

# Partnership for Global Justice

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## 67th Conference of the UN Department of Public Information/ Non-Government Organizations

By **Doretta Cornell, RDC**

The 1,900+ people, mostly women, many young, from over 100 countries who attended the conference affirmed the [outcome document](#), committing ourselves to *foster people-centered multilateralism to address global challenges*.

One of the sessions I enjoyed most was the *Roundtable: Women and Girls Mobilizing*. Moderator **Lopa Sanerjee** of UN Women laid out challenges: more than half of UN Member States have legislation restricting NGOs, and 25 years after the Beijing Conference, not one country has achieved women’s equality.

**Emele Duituturaga**, of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs, told us the Beijing Conference had mobilized their young women to study law, to improve the 3% ratio of women in Parliament, and to become activists for environmental justice, especially against extractive industries. Work for equality, she said, must start by changing traditional power relationships.



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**PGJ has a new volunteer! See page 4 to read more about her.**

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**Njoki Njehu**, of the [Daughters of Mumbai Global Resource Center](#), warned of the dangers of “elevating” women into the neoliberal system, which leaves them in jobs with low pay and violations of their human rights, adding to their burdens.

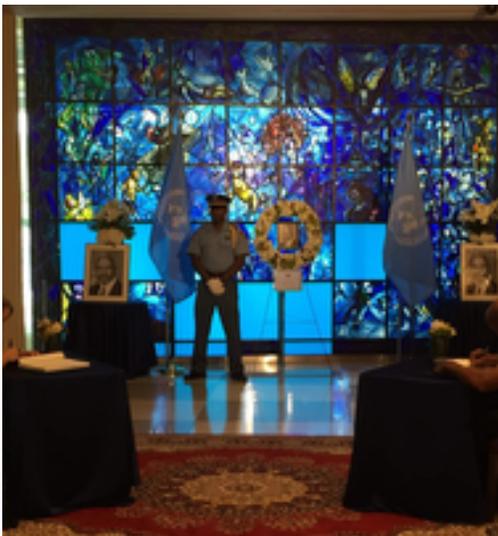
The second part of Thursday’s **Open Forum** showcased the work of several groups in spreading word of the SDGs.

**Peggy Hicks**, from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Office, told of how Sao Paulo uses data from individuals’ phones to manage pollution by identifying “hot spots,” send air quality alerts, and manage traffic. **Manuel Garcia Herranz** of UNICEF told of using such data to identify pockets of needs during natural disasters and to control epidemics

Most interesting were the videos from **Yoshimoto Keogye**’s company, enlisting popular entertainers to educate about the SDGs. The Okinawa Film Festival featured comedians dressed as clowns carrying the SDG logos in the parade, an SDG Stamp Rally to engage children in learning about SDGs, and a huge photo exhibit showing what individuals are doing for the SDGs.

The agency also created humorous micro-ads about the SDGs: [one](#) shows a young man at a bar saying he will pour his leftover ice into the ocean to save polar bears. [Another](#) shows a couple breaking up because she is too busy working on the 17 goals to hang out anymore.

Ms Kogye also said people want the SDGs but do not know about them: fewer than 15% of people surveyed had heard of them, but 70+% were enthusiastic when the SDGs were explained.



*Memorial for former Secretary General Kofi Annan, who passed away August 18, 2018.*

Vice-Chancellor **Dominic Shelard** of De Montfort University in Leicester, England, told us the SDGs are the “prism” for their research and curriculum; he even oversaw beautification of an “ugly campus building” by wrapping it in colorful SDGs banners. Besides working on local issues, students travel to India, building houses in a flood zone and offer workshops in dance, theater and music for “Untouchables” and are now extending care to persons with leprosy.

What are you doing to achieve the SDGs? Let us know at [partnershipforglobaljustice@gmail.com](mailto:partnershipforglobaljustice@gmail.com)

# World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - July 30th, 2018

By Janet Kinney, CSJ



## WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 30 JULY

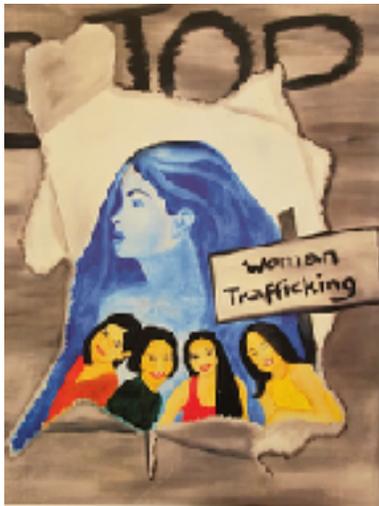
July 30<sup>th</sup> marked the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, a day designated in 2013 by the General Assembly as necessary to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.”

In his remarks commemorating this day, Secretary General Antonio Guterres’ said in part:

*“... The United Nations is committed to advancing action to bring traffickers to justice while protecting and supporting their victims. The rights of victims must come first — be they the victims of traffickers, smugglers, or of modern forms of slavery or exploitation.”*

*In the proposed Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to be adopted in December, Member States have also demonstrated resolve to prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration.*

*On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, let us come together around the key issues of prevention, protection and prosecution to build a future where this crime cannot exist.”*



Back in 2015 when the SDGs were adopted, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda embraced specific goals and targets on trafficking in persons. The Partnership is a member of the NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons (CSTIP) which meets monthly and advocates for policy and action plans to address all aspects of human trafficking. While the Committee’s work is primarily at the United Nations, it works in partnership with its member organizations and other stakeholders taking action on local and national levels.

Members of CSTIP participate in working groups that educate themselves and others on human trafficking and advocate for human trafficking to be addressed in processes and documents, such as resolutions, protocols, and treaties. Current working groups are focused on these topics: Corporate Social Responsibility, Sexual Exploitation, Forced Labor.

## Launch of Advocacy Handbook

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On July 25<sup>th</sup> Mercy International Center launched its new advocacy guidebook “Inherent Dignity.”

Angela Reed, PhD, RSM, Coordinator of Mercy Global Action at UN, was a secondary author of the guidebook and has worked extensively with women who have been trafficked across the globe.

Angela stated that time and again she found great resilience, strength and hope in these women with great potential. The new guidebook seeks to help us – help them – have their legitimate rights realized and is a compendium of advocacy tools.

Dr. Reed advocates for the “OLC approach” which is to develop the optimal living conditions for young girls which would counterbalance those circumstances that many of them live in which lead to human trafficking. The goal is to enhance their personal, social, and political conditions. Angela has found that most policies are reactive and not proactive. ***Inherent Dignity*** focuses on how the existing international human rights framework can be applied to prevention of human trafficking and how key to any preventative response is listening to the experiences of formerly trafficked women.

[The Guidebook can be downloaded here](#)

Angela also shares the experiences of 40 Filipino women who had been trafficked in Cebu in this resource:

<https://www.ourcommunity.com.au/files/IHAV-AngelaReed-Web.pdf>

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## Faith Yusko Joins PGJ as St. Joseph Worker Volunteer



My name is Faith Yusko. I recently joined the Partnership for Global Justice working alongside Sister Janet in my role as a St. Joseph Worker. The St. Joseph Worker Program is a year-long service opportunity for women built on the values of leadership, spirituality, social justice and intentional community, grounded in living simply and sustainably. It is rooted in the Sisters of St. Joseph charism “Love of God and the dear neighbor without distinction.”

I am thrilled to work with all of you in serving our marginalized brothers and sisters. This opportunity to learn more about advocating towards a more peaceful and justice-oriented planet is one that I will not take for granted. I hope to learn from all of you as I settle in and learn more about this partnership and about the United Nations.

I come to you as an alumna of the University of Scranton. There I majored in International Studies and double minored in Communication and Chinese. Studying with the Jesuits in Scranton allowed me to further develop my passion for learning about different cultures and traditions from around the world.

Following my graduation, I participated in a year of service with Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry. I lived in an intentional community in West Baltimore with five other volunteers, and we learned about compassion, healing and liberation from the Sisters of Bon Secours. My service site at BSVM was in an Early Head Start Child Development Classroom. I worked as a Child Care Aide serving infants, toddlers and their families. By participating in a domestic service experience, I learned about how important sustainable local efforts are in addressing poverty on a global scale. The loving community I was welcomed into further ignited the fire in my heart to work for peace and justice.

My time in Baltimore challenged me and helped me to grow in so many ways. I could not help but want to share the good news about full-time, faith-based service with other young adults! After I completed my BSVM year, I worked as the Recruitment Associate for the Catholic Volunteer Network. CVN helps connect those who hear God’s call to serve with opportunities to volunteer around the country and around the globe! During my time recruiting I was able to connect with students and alumni from universities all over our nation to aid them with resources that help them in their discernment process. I also had the chance to learn from many groups of volunteers and religious communities while traveling in this role.

Spending my time immersed in the faith and service industry led me to once again hear God calling me to embrace an opportunity to continue to serve others and deepen my faith.

I am blessed to be able to continue learning from Sisters here in my home state of New York and am grateful to get the chance to work together with Sister Janet in advancing the mission and goals of the Partnership for Global Justice!