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## THE 66th UNITED NATIONS DPI/NGO CONFERENCE GYEONGJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA



The Department of Public Information in collaboration with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee, Republic of Korea and the National Organizing Committee of Korea is will host a major conference to be held in the ancient capital city of Gyeongju, Republic of Korea from 30 May to 1 June 2016.



The title of the conference is "**Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together.**"

It will bring together over 2000 representatives from around the globe and will focus on three pillars of education, namely i) formal education, ii) informal education and training, and iii) advocacy and public information.



The ancient capital city is a UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site and often called *The Museum Without Walls*.

For Conference Registration Guidelines: [please click here](#).

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## FROM THE CHAIR - BRUCE KNOTTS

Dear  
*NGO Reporter Readers,*

The Conference Planning Committees are preparing for the May 30-June 1 UN NGO/DPI Conference on Global Education in Gyeongju, South Korea, which is rushing at us with hyper speed. Education, we are reminded, as we plan for this conference, touches our most deeply held values of morality and ethics. For most of us, those values come from our cultures, national policies, social norms and religions.

The Gyeongju Conference could not be more timely and will focus on all aspects of education, local, national and global. It will be an early and significant step towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We hope to see you there.

**Bruce Knotts**  
Chair, NGO/DPI Executive Committee  
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**Dr. YuKang Choi**  
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Dr. YuKang Choi has been named Co-Chair of the 66th UN DPI/NGO Conference. He is the founder and CEO of Dream Touch for All (DTFA), an educational organization aimed in improving access to quality education for underprivileged students in Korea. Dr. Choi earned a BA in International Studies at Handong Global University, a MPP (Master in Public Policy) at Harvard Kennedy School, and an Ed.D. at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development.

For Dr. Choi's Greetings, please click [here](#)

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**Scott Carlin, Ph.D.**  
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Dr. Scott Carlin, Co-Chair of the 66th UN DPI/NGO Conference, is Associate Professor of Geography at Long Island University Post and teaches in the Master's Program in Environmental Sustainability. He has been active in civil society initiatives at the UN for nearly a decade. Dr. Carlin is a national advisor to the Graduation Pledge Alliance (of Social and Environmental Responsibility), which is offered at colleges and universities around the world.

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## Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together



### Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together

**GYEONGJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**  
30 MAY - 01 JUNE 2016

**Overview:** The 66th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference will be held in the City of Gyeongju, Republic of Korea from 30 May to 1 June 2016. The Conference title is "Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together." The Conference will take place in the first year of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by United Nations (UN) Member States in September 2015 to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure human rights and prosperous and fulfilling lives for all, as part of a new sustainable

development agenda to be achieved by 2030. This year, 2016, is a globally unprecedented opportunity to spark these transformational changes, following also on the successful conclusion of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 21st Conference of Parties (COP) agreement in Paris in December 2015.

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## OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE CONFERENCE

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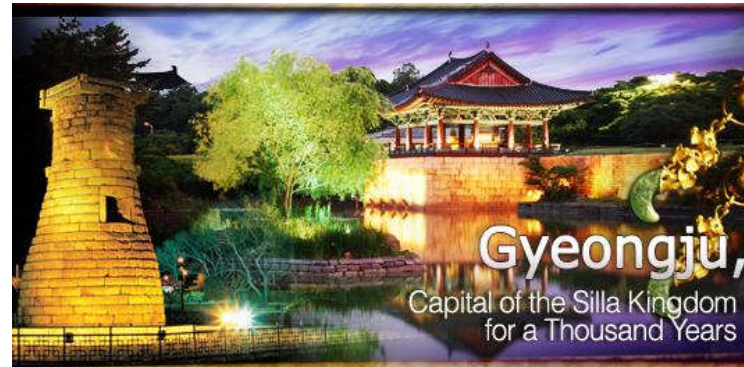
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They provide financial resources to organize special events for youth and sponsor side-events and make it possible to offer important networking opportunities, affordable to all.

**Kim Quarles**

Chair, Fundraising Sub-Committee  
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## CONFERENCE OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

Subcommittee members use various methods of social media to broadcast far and wide the press release, the concept paper, the registration material, and the ways of participating in the planning of the Conference. The Korean Secretariat is using social media indigenous to their population to get the word out to a very broad audience.

**Charles Hitchcock**

Co-Chair, Conference Outreach Subcommittee

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## GYEONGJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA / WORLD HERITAGE SITE

**Gyeongju** is a marvelous city, the cradle of precious vestiges that embody the history and culture of Silla (57 B.C.-A.D. 935), the golden age of ancient Korean civilization. Now a modest city with a population of 270,000 (as of 2010), the old capital of Silla sustains

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the vibrant spirit and aura of the millennium-long kingdom, which attained a brilliant cultural flowering through the reigns of its 56 kings. [Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea](#)

The Gyeongju Historic Areas contain a remarkable concentration of outstanding examples of Korean Buddhist art, in the form of sculptures, reliefs, pagodas, and the remains of temples and palaces from the flowering culture of Silla dynasty, in particular between the 7th and 10th century. The Korean peninsula was ruled for almost 1,000 years (57 BCE - 935 CE) by the Silla dynasty, and the sites and monuments in and around Gyeongju bear outstanding testimony to its cultural achievements. These monuments are of exceptional significance in the development of Buddhist and secular architecture in Korea. [UNESCO](#)

[GYEONGJU IMAGES](#) by QT Luong



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\* Investigations [here](#) and elsewhere show that the *NGO Reporter*, under former Editor Dorrie Weiss, was in its fifth year in 1997. That makes 2016 its twenty-fourth consecutive year of publication.

Note: Ms. Weiss later mentored Lester and Patrick, who have been its co-editors for over a decade and now also includes Ms. Joan Levy, too!

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## Register Today!

Register [here](#), today.

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## CLOSE THE GAP'S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS: PATRICIA TALISSE

I am in my final year in a Master of Social Work program at Fordham University in New York City. I have always been passionate about social work, but my passion grew significantly as a result of the civil war that I experienced in my native country of Syria. While completing my undergraduate studies at Aleppo University, I volunteered with Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) where I learned about the challenges Iraqi refugees faced after they migrated to Syria. At that time, I never expected that the same problems could happen to me someday.

Every day, as I see media depictions of hate and violence in my country, I see pictures of the streets that used to be filled with joy, laughter and dreams. The same streets of yesterday now are covered with blood and the smell of dead bodies. I don't see the same beautiful green Syria on Google, I see red Syria. My moving from Syria to the United States was not out of choice, but out of necessity, and I am grateful to be here. I also am honored to be the UN Student Representative for CLOSE THE GAP, a Brussels-based NGO that works primarily in Africa.



**Patricia Talisse**  
Close the Gap, Brussels

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NGO DPI Executive Committee, 2015 UN, NYC, USA

The NGO/DPI Executive Committee was founded in 1962 to create a link between the United Nations and the Non-Governmental Organizations associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI). It is composed of eighteen Directors and encourages and assists NGOs, as members of civil society, to communicate their interests throughout the United Nations system and to support United Nations' goals and objectives. In partnership with the United Nations Department of Public Information, the NGO/DPI Executive Committee sponsors annual conferences for the



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