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The 21st Century United Nations | A Pledge to U.N. Reforms High-Level Visit from United Nations Development Programme

San Diego, California, January 5, 2018 – the United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter (UNA-USA San Diego) announces its 2018 Annual Membership Meeting themed *The 21st Century United Nations: A Pledge to UN Reforms*. Hosted at the Hall of Nations in Balboa Park, San Diego on **Thursday, 25 January 2018 from 6 PM to 8 PM** the annual business meeting is welcoming **Yesim Oruc, Deputy Director**, Washington Representation Office, United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**).

UNDP Deputy Director Oruc shares in her keynote address the agency's work in contributing to Secretary General Antonio Guterres' U.N. Reform Agenda on the overarching goal to help people rise from poverty and sustain peace.

Following her remarks, UNA USA San Diego board member, Steve Vigil, former U.N. Peacekeeper with 10 years combined experience with the UN in the Secretariat and in Field Operations is facilitating a panel discussion with three former colleagues from United Nations Peacekeeping. The conversation centers around intricacies and complexities involved in the UN's role providing international electoral assistance as part of democratic transitions in post-conflict countries. The panelists have served in numerous UN missions around the globe, including Sudan, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The event is open to public and free of charge. More information on the event are provided [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. In its efforts to promote local engagement with the United Nations, 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.