
60th Annual UN/DPI Conference - Climate Change : How It Impacts All

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Presents the 60th Annual DPI/NGO Conference

Climate Change: How It Impacts Us All
5-7 September 2007

The Conference will review the scientific evidence on climate change, including its consequences on indigenous peoples, water security, land use and the politics of energy. The Conference aims to facilitate individual action plans that address the threat of catastrophe posed by climate change and inspire participants to take action to mitigate - and in some cases - reverse the effects of this environmental crisis.

Midday Workshop Schedule
Wednesday, 5 September 2007
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room A

Climate Change and the Mind-Body-Spirit Connection:
Challenges for Holistic Health and Education

Sponsored by Armenian International Women's Association Cosponsored by Worldwide Network for Gender Empowerment, Fielding Graduate University; International Council of Psychologists; Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention; Afram Global Organization, Inc., Guinea, West Africa; and Meaningfulworld.com

This workshop will describe the interdependent relationship between individuals and the environment. The members of this panel will address one of the least-talked-about effects of global climate change: its impact on the mind, body, and spirit. Panel members from Africa, Armenia, and Indonesia will address the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual effects of climate change. They will also describe how we can positively engage the challenge posed by these effects by how we think, feel, believe, and behave. Through interactive dialog, verbal presentation, and visual examples, the panel will illustrate how taking care of oneself takes care of the earth.

Moderator:

Anie Kalayjian, Armenian International Women's Association,
Adj. Professor of Psychology, Fordham University; President,
Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention

Speakers:

Ben Daouda Toure, Afram Global Organisation, Inc., Guinea, West Africa
Arman Vardanyan, Armenian Mental Health Association, The Republic of Armenia
Hawa Traore, Afram Global Organization, Inc., Guinea, West Africa

Maria Elizabeth Arman, Atam Jaya University, Indonesia

Networking Committee Presents
Networking Breakfast Meetings
5 and 7 September at 8:30 AM
UN Cafeteria

Dr. Kalayjian is member of the Conference Planning Committee and the Coordinator for the Networking Breakfast Meetings

The purpose of the networking breakfast meetings is to provide an opportunity for NGOs to develop collaboration and partnership in various ways, including:

- Processing information from the conference
- Identifying and sharing individual and collective goals, and objectives re climate change
- Identifying and sharing individual and collective actions related to negative impact of climate change

Networking Breakfast themes

- Climate Change: Cultural/Individual/Religious Practices & the Indigenous People, Facilitator: Dr. Gloria Willingham
- Climate Change: Mind/Body/Spirit Perspectives, Facilitator: Dr. Inka Weissbecker
- Climate Change: Educational Outreach, Ms. Georgina Galanis
- Climate Change: Gender Perspectives, Facilitator: Dr. Anita Wenden
- Climate Change: Ethics and Accountability, Facilitator: Dr. Kriss A. Kevorkian
- Climate Change: Update on Scientific Research, Dr. Artemis Pipinelli and Dr. June Miller
- Climate Change: Political Perspective, Mr. Ben Toure
- Climate Change: Exploring the links between NGOs that work on poverty reduction, food security, gender and livestock in the poorest parts of the world: Mr. Gary Sealey
- Climate Change: Military and Nuclear challenges, Facilitator: Dr. Frans C. Verhagen
- 5 Sept. ONLY: Climate Change and Spirituality: His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Viswayogi Viswamjee Maharaj

For more general information, go to
<http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/conference/index.htm>
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