



Biannual Strategic Meeting of the PGA UN Committee

Ambassadorial Level

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
633 Third Ave, 27th floor, New York, NY
14 February 2019, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm
Luncheon available from 1:00pm

I. Objectives

1. To introduce PGA's Strategic Plan 2019-2021 and the 3 PGA Programs:
 - a) International Law and Human Rights
 - b) Gender, Equality and Inclusion
 - c) International Peace and Security
2. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level.
3. To share the *Kyiv Plan of Action on the Universality and Effectiveness of the Rome Statute system against impunity* adopted by PGA's 40th Annual Forum and 10th Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians held in Kyiv, Ukraine, 16-17 November 2018.
4. To explore opportunities for collaboration with PGA Board Member Parliamentarians at the HLPF on the SDGs in July 2019.

II. Expected Outcomes

1. Increased knowledge of the activities and goals of PGA in 2019, with a focus on individual programs and campaigns.
2. Improved understanding of the role parliamentarians can play when implementing the UN Agenda at the domestic level and how the United Nations can support these endeavours.

III. Agenda

1:15pm

Introduction

Welcoming remarks by the **Chair of the PGA UN Committee H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (5 minutes)

1:20pm

Presentation of PGA's 2018 activities and Strategic Plan 2019-2021: *Mobilizing Legislators as Champions for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace*

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General, PGA (10 minutes)

- **International Law and Human Rights** – International Criminal Court (ICC) Campaign, Campaign for Abolition of the Death Penalty; Campaign on Protection of the Oceans and Implementation of SDG 14.
- **Gender, Equality and Inclusion** – Non-discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) Campaigns.
- **International Peace and Security** – PGA Parliamentary Campaign for Universality and Implementation of Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), Addressing the Illicit Trade in SALW, PGA Parliamentary Campaign for Universality and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and Promoting Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004)
- **New Parliamentary Campaign on Democratic Renewal and Human Rights**

Commentary on the prevention of mass atrocities by **Mr. Adama Dieng**, Special Advisor of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (5 minutes)

Question and Answer session (20 minutes)

1:55pm

Activation of the ICC's jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression

Brief discussion chaired by H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (10 Minutes)

- 2:05pm **Strategic Work of the PGA UN Committee in 2019**
Input to PGA from PGA UN Committee Members (15 Minutes)
- 2:35pm **Other Business**
- 2:40pm **Conclusions**
- 2:45pm **End of the meeting**

IV. CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS
(Countries in Alphabetical Order)

Members of the PGA United Nations Committee

1. **Ms. Andrea Bacher**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN
2. **Ms. Julia Winding**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN
3. **Mr. Gerton Van Den Akker**, Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to the UN
4. **H.E. Amb. Daniel Okaija Okaiteye**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN
5. **H.E. Amb. Park Chull-joo**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN
6. **H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
7. **Mr. Fabien Raum**, Chargé D'affaires, Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the UN
8. **Mr. Mattias Chu**, Counsellor and Expert for Human Rights, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN
9. **H.E. Amb. Dominique Favre**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
10. **H.E. Amb. Volodymyr Yelchenko**, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN
11. **Mr. Adama Dieng**, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide

United Nations Ambassadors and Officials

12. **H.E. Amb. José Luis Fialho Rocha**, Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde to the UN
13. **H.E. Amb. Louise Blais**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN
14. **H.E. Mr. Francisco Antonio Cortorreal**, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the UN
15. **H.E. Amb. Sven Jürgenson**, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN
16. **Prof. Enrico Milano**, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
17. **Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Ahmad Tajuddin**, Chargé D'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the UN
18. **Ms. Aahde Lahmiri**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN
19. **H.E. Amb. António Gumende**, Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the UN
20. **H.E. Amb. Mari Skåre**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN
21. **Mr. Alcínio Cravid e Silva**, Chargé D'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Sao Tome and Principe to the UN

22. **Ms. Nathalie Schneider Rittener**, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN
23. **H.E. Amb. Penelope Althea Beckles**, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the UN
24. **H.E. Amb. Sami Bougacha**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the UN

PGA Secretariat

25. Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General
26. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (USA), Deputy Secretary-General
27. Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland), Director of International Peace and Security Programme
28. Ms. Mónica Adame (Mexico), Director of Gender Equality and Inclusion Programme
29. Ms. Holly Sarkissian (USA), Senior Development Officer
30. Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/Portugal), Programme Officer
31. Mr. Alex Roche (Spain), Programme Officer
32. Ms. Melissa Verpile (Haiti), Senior Legal Officer
33. Ms. Lindsey Sokol (USA), Intern

MISSION STATEMENT OF PGA

VISION

To contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world.

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