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October 12th – session 4
U.N. PRESENTATIONS
Materials of the Peace Session dedicated to the presentations on Peace activities and U.N.

In the following slides you will find the presentations shown on October 12th 2015 during the Servas International General Assembly in Totara Springs, New Zealand, lead by Danielle Serres - Servas International Peace Secretary

with the contribution of:

- Lore Purroy - Servas Spain
- Fanny Bello - Servas US
- Alvany Santiago – Servas Brazil
- Anna Cristina Siragusa – Servas Italy
- Jeanne Devine – Servas US
At this 2015 Servas International Conference in New Zealand, we have the opportunity to present some of the achievements by Servas volunteers involved with the United Nations.

We believe SI involvement at the UN is crucial, as the UN, though perfectible, is the most important organization the world has to provide peace and security and to prevent war and global environmental degradation.

I defend those who speak up against all forms of discrimination
Some of these volunteers are here today, and they will have a chance to explain their work to you.

Others are not here but have contributed in many ways to this presentation, and/or to Servas presence at the UN, and to promote peace among our membership and beyond.
In August 2014 at New York City United Nations Headquarters, the 65th Department for Public Information/NGOs Annual Conference, titled “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda”, was attended by our newly accredited representative, Fanny Bello. She was one of over 1,500 NGO representatives from around the globe!
A side-event under the title “International Peace Builders” was organized during the 27th session at the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva by me – Danielle Serres - as Servas International Peace Secretary), and by Magnus Adams as Assistant.

The event was joined by the President of Servas International, Jonny Sågängen, as well as by the Vice-President, Ann Greenhough.
The event was joined by nearly 70 guests from all over the world – Servas members and Partner NGOs.

Servas members from different countries: Spain, France, Korea, Sweden, United Kingdom, Switzerland here. Members from Germany, Austria, Italy, US and other countries also joined.
Our United Nations Representatives: What do they do? Who are they?

**Daniela Doenges** from Servas France is one of our representatives at the HRC in Geneva. She is passionate about minority rights and the Right to Development. She was Lore Purroy’s mentor during her internship at UNOG.

**Lore Purroy**, from Servas Spain, undertook an internship with SI at the UN in Geneva from 15 June to 3 July 2015. Lore was able to attend the entire 29th regular session of the Human Rights Council.
Our United Nations Representatives in Geneva

Lorette Dubout, from Servas France, as well as Catherine Burer and Vreny Boesch, from Servas Switzerland, are also SI representatives at UNOG

From left to right: Vreny (CH), Danielle (F), Lorette (F) and Daniela (F)
Angelika Hofmann, from Servas Austria, is the Servas International Representative in Vienna, particularly involved in Women rights.

Angelika holds a speech about her activity in Vienna, speaking to NGOs partners and Servas members. Picture taken during the Servas side event at the HRC in Geneva (September 2014).
Our UN representatives can join oral or written statements of NGOs and/or prepare (together with SI President and SI Peace Secretary) written and/or oral statements. Several have been presented at the UN and submitted on behalf of Servas, notably during General Debate under item 9 – Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance.
Our United Nations Representatives: What else do they do?

SI United Nations representatives establish contacts with other NGOs within the UN context.

And under certain conditions, they may also facilitate your visit to the UN venues, provided that you contact them well in advance.
Thanks to Carmen Mora and Fanny Bello, contacts have been made in Costa Rica between Servas and the University for Peace (UPeace), the UN mandated university created in December 1980, with headquarters in San José, Costa Rica.
Initiatives: the Peace Calendar

Alvany Santiago from Brazil has taken the lead of the **Peace Calendar project** with help of young Servas Brazil members. The calendar **aims to recognize Peace activities developed by Servas members** around the world and **call the attention to UN dates** in order to motivate members to organize Peace activities in 2016.
We can all contribute to the achievement of a more just and peaceful society

I hope you will feel inspired by our team presentation, and maybe join in the future as a SI UN representative, or support in your way SI UN involvement, and UN work, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals as we will present.

Here is one of the 15 posters prepared by Servas France. This one is about the complementary approaches to Peace.
We can all contribute to the achievement of a more just and peaceful society.

As members of an NGO with UN representation, we can contribute to the achievement of a more just and peaceful society.
THANK YOU!
MY INTERNSHIP WITH SERVAS INTERNATIONAL
AT THE U.N. IN GENEVA
June 15th – July 3rd 2015

Lore Purroy,
(Servas Spain)
The opportunity

29th regular Session
Human Rights Council,
Geneva (Switzerland)
The people

➢ Enthusiasm and empathy
Servas members at the UN

- Germany
- France
- United Kingdom
Side events

- Meeting people and hearing their stories
Panel presentations – linking with other NGOs

➢ Taking a look behind the scenes

Lore Purroy and Daniela Doenges, with Mr. Jan Lönn, International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN) and Mrs. Keltoum Irbah, Professor of sociology, World Federation of United Nations Associations.
Oral statements

Our topics:

- Item 5 - Human rights bodies and mechanisms
- Item 8 Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 9 - Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance
Our message

- Dialogue promotes tolerance and undermines the risk of human rights violations
Thank you very much Servas International!

▷ I am very grateful for having taken part in such an enriching event.

▷ I will never forget the knowledge I have acquired and the people I have met.
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Fanny Bello (Servas USA)
Servas Representative at United Nations in New York
Allow me introduce myself.
I am a Venezuelan Economist who has the double honor of being US Servas and Servas International United Nations Representative.

I am delighted to be among you; and would like to say that the opinions I share with you today are based on my personal experience.
During the Venezuelan Democratic period, two of several positions I held in the Government were as General Secretary of the Foundation for the Community Development, and Minister of Agriculture.
At that time I became aware of the strenuous social situation poor people live in, both in the cities marginal areas and peasants in the countryside; as well as the lack of information for protection of the environment.
This has motivated me to follow Danielle Serres’ proposal to include Servas in participation within social agenda.

It was also very important for my decision the fact that US Servas will be involved in such important task. As such, our actions would bring us closer to United Nations objectives.
Taking into account what has been expressed by United Nations Representatives in all the meetings I have attended, it is with deep concern that I approach this important way as Servas member by being involved in the objectives of the UN; and thus, making a contribution to its objectives, which are:

- **Environment Protection**,  
- **Human Rights** and  
- **Peace**.
Some of you probably think that the relationship between Servas and the UN is far from the Servas objectives, but I want to say to you that working in this direction, *we will have at hand a wonderful opportunity to help and contribute to the good of the world.*
By interchanging ideas with our visitors and hosts about the problems in our countries, we may report our experiences from productive discussions to the SI Peace Secretary through the National Secretaries in each Servas country.

So, Servas members too can give a contribution to the United Nations objectives and solutions.
In my opinion, it should be compulsory for any SI UN representative to inform the SI Peace Secretary about what is discussed in the United Nations meetings.

The information would be shared with the National Peace Secretaries in each member country, and their opinions collected, as a contribution to approach human being improvement.
As a conclusion of this Conference, I think that living in this complex time, in a world overwhelmed with human problems to resolve, Servas is not limited to an organization offering hospitality for two nights.

It is a privilege to be present at United Nations and we should further make use of this possibility.
Thanks to Servas friends, it is possible to enjoy the beauty of every place visited, and everybody should also remember the importance of the interconnection between Servas and the United Nations, so to bring our voice of Peace.
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Alvany Santiago
(Servas Brazil)
Servas Peace 2016 calendar

Team:

Danielle Serres – SI Peace Secretary
Alvany Santiago – Brazil
Alania Caroline – Brazil
Rafael Neri - Brazil
Sermin Utku – Turkey
Fanny Villamizar – Colombia
Ashley Burrows – New Zealand
Objectives:

- To highlight Servas peace activities
- To call attention to some international dates observed by the United Nations, in order to motivate Servas members to engage in related activities, and to fulfill Servas mission.
Servas Peace 2016 calendar

Challenges to improve the calendar:

- more peace activities to be developed
- more good resolution photos to be received, mentioning the author
- more and more Peace quotes to be added
Thanks to Alania Carolina and Rafael for their commitment to the project!
The calendar aims to recognize Peace activities developed by Servas members around the world and call the attention to UN dates in order to motivate members to organize Peace activities in 2016.
Servas Peace 2016 calendar

November 2016

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- 16 International Day for Tolerance
- 20 Universal Children’s Day
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

“Unless we teach our children peace, somebody else will teach them violence.”

Coleman McCarthy

Children Programme Antakya, Turkey; Photo: NI.
Servas Peace 2016 calendar

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“Why do you travel? To find those who still know how to live in peace.”
(Elsa Maillart)
International March for Peace, 2015. SERVAS ITALY. Photo: NI.

1 International Day of Older Persons
2 International Day of Non-Violence
   Gandhi’s birthday
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 United Nations Day

*Not informed
### Servas Peace 2016 calendar

#### November 2016

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#### Special Days

- **16** International Day for Tolerance
- **20** Universal Children’s Day
- **25** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- **29** International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

*Not Informed*
9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

12 International Youth Day

"Without progress there is no peace. Without peace there is no progress."
Kofi Annan

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June 2016

15 International Day of Families
15 International Conscientious Objectors Day
21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers
THANK YOU!
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Anna Cristina Siragusa (Servas Italy)
The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the years 2000-2015

- The concept idea
- Goals, targets, results
- Lessons learned

- Transition to the Sustainable Development Goals
In September 2000, 189 world leaders came together at the UN in NY, to adopt the UN Millennium declaration, and commit their nations to a new global partnership to promote development through a series of time-bound goals, with deadline of 2015.
How many Goals? On what?

- food
- education
- gender
- children
- maternal care
- health
- environment
- global partnership
The "ingredients" of the Millennium Goals

BIG

A unifying focal point

Clear and compelling

Catalyzing team spirit

audacious

a transition towards an envisioned future
The time line of the Goals
Why the goals mean so much for Servas

MILLENNIUM
1990

GOALS
2000 - 2015

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
2015 - 2030

YES! As Servas people....
The Millennium Declaration as an example of Global commitment to peace

Rich and poor countries reaffirmed their commitment to

• peace
• good governance
• attention to the most vulnerable and the environment.

It reflects the vision of entire nations working together
to halve the proportion of people that live with less than 1 dollar a day.
to ensure that children everywhere, **boys and girls alike**, would be able to complete a full course of primary school.
Goal, target

3

PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN

Results

- to reverse the trend of discriminations of women.
to reduce by 2/3 (two thirds) the mortality rate of children under 5.
Goal, target

- to reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio;
- to achieve universal access to maternal health.
to reverse the spread;

to achieve universal access to treatment.
- to reverse the loss of environmental resources and to reduce biodiversity loss;
- to halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking.

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<td><strong>2.5 Billion People</strong> do not have basic sanitation such as toilets or latrines</td>
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Goal, target

- to address the special needs of developing countries and deal with their problems;
- make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication.

Results

THE MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs) ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GLOBAL ANTI-POVERTY PUSH IN HISTORY. LET'S STEP UP ACTION TO THE 2015 MDG TARGET DATE AND BEYOND.

MDG8
A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT

DEBT SERVICE HAS DECLINED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

TRADE IMPROVE

LETS STEP UP

AID MONEY HIT A RECORD HIGH $134.8 BILLION IN 2013, BUT SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE POOREST COUNTRIES
S.M.A.R.T. goals work!

Common goals and targets are a successful push when...

- Realistic = when people are both willing and able to work
- Can a HIGH goal be realistic? Yes!
- And MOTIVATION is a key factor.

«Some day» ➔ «X-Day»
What can we – Servas people – learn from the process of the MDGs?

Equality and Empowerment

Investment in technologies and research

Environmental sustainability is needed

Holistic approach, leverage points are identified
The earth is not a gift from our parents, it is a loan for our children»
Kenyan Proverb

By all of us being part of the solution, we can together overcome some of society’s greatest challenges
U.N. focused on big issues; the (even small) results are what make these big issues.

Servas: Member Countries can propose initiatives, producing an overall glocal transition.
Towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- new targets,
- new challenges,
- new opportunities
“It has been said that something as small as the flutter of a butterfly's wing can ultimately cause a typhoon halfway around the world”

*(the Chaos Theory)*
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Jeanne Devine (Servas USA)
Servas Representative at United Nations in New York
Servas in transition

- My own experience
- Servas representation at the UN
- The Sustainable Development Goals: we are all involved
Peace and understanding though travel and hosting

Servas is an international network which builds world peace, goodwill and understanding by providing opportunities for personal contacts among people of different cultures, backgrounds and nationalities.
The United Nations and Servas

- 193 Nations represented in the General Assembly (started with 51 members)
- Was founded in 1945
- Promotes international co-operation

✓ Servas was founded in 1949
✓ The UN recognized Servas as an NGO in 1973
✓ Servas operates in 119 countries with hosts for travelers
My own experience

I want to tell you how SERVAS has impacted my life!

In the 1970s, travel has defined my thinking and career.

SERVAS gave me opportunities to travel to many parts of the world – and each travel taught me a lesson!
My own experience

Servas points the way to new adventures and ends with an avid desire to protect our planet.

Through Servas I have gained awareness of social needs, commitment to protect our beautiful world, and a hope for the future that we all can join in a celebration of life.
Servas is one of 3900 NGOs affiliated with the United Nations. We actively promote UN goals that address:

- peace
- human rights
- environment
- poverty
- gender equality.

To make the new goals a reality, it will take the support and advocacy of all people in the world.

Servas has about 15,000 members in more than 100 countries!
United Nations and Servas

The United Nations today

Servas today
More representatives at UN headquarters

In…

- New York City, USA
- Geneva, Switzerland
- Vienna, Austria
A short guide to help people learn about
✓ the UN,
✓ role of NGOs, and
✓ how SI representatives are involved

This guide will be useful to people interested in becoming UN representatives at any of the venues in person or by webcast.
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Servas 2016-2030

Over the next 15 years ..... learn and take action on all 17 goals

All Servas hosts and travelers will be included
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Servas 2016-2030

As each goal is shown, please think:

How it is related to actions in your community? What groups in your community are also working on this goal?

As Servas host, what could you share with Servas travelers?

As Servas traveler, what actions could you share that might be useful to others?

During the conference, talk to others about your ideas and suggestions, and share them with the UN representatives team and Peace Secretary.
GOAL 1

END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

Poner fin a la pobreza en todas sus formas en todo el mundo
GOAL 2

END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Poner fin al hambre, lograr la seguridad alimentaria y la mejora de la nutrición y promover la agricultura sostenible
GOAL 3

ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

Garantizar una vida sana y promover el bienestar para todos en todas las edades
GOAL 4

ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Garantizar una educación inclusiva, equitativa y de calidad y promover oportunidades de aprendizaje durante toda la vida para todos
GOAL 5

ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Lograr la igualdad entre los géneros y el empoderamiento de todas las mujeres y niñas
GOAL 6

ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

Garantizar la disponibilidad de agua y su ordenación sostenible y el saneamiento para todos
GOAL 7

ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

Garantizar el acceso a una energía asequible, segura, sostenible y moderna para todos
GOAL 8

PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

Promover el crecimiento económico sostenido, inclusivo y sostenible, el empleo pleno y productivo y el trabajo decente para todos
GOAL 9

BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION

Construir infraestructura resiliente, promover la industrialización inclusiva y sostenible y fomentar la innovación
GOAL 10

REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

Reducir la desigualdad en y entre los países
GOAL 11

MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

Lograr que las ciudades y los asentamientos humanos sean inclusivos, seguros, resilientes y sostenibles
GOAL 12

ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

Garantizar modalidades de consumo y producción sostenibles
GOAL 13

TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS*

Adoptar medidas urgentes para combatir el cambio climático y sus efectos
GOAL 14

CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Conservar y utilizar en forma sostenible los océanos, los mares y los recursos marinos para el desarrollo sostenible
GOAL 15

PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS

Proteger, restablecer y promover el uso sostenible de los ecosistemas terrestres, efectuar una ordenación sostenible de los bosques, luchar contra la desertificación, detener y revertir la degradación de las tierras y poner freno a la pérdida de la diversidad biológica
GOAL 16

PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS

Promover sociedades pacíficas e inclusivas para el desarrollo sostenible, facilitar el acceso a la justicia para todos y crear instituciones eficaces, responsables e inclusivas a todos los niveles
GOAL 17

STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Fortalecer los medios de ejecución y revitalizar la alianza mundial para el desarrollo sostenible
THANK YOU!
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