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**71st Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 71)**

**13 - 26 September**
**UN Headquarters, New York City**
The 71st Regular Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 71) will convene at UN Headquarters on Tuesday, 13 September 2016. The General Debate will open on Tuesday, 20 September 2016.

**IMPACT 2030 Inaugural Summit**

**14 - 16 September**
**UN Headquarters (Location TBD), New York City**
A private sector-led coalition in collaboration with the United Nations, public and social sectors and academia, IMPACT2030 is aligning human capital investments with volunteer programs to contribute towards the achievement of the SDGs. The three day summit will bring together members of the private sector, civil society, academia and high-level UN representatives.

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**2016 GODAN Summit**

**15 - 16 September**
**New York Hilton Midtown, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York City**
The GODAN Summit will engage partners from governments, private sectors and organizations to support the sharing of open data regarding agriculture and nutrition. World leaders, executives, farmers and students will collaborate to discuss the importance of making data easily available in the ‘Open Data Revolution to Zero Hunger’.

Contact: enquiries@godan.info

**Delivery of #WithRefugee Petition**

**16 September: 10:30AM**
**UN Headquarters (Room TBD), New York City**
The #WithRefugees petition will be delivered to UN headquarters in New York ahead of the UN General Assembly high-level summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

**Sustainable Peace Sustainable Development**

**16 September: 4:30PM - 6:00PM**
**Conference Room 3, UN Headquarters, New York City**
On the UN International Day of Peace, world leaders will come together to share both personal and professional experiences encountered while meeting both personal and global challenges in order to advance policies and achieve a sustainable peaceful world.

Contact: info@gsinstitute.org

**Social Good Summit 2016**

**18 - 19 September**
**92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York City**
The Social Good Summit is a two-day conference examining the impact of technology and new media on social good initiatives around the world. Held annually during UNGA Week, the Social Good Summit unites a dynamic community of global leaders and grassroots activists.

Contact: info@unfoundation.org

**Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting**

**19 - 21 September**
**Various locations in New York City**
The CGI Annual Meeting provides a global stage to amplify the impact of members’ Commitments to Action, dynamic sessions for members to challenge approaches and share expertise, and a forum for shaping the global development agenda through the “Partnering for Global Prosperity” theme.

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**Opening Ceremony of Climate Week NYC**

**19 September: 9:30AM - 12:45PM**
**The Times Center - New York Times Building, 242 West 41st Street, New York City**
Bringing together influential global figures and new voices from the worlds of business, government and society who are leading the low carbon transition, the Climate group will convene at the eighth Climate Week in NYC.

Contact: info@theclimategroup.org

**Climate Week NYC**

**19 - 25 September**
**Various Locations in New York City**
Organized by the Climate Group, Climate Week NYC brings together influential global figures and new voices from business, government and civil society who are leading the low carbon transition.

Contact: info@theclimategroup.org

**Columbia-Concordia Summit & Private Sector Forum on Migration and Refugees**

**19-20 September**
**Grand Hyatt, 109 East 42nd Street, New York City**
200 cross-sector leaders will engage in a series of high-level interactive discussions on the private sector’s role and responsibility in addressing global migration challenges and the current refugee crisis. It is an invitation-only forum, concluding in a plenary session. The plenary session will issue attendees of the Concordia Summit a Call to Action on the need to collaborate with private sectors to provide solutions for forced migration.

Contact: office@concordia.net

**Advancing Global Health Security: Driving Innovation through Partnership**

**19 September: 8:00AM – 10:00AM**
**The Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City**
Hosted by Global Health Security Agenda Private Sector Round-
table and PATH, a breakfast discussion among leaders and experts from government, civil society, international organizations, and the private sector on how innovative approaches and partnerships can make the world more safe and secure.

**Business Collaborating to Deliver the SDGs**
19 September: 8:00AM - 12:15PM
Citi, 153 East 53rd Street (14th Floor), New York City
Hosted by Business Fights Poverty, Citi, SABMiller and the UK’s Department for International Development. Combines keynotes with specific collaboration opportunities to harness and scale the development impact of business. Will include a series of practical, open innovation workshops, focusing on a selection of SDG-related Challenges convened by Business Fights Poverty and its partners.
Contact: team@businessfightspoverty.org

**High-Level Meeting of the UNGA to Address Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants**
19 September: 8:30AM - 8:00PM
UN Headquarters (Room TBD), New York City
Organized by the PGA, U.S. Special Adviser to the SG Karen AbuZayd, and member state co-facilitators (Jordan and Ireland). This summit aims to bring countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach, is a moment to strengthen governance of international migration and provides a unique opportunity for creating a more responsible, predictable system for responding to large movements of refugees and migrants.

**The Future of Spaceship Earth: The SDGs – The Business Frontier**
19 September: 8:15AM - 9:45AM
South Dining Room, UN Headquarters, New York City
Launch of a new resource developed by the UN Global Compact and DNV GL that highlights ways that business can deliver solutions to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
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**Leading the Way in the SDG Era**
19 September: 10:30AM - 12:00PM
South Dining Room, UN Headquarters, New York City
The UN Global Compact is currently shaping the next generation of business leadership to advance the SDGs, beginning with the key areas of innovation, solutions, finance and reporting. Join us to hear more about these initiatives and how your organization can take action.
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**UN Private Sector Forum**
19 September: 1:00PM - 3:00PM
Delegates Dining Room, UN Headquarters, New York City
Looking at the themes of People, Planet, Peace, Partnerships, and Prosperity, participants will explore the ways in which multi-stakeholder partnerships involving business can advance sustainable development in a way that reduces global instability, and contributes to our ultimate goal of creating a sustainable world by 2030.
**Note:** Participation in the UN Private Sector Forum is by invitation only. Invitations are sent exclusively to board-level, “C-suite” executives.
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**Reception on the Occasion of the High-Level Launch of the Global Deal: together for decent work and inclusive growth**
September 19: 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Century Association: Skylight Room, 7 West 43 Street, New York City
The reception will focus on the business engagement in the Global Deal initiative. Speakers include Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, ILO Director General Guy Ryder, OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría, UN Global Compact Executive Director Lise Kingo, and Henrik Henriksson, President and CEO of Scania. The objectives of the Global Deal are effective labour relations and decent work, which contribute to greater equality and inclusive economic development, benefiting workers, companies and societies (win-win-win).
Contact: Frida.jangsten@gov.se

**Celebrating Solutions | Keeping up with the Momentum for Girls & Women**
September 19: 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Century Association: Skylight Room, 7 West 43 Street, New York City
Hosted by the Danish Mission to the UN and Women Deliver, a reception and evening of networking will unveil the Solutions Panorama, a combination of 100+ programs, initiatives and a variety of strategies that emerged from the Women Deliver Conference.
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**Leaders’ Summit on Refugees**
20 September
UN Headquarters (Room TBD), New York City
US President Barack Obama will host this Leaders’ Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis. The event will take place on the margins of UNGA 71 and will seek to galvanize significant new global commitments to: 1) increase funding to humanitarian appeals and international organizations, 2) admit more refugees through resettlement or other legal pathways, and 3) increase refugees’ self-reliance and inclusion through opportunities for education and legal work. The summit was announced by Permanent Representative of the US Samantha Power during her presidency of the UN Security Council, in December 2015. The summit will be preceded by a UN General Assembly (UNGA) High-level Meeting on large movements of refugees and migrants, on
19 September 2016.

**SUN Business Network, GAIN, WFP & ‘Every Woman Every Child’ Collaborate to Highlight Business Commitments to Nutrition**

20 September
Apella, 450 East 29th Street, New York City

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Business Network (SBN), Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and UN World Food Programme, Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) and other partners are joining forces to highlight evidence of business commitments which have had the greatest impact on improved nutrition, aligned with SUN government nutrition plans. The coalition of organizations will share these lessons as part of a high level side event at the 2016 UN General Assembly in New York.

**Sustainable Investment Forum**

20 September: 9:00AM - 9:00PM
Westin New York at Times Square, 270 West 43rd Street, New York City

Taking place 20 September during New York Climate Week. This one-day event aims to progress the dialogue on the development of effective public-private funding mechanisms for scaling low-carbon innovation. Uniting 300 investors, asset managers, fund managers, public and private banks, insurers and the private sector with key policy makers, city leaders and regulatory bodies, SInv will build the key relationships required to finance last year’s Paris Agreement.

Contact: mthomas@climateactionprogramme.org

**Together for the 2030 Agenda: Partnering for Women, Children and Adolescents, to Thrive and Transform the World**

20 September: 11:00AM - 1:00PM
Room CR3, UN Headquarters, New York City

Co-organized by Every Woman Every Child (EWEC), the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, the Zero Hunger Challenge (ZHC), along with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), and Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), this high-level event will celebrate #2030together.

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**UNHCR-WFP Joint Strategy on Enhancing Self-reliance in Food Security & Nutrition in Protracted Refugee Situations**

20 September: 1:15PM - 2:45PM
UN Headquarters (Room TBD), New York City

This joint strategy will focus on the challenges to enhancing self-reliance in food security and nutrition, especially in extended refugee situations, where it is of great importance to support greater dignity and protection. This event will focus on humanitarian development and attempt to establish how a global approach is mutually beneficial to both host countries and refugees. UNHCR and WFP will show that collaboration can enhance self-reliance of refugees in food security and nutrition, showcasing best practice models and discussing lessons learned.

Contact: usawa@unhcr.org

**Exploratory Roundtable: Business, Good Health and Well-being for All**

20 September: 2:00PM – 4:00PM
UN Global Compact, 685 Third Avenue (12th Floor), New York City

Hosted by the Global Compact, the event will feature introductions and short perspectives from experts and practitioners, participants will engage in a moderated discussion on business and SDG3. The discussion will help inform the work programme of the UN Global Compact on the SDGs in the future. Approximately 40 participants from business, civil society and the UN will participate.

Contact: lau@unglobalcompact.org

**Launch of the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth**

20 September: 4:00PM - 6:00PM
UN Headquarters (Room TBD), New York City

Established by the Secretary-General in early 2016, the Commission will be co-chaired by President of France, Francois Hollande and the President of South Africa, Jacob Zuma along with WHO, ILO, and OECD. The commission aims to identify ways of developing a global health workforce capable of achieving the SDGs, including those related to health, as well as generating employment and advancing inclusive economic growth and decent work.

**Hult Prize Award Dinner**

20 September: 6:30PM
Sheraton Hotel Times Square, 811 7th Avenue, New York City

The 7th annual Awards Dinner will take place at the Clinton Global Initiative annual meeting. Confirmed participation by Professor Yunus and President Bill Clinton, in addition to an exclusive panel of judges will select and award the evening’s winner with US $1M in seed capital in order to launch their program for good, for profit start-up.

Contact: info@hultprize.org

**HeForShe 2nd Year Anniversary**

20 September: 7:00PM - 10:00PM
Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Steet, New York City

Hosted by UN Women, the celebration will be in honor of the 2nd anniversary for the HeForShe initiative.

Contact: heforshe@unwomen.org

**The Global Goals Dinner 2016**

20 September: 7:00PM
Gustavino’s, 409 East 59th Street, New York City
Hosted by Richard Curtis, Paul Polman, Erna Solberg and Unilever, the dinner will celebrate the achievements of a variety of governments, businesses and organizations who have demonstrated progress in achieving the SDGs.

Contact: info@unfoundation.org

**2016 International Conference on Sustainable Development**

**21 - 22 September**

**Lerner Hall: Columbia University, 2920 Broadway, New York City**

The fourth annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD), on the theme ‘Moving Forward: The SDGs in Practice,’ will bring together members of the research, policy, practice and business communities to share practical solutions for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at local and national levels. The Conference will focus on four thematic areas: Innovation in Technology and Governance; Data (data systems, gaps, how to collect); The Science-Policy-Implementation Interface; and Education and Training. The main topics for discussion will be: Low Carbon Urban Development; Socially Inclusive Economic Growth; Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition; and Disaster Resiliency and Adaptation. Registration to participate is open until 1 September 2016.

Contact: info@ic-sd.org

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**Paris Climate Change Agreement Ratification Event**

**21 September: 8:00AM - 9:00AM**

**UN Headquarters (Room TBD), New York City**

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited leaders from all countries to attend a special event on 21 September 2016 at UN Headquarters in New York from 8:00-9:00am to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Paris Agreement on climate change. At the request of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, UN Global Compact is leading a process for private sector and business associations to apply to attend this event as observers.

Criteria for private sector applications:
- The company should have a proven track-record of positive impact towards advancing the climate agenda.
- The company should demonstrate significant leadership on climate action. Preference will be given to companies that participate in a cooperative initiative supported by the Global Climate Action Agenda, have made commitments to the UN Climate agenda through Caring for Climate, UNEP-FI or by submitting a commitment to the NA2CA portal.
- One high-level representative per company/business association.

Apply here. In the form, for Area of Interest, select Events + for Focus Area, select Climate Change.

Deadline for nomination: 12 September 2016

**Convergence: Philanthropy and the SDGs**

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**Translating the Paris Agreement into Business Strategy**

**21 September: 4:30PM - 6:30PM**

**Inside Park at St. Bart’s, 325 Park Ave, New York**

CDP and BSR, in partnership with the Science Based Targets initiative (CDP, UN Global Compact, WRI and WWF) are convening a special Climate Week NYC event focused on translating the Paris Agreement into business strategy through ambitious private sector commitments. The event will feature an exclusive CSO dialogue followed by closed-door, roundtable discussions on how businesses can set and achieve science-based targets.

Contact: commit@cdp.net

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**Solutions Summit**

**21 September: 6:30PM**

**Location TBD**

The purpose is: 1) to make visible, and; lift-up exceptional innovators -- technologists, engineers, scientists, and others -- who are developing solutions that address one or more of the SDGs and 2) to catalyze a grassroots effort, where communities scout and convene resources around solution-makers.

Contact: join@solutions-summit.org

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**BCTA Annual Forum 2016**

**21 September: 8:30AM - 2:00PM**

**Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street, New York City**

Hosted by Ford Foundation, in partnership with the Hilton Foundation, MasterCard Foundation, UNDP and others, the event will be a combination of panel discussions and in depth workshops bringing together leaders in government, philanthropy, the UN system, civil society, and business to explore reducing inequality, promoting quality education, impact investing in the SDGs, what the “Universality” agenda means for SDG planning in the US and Europe, and what governments can do to create an enabling environment for the philanthropy sector and grantees, among others.

Contact: kdiggins@rockpa.org

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**High-Level Dialogue on the Global Alliance to Eradicate Forced Labour; Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour**

**21 September: 3:00PM - 6:00PM**

**Ford Foundation Auditorium, 320 East 43rd Street, New York City**

Hosted by the Ford Foundation and the ILO, the opportunity to build momentum for the 2030 Agenda and officially launch the SDG Alliance 8.7 will take place. The multi-stakeholder action partnership will focus on eradicated forced labour, child labour, modern slavery and human trafficking.

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In conjunction with the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Business Call to Action’s Seventh Annual Forum will take place as the private sector, development institutions and governments are beginning to align their practices and commitments to the shared vision of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Forum which will bring together leaders from prominent BCTA member companies as well as senior representatives from governments, bilateral donors, civil society and the United Nations, will showcase the potential for – and evidence of – inclusive businesses aligning their core business activities with the SDGs, thus contributing to this ambitious global development agenda – both globally and at the country level.

Launch of the Asia Society Center for Global Education
22 September: 10:00AM - 11:30AM
Asia Society, 315 W 9th Street, New York City
The Asia Society Center for Global Education will convene experts and stakeholders, support best practice sharing, examine critical challenges, and mobilize momentum across sectors. The launch of the ASCGE will include the first annual strategy meeting and roundtable, and is by invitation only.

Maintaining Momentum for Change
22 September: 8:30AM - 2:00PM
UNICEF, 3 United Nations Plaza, New York City
The Guardian and UNICEF will be hosting the annual leadership event in New York alongside the UN’s general assembly. The event will examine how successful the global community has been at maintaining the momentum for change following the adoption of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in 2015. Last year’s event, led by Amina Mohammed and David Miliband, marked the kick-off of these ambitious goals. This year the speakers will include William Easterly and Irina Bokova.

Pathways to Zero Hunger
22 September
UN Headquarters: ECOSOC Chamber, New York City
The “Pathways to Zero Hunger” event will showcase concrete transformations in food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture that are contributing to the delivery of the 2030 Agenda - leaving no one behind, building on complementarities among development partners and synergies across the Sustainable Development Goals. The event will galvanize the Global Movement for Zero Hunger by bringing together leaders, from a range of sectors, who are putting the 2030 Agenda into action.
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Harnessing the Data Revolution for Climate Resilience
22 September: 9:00AM – 11:00AM
Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street, New York City
Co-hosted by the White House OSTP and State Department, the event will recognize the importance of public-private partnerships in catalyzing data-informed decision making on climate resilience. It will feature Ministerial-level leaders from governments, company CEOs, foundations, academia, and civil society organization who will highlight progress underway to develop innovative solutions and joint action to improve climate-resilience planning and action.

Making Every Woman & Girl Count: Launch of a Public-Private Partnership to close gender data gaps for SDG Monitoring & Accountability
22 September: 10:00AM - 11:00AM
UN Headquarters (Location TBD)
Hosted by the Gates Foundation, UN Women and Data2X, this launch will provide the opportunity for leaders to discuss how global efforts will help close gender data gaps while contributing to sustainable development and better results.

High-Level Launch of the Global Deal: together for decent work and inclusive growth
22 September: 1:15PM - 2:30PM
Conference Room 2, UN Headquarters, New York City
The Global Deal is a new global initiative with the objective of jointly addressing the challenges in the global labour market and enabling more people to benefit from globalization. The Global Deal is a multi-stakeholder partnership that aims to encourage governments, businesses, unions and other organisations to make concrete commitments to enhance social dialogue. Effective social dialogue can contribute to decent work and quality jobs and thereby greater equality and inclusive growth, benefiting workers, companies and societies. It is a win-win-win opportunity. The Global Deal initiative is a concrete input to the sustainable development goals (SDGs) especially SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth but also other goals including SDG 10 on reducing inequality within and among countries. Social dialogue in the world of work is a vital means for realizing these goals.
Contact: anneli.bailey@gov.se

Trustlaw Awards 2016
22 September: 6:00PM
Thomson Reuters, 3 Times Square, New York City
The 6th annual TrustLaw Awards evening will celebrate pro bono projects that have been completed by NGOs and social enterprises through partnerships with lawyers.
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Global Citizen Festival
24 September
Central Park, New York City
The Global Citizen platform was created by the Global Poverty Project, Ryan Gall and Riot House in 2012, as a hub for innovative campaigns that work towards a world where every child can survive and thrive. Global Citizen partners with UNICEF, United Nations Foundation, Oxfam America and others to support some of the most effective organiza-
tions taking action to end poverty and improving the planet.
Contact: festival@globalcitizen.org

Data for Good Exchange 2016
25 September: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
Bloomberg Global Headquarters, 731 Lexington Avenue, New York City
The theme for the Data for Good Exchange 2016 is “better governance” and how data science can be applied to solve public interest problems. This conference is being hosted by Bloomberg for the third time, and the forum has enabled participants from academia, industry, government and NGOs to share insights and progress on applying modern machine learning and data science methods to problems in public and non-profit sectors.
Contact: d4gx@bloomberg.net

2016 Hilton Humanitarian Symposium and Prize Ceremony
30 September: 8:00AM - 6:00PM
The Waldorf Astoria, 301 Park Ave, New York City
The conference will feature prominent change makers from around the world who have taken humanitarian actions focusing on the refugee and migrant crisis. The event will conclude with the presentation of the Hilton Humanitarian prize, and celebration of the Task Force for Global Health. Contact: marc@hiltonfoundation.org