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Human Rights Day of Action | Dec 10 Rally #StandUpForSomeonesRights

San Diego, California, December 7, 2017 – the United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter (UNA-USA San Diego) commemorates the International Human Rights Day – December 10 – with a Day of Action. In collaboration with the San Diego Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) the local San Diego Chapter is co-sponsoring PANA’s third International Human Rights Day of Action on **Sunday, 10 October 2017 from 3:30 to 6:00 PM** at the Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego.

International Human Rights Day is observed every year on **10 December** – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration sets out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person.

This year’s Human Rights Day celebration focuses on *#StandUp4Refugees* with a call to action on *#StandUpForSomeonesRights*. President and Executive Director of the UN Association of San Diego notes, “while mass displacements may be preventable, none are voluntary” adding that “Asylum seekers and refugees are entitled to all rights and fundamental freedoms that are spelled out in international human rights instruments; their protection must therefore be seen in the broader context of the protection of human rights”.

The principles enshrined in the Declaration are as relevant today as they were in 1948. “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights empowers us all” says **Mariam Chazalnoel Traore, Thematic Specialist for the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM)**. Hosted by the UN Association of San Diego, Ms Chazalnoel Traore will speak during the event on local leadership in the implementation of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while offering technical support to national policymakers seeking to respond to climate migration challenges.

Event Information [HERE](#)

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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