. He reminded us of the importance of service and youth developing a sense of moral purpose. In addition, intellectual and spiritual resources are needed to support this, and help galvanize a community and support collective thinking.

Liam – Countering Violent Extremism

Negative influences are taking advantage of the natural process of youth development; however, they cannot stifle the desire of youth to contribute and participate in transformative change. The challenges and discrimination faced by youth must be recognized if we hope to prevent extremism and hopelessness. By focusing on tapping into the desire for a better world/transformation, this will hopefully help youth recognize they have power to effect change.

Zineb (Rotaract)

Rotaract supports partnership, capacity-building, and mentorship for youth. Focusing on creating simple and achievable goals and recognizing the interrelated nature of the SDGs has been critical to making successful contributions.

Radja

Although globalization has had some positive impacts, it has also contributed to increasing division. Education that is welcoming and unbiased is needed in this environment, including a focus on intercultural dialogue and humanity.

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Campaign re: refugee and migrant crisis that provides safe space

A discussion regarding inspiration for youth in the age of technology ensued, where it was highlighted that technology can act as an ally instead of a disconnect.