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CELEBRATING UNITED NATIONS DAY 2021

The UN turns 76 this **Sunday, October 24**. You can take part in celebrating this 76th anniversary in a number of ways.

- You can post news in your social media using text from the UN or from UNA-USA, e.g. <https://www.un.org/en/get-involved/social-media>
- You can listen to the **U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Linda Thomas-Greenfield's** special [short] UN Day remarks to UNA-USA members, click [HERE](#).
- You can participate in the UNA-USA virtual program "Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future." Keynote and featured speakers include:
Amb. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations; **Michele Sumilas**, Assistant to the Administrator of the Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning (PPL), USAID; **Besem Obenson**, Representative in Guatemala, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); **Dennis Latimer**, Representative in Honduras, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); and **Cynthia Yue**, UNA-USA Youth Observer to the United. It will be presented on **October 25, at 3:30 PM (ET)**. Use this link to register: [UN DAY PROGRAM](#) Or visit our website or Facebook page for the registration link.



DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS? The World Health Organization (WHO) recently approved the first vaccine for malaria, the mosquito-borne disease that killed about 400,000 people in 2019, mostly in Africa. The vaccine, called Mosquirix, represents a promising, additional weapon in the fight against malaria. Dr. Akpaka Kalu, WHO Regional Advisor for Tropical and Vector-borne Disease, said positive results from ongoing pilot programs of malaria vaccinations in three African countries -- Ghana, Malawi and Kenya -- had led the organization to recommend widespread use of Mosquirix among children in sub-Saharan Africa. WHO's decision is an endorsement of the African scientists involved in developing the vaccine.



REMINDER: There is still time to compete in the Maine Chapter of Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS) essay contest on the topic "Global Problems Need Global Solutions." Persons under age 30 (on 10/15/21) may submit essays (up to 1500 words). Cash prizes are \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd, and \$200 for 3rd. Entries must be submitted by **November 15, 2021**. For more details, contest rules, and an entry form, contact UNA member Lee Davis, Chair of Maine CGS at: sldavis@maine.edu. If you send

our UNA Maine Chapter a copy of your [digital] entry, we will try to publish excerpts in a 2022 newsletter!

LOOKING AHEAD

October 24--United Nations Day!

October 25 at 3:30 PM UNA-USA virtual celebration "Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future."

November 6--9:30-11:30 AM UNA Maine Board meeting. All members welcome to attend. To request ZOOM link, email: info@unamaine.org

December 4--9:30-11:30 AM UNA Maine Board meeting. All members welcome to attend. To request ZOOM link, email: info@unamaine.org

December 10--Human Rights Day.

February 25-27--Camden Conference. See sidebar.



The 35th Annual Camden Conference
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AT HOME AND ABROAD
February 25 - 27, 2022
Lewiston, Maine
For more information and other events:
201-234-1834 • www.camdenconference.org

See the Camden Conference website for their reading list, and for free community events in the months leading up to the 2022 conference.

