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Called into service

WDF's Participation in the 2019 United Nations Civil Society Conference

In February, the World Development Foundation members were pulled into service by the newly-reformulated UN Department of Global Communications (formerly, the Department of Public Information).

The Program Director Mr. Patrick Sciarratta and its assistant coordinator both were invited on to the volunteer UN

Conference Preparations Panel in the run up to the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference (formerly the UN Department of Public Information conference). The new department and conference title emphasized a willingness to broaden cooperation between the institution and civil society.

In this context, Mr. Sciarratta was proud to be selected as Media Co-Chair and our program coordinator was recognized for her management skills and awarded a place on the Round Table Sub-committee, one of our most active non-plenary projects.

The Conference itself, pictured here and featured on the UNs civil society site, highlight the largest and most impactful UN civil society conference in memory, perhaps ever.



With a normal registration level around 1500 and attendance at 900 or so, this event garnered an actual audience of over 4,000.

It was the first-ever major UN Conference held inside the USA outside of New York. WDF was proud to offer services as noted above; beyond this, we assisted with contributions that funded the travel of key youth leaders involved with the programs preparation to be able to join us there.

At the Opening ceremony, the Foundation was proud to host a youth singer, to open the conference. Later on, WDF hosted a major workshop focusing on one of the conference's main themes: Building Sustainable Societies.

The Foundation's Workshop was based on the idea that one speaker could provide a model for sustainable societies; thereafter members of the Missions, UN Staff, and UN related Civil Society, and youth leaders therein connected, got to speak about how we could create a more sustainable society amongst ourselves to bring more issues to bear and find more ways to resolve them.

After the opening Day Ceremonies and WDF's workshop, we invited over 100 people to join us in a celebratory feast, free sit down dinner reception for the NGOs and conference staff. It was a great way to let off steam, connect, and network among the NY and Salt Lake City events planning and management volunteer staffs.

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Cordially invites you to a

***Dinner
Reception***

on the Occasion of
The 68th United Nations
Civil Society Conference

Inclusive and Shared Society

Tuesday, 27th August, 2019
7:30pm - 9:30 pm, Room Deer Vally
Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek

THE 68TH
UNITED NATIONS
CIVIL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE

***Inclusive And
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PRACTICUM FROM THE FIELD
WORKSHOP

Room 355E
Salt Lake City, Utah
12:00 noon Aug 27th, 2019

Hosted By
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WDF PROJECT DIRECTOR ON THE ROAD

In Summer 2019, WDF agreed to continue to volunteer Patrick's time and efforts toward continued development for the NGO DPI Executive Committee's NGO Reporter. In fact, he expanded his efforts to address communications with member constituents through a promotional book tour for UNESCO's latest work: *Journalism, Fake News, and Disinformation*. UNESCO has recently reached out to Patrick to discuss other ways that the Foundation and Patrick may continue to be associated with UNESCO and the continued roll out of this important and extensive guide.

During Summer and into the Fall, Mr. Sciarratta spoke at the World Assembly of Youth in Malaysia, during the EUs 2019 European Union City of Youth in Novi Sad (Serbia), the International Year of the Girl at Manhattanville College in New York, as well in other conferences and gatherings in Thailand, Singapore, and Hungary. His blog post on the tour has been published online [HERE](http://www.turkishlibrary.us/youth-journalists-and-videographers-meet-unesco/) (<http://www.turkishlibrary.us/youth-journalists-and-videographers-meet-unesco/>).

HEAR FROM PEOPLE'S VOICE FOR HIS EFFORTS

"During your stay with our youth leaders, you made a compelling presentation regarding the new UNESCO book, *Journalism, Fake News, and Disinformation*. Our delegates were impressed with your presentation. We also would like to thank you for your participation and assistance provided at the drafting of the outcome document. With this, the participants of the 19th MIYD, recognised the importance of empowering and equipping young people with the right knowledge, skills, proper attitude, and approach for achieving media literacy and advocating against the spread of misinformation, disinformation, mal-information, and fake news."

Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General, World Assembly of Youth; Chair, 19th Melaka Intl. Youth Dialogue (MIYD)

Hear from people's voice for his efforts

“Thank you for taking part in the Media Education Center’s Danube for Peace programme, a part of the 2019 EU City of Youth Activities in Novi Sad, Serbia this summer. We thank you for ... taking that book and information to share it with thousands of youth throughout the world. We were particularly impressed with your presentation here, which went well beyond the book and focused on your personal work in journalism, media, theatre, particularly your large-scale, al fresco and UN based events.”

Miomir Rajcevic, President, Media Education Centre, Belgrade, Serbia; Director, 2019 Danube for Peace



“We are proud to post your latest review of Journalism, Fake News, Disinformation on our site for review and dissemination. As World Development Foundation Program Director, we enjoy that your work is valuable to young professionals and reflective of the best values and goals promoted by the UN. As a ‘citizen diplomat’ and an elected member of the NGO Executive Committee representing WDF, your work and contacts educate our collaborations. For that we benefit and are thankful.”

H. E. Ambassador Henry MacDonald,
President, World Development Foundation



WDF PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELECTED TO NGO POST RELATED TO UN DGC RELATIONS

Based on his increased visibility, and recognition at UN Headquarters and throughout civil society related to the UN, Patrick was elected to a two-year term to serve on the Executive Committee that seeks to represent the interests of global civil society associated with the UN and form its daily voice at Headquarters in New York.

With a strong vote of confidence, WDF's project director is aiming to further internationalize the good work of the Committee.

He has grown the NGO Reporter and is currently seeking to expand it with additional journalists, editors and translators, as well as members of its Executive Committee subcommittee dedicated to its further growth and the ways it may continue to be useful to the Executive Committee on which he now offers WDF service on a regular basis.

Since his election to the committee (his fourth since 2002), Patrick has already been invited on to the Youth Subcommittee, Events Subcommittee, and has asked to serve a useful role for the Nominations Committee at the appropriate time. As part of the media coverage surrounding Mr. Sciarratta's election, a recent hour long interview may be viewed on Global Connections Television, online at www.globalconnectionstelevision.com.



WORLD DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

LOOKING AHEAD

**TOWARDS ITS
MEANINGFUL FUTURE**

WHERE WE'RE GOING

COMING UP IN 2020

Recently and with plans to continue, President MacDonald has continued to assist in the development of the Guyana Shield. Working closely with Guyana and Suriname, he is actively helping to plan and promote WDFs appearance at the Guyana 2020 EXPO. We hope to relate President's work there with the Dubai EXPO also planned for later in the coming year.

For the balance of 2019, WDF intern (and Miss. Grand America) Michelle Leon, have joined the team in expanding service to the NGO Reporter and helping as directed to plan Holiday receptions in honor of NGO donors to NGO UN-related causes in 2019. Our team will also be active in planning for UN2020 forums, conferences, and gatherings as requested and look forward to contributing to ongoing plans regarding UN75, The UN Oceans Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, and international EXPOs in Guyana and Dubai, all set for 2020.





JOIN US IN 2020

For the success of
the UN SDGs

In terms of self-funded and directed programming, WDF has been invited to work with the United Nations Association Westchester, New York Chapter, to reprise their successful P3 (Public Private Partnerships) conference at the UN. This C Suite level project, with support and involvement from the Westchester, NY County Executive office and major international Fortune 100 corporations throughout the County. UN officials will also be invited to join the discussion. This P3 Conference will function at all levels toward the success of the SDGs.

Clearly, 2020 will prove to be another active and growing year for WDF and its goals of strengthening the institution of the United Nations and identifying new ways to include the private sector in mutually-beneficial ways aimed at the success of the SDGs.



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