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Global Goals – Local Leaders U.N. Spokesperson to Visits San Diego

San Diego, California, October 12, 2017 – the United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter (UNA-USA San Diego) announces the 2017 Celebration of United Nations Day, themed *Global Goals* – *Local Leaders*. Hosted at the Prado's Grand Ballroom in Balboa Park, the festive, seated luncheon on **Saturday, 21 October 2017 from 11 AM to 2 PM** welcomes honored guests with keynote address by U.N. Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric.

The U.N. Day *Global Goals – Local Leaders* festivities center upon recognizing local leadership in the implementation of the ambitious global <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u>, an inclusive agenda seeking to tackle root causes of poverty and inequality to bring positive change for both people and planet.

Visiting San Diego for the first time, U.N. Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric expresses his hope to connect with San Diego's diverse community during the one-day visit. As the Spokesperson for the United Nations who served under Secretary-Generals Kofi Annan, Ban Ki-moon and today under António Guterres, Dujarric "look(s) forward to engaging with the local Chapter of the U.N. Association that provides critical leadership on U.S. support for the United Nations."

Further guests and honorees include *Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Awardee 2017*, Carrie Hessler-Radelet, President and CEO of Project Concern International; *Corporate Global Citizen Awardee 2017* young entrepreneur, Haydn Sonnad, founder of LA-based Tesloop; *Global Citizen Awardee 2017*, Rhea Kuhlman, President of Women's Empowerment International; and UNA-USA San Diego advisory board member and grandson of Eleanor Roosevelt, Ford Roosevelt, President and CEO of Project GRAD Los Angeles.

Event Information & Registration <u>UN Day 2017</u>
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About UNA-USA San Diego

As a program of the UN Foundation, UNA-USA San Diego is the local Ambassador to and for the United Nations. With its prestigious consultative status to the United Nations, UNA-USA San Diego links the local community with the United Nations and vice versa. The organization's programs & events expand on the understanding of global issues through advocacy and mobilization for actions to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations. Fully volunteer-based, UNA-USA San Diego actively engages partners and stakeholders locally since 1946