


UN FORUM 2010



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 A major one-day event
organised by the United Nations
Association of the UK (UNA-UK)

Programme

9.00am REGISTRATION

(refreshments provided)

9.45am

All participants to be seated in the main hall

10.00am WELCOME

by Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Chair of UNA-UK and former British Ambassador to the UN

OPENING SPEECH

by H.E. Helen Clark, Administrator of the UN Development Programme and former Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008)

Helen Clark has served as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 17 April 2009. She is also Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues.

Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Helen Clark was Prime Minister of New Zealand for nine years, serving three successive terms from 1999. As Prime Minister, she was a member of the Council of Women World Leaders. Helen Clark came to the role of Prime Minister after an extensive parliamentary and ministerial career, having held portfolios including conservation, housing, health and labour. Before entering the New Zealand Parliament, she taught in the Political Studies Department of the University of Auckland. She graduated with a BA in 1971 and an MA with First Class Honours in 1974.

11.15am SPEECH

by H.E. Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and first female President of Ireland (1990-7)

Mary Robinson has spent most of her life as a human rights advocate, serving as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. During her distinguished career as an academic, a legislator and a barrister, she has sought to use law as an instrument for social change, arguing landmark cases before the European Court of Human Rights as well as in the Irish courts and the European Court in Luxembourg.

In addition to her role as President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, Mary Robinson is a member of the Elders, co-founder and former Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders, and Vice President of the Club of Madrid. She was educated at the University of Dublin (Trinity

College), King's Inns Dublin and Harvard Law School, to which she won a fellowship in 1967.

Participants are invited to take a break for lunch from 12.30 to 1.40pm, or from 1.50 to 3pm, when the two breakout sessions are in process. You can buy lunch in the Friends House cafeteria, or if there are long queues, in food outlets next to Euston Station. You can eat your food in the sessions so you don't need to miss anything!

12.30 – 1.40pm BREAKOUT SESSION 1

The following panel and three pre-booked workshops will run concurrently. Please attend only the workshop you are registered for.

➤ **Is there accountability for human rights violations? (Panel)**

CHAIR: Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Chair, UNA-UK

- Elizabeth Wilmshurst CMG, Associate Fellow of International Law, Chatham House
- Sir Nigel Rodley, Member, UN Human Rights Committee and Chair, Essex Human Rights Centre

➤ **So you want to be the next Secretary-General? Careers at the UN (Workshop)**

CHAIR: Natalie Samarasinghe, Head of Communications, UNA-UK

- Janos Tisovszky, Deputy Director, UN Regional Information Centre (Brussels)
- Isabella Hayward, President, UNA-UK's youth wing (UNYSA)

➤ **Peace, development and human rights – pressing UN issues for women (Workshop)**

CHAIR: Suzanne Long, UNA-UK Women's Advisory Council

- Charlotte Onslow, Senior Gender Policy Advisor, International Alert
- Kathryn Colvin CVO, UNIFEM UK
- Charlotte Gage, Policy Officer, Women's Resource Centre

➤ **Learning about the UN matters – an interactive session for teachers and educators (Workshop)**

Facilitator: Mary Morrison, UNESCO UK consultant

1.50 – 3.00pm BREAKOUT SESSION 2

The following panel and two pre-booked workshops will run concurrently. Please attend only the workshop you are registered for.

➤ On the ground – humanitarian challenges in the 21st century (Panel)

CHAIR: Sir Nicholas Young, Chief Executive, British Red Cross

- Roland Schilling, UK Representative, UN Refugee Agency
- David Bull, Executive Director, UNICEF UK
- Peter Scott-Bowden, Pandemic Preparedness & Response Coordinator, World Food Programme
- Yolanda Foster, South Asia team, Amnesty International

➤ Getting to nuclear zero: report from the NPT Review Conference (Workshop)

- Carol Naughton, Senior Associate, ACRONYM Institute
- Plus Global Zero UK Youth representatives

➤ How business can support UN goals: practical tips for young professionals (Workshop)

CHAIR: Susannah Anastasi, UNA-UK Young Professionals Network

- Steve Kenzie, UN Global Compact UK Focal Point
 - Plus members of the UK Network of the UN Global Compact
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3.10pm SPEECH

by **Dr Hans Blix**, with introductory remarks by **Baroness (Shirley) Williams of Crosby**

Hans Blix is a Swedish diplomat and politician, who served from 1981 until 1997 as Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In 2000, he was appointed by the UN Secretary-General to the position of head of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission in Iraq (UNMOVIC) where he ended his service in 2003. Since then, he has chaired the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission.

Before joining the UN, Hans Blix had a long career in the Swedish Foreign Ministry, serving from 1978 as Minister for Foreign Affairs. He studied at the University of Uppsala, at Columbia University, and at Cambridge University, where he received his PhD. At Stockholm University, he attained a doctorate in law and served as a professor in international law. He has an Honorary Doctorate from Moscow State University (1987) and is a recipient of the Henry de Wolf Smyth Award (Washington DC, 1988) and, in 1997, the Gold Medal for distinguished service in the field of nuclear affairs by the Uranium Institute, the predecessor of the World Nuclear Association of which he became Honorary Chairman in 2001.

4.20pm BREAK

(refreshments provided)

4.50pm PANEL DISCUSSION

on **'Practical ways to make the UN more effective'**

CHAIR: Zeinab Badawi, Presenter, BBC World News Today

Speakers:

- Dame Margaret Anstee DCMG, former UN Under-Secretary-General and first female head of a UN peacekeeping mission
- Dr Abiodun Williams, Vice-President of the Center for Conflict Analysis and former Director of Strategic Planning in the Office of UN Secretaries-General Ban and Annan
- Edward Mortimer, Senior Vice-President and Chief Program Officer, Salzburg Global Seminar and former Chief Speechwriter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan from 1998 to 2006
- Ambassador Kishore Mahbubani, Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore and former Singaporean Ambassador to the UN

6.25pm CLOSING REMARKS

by **Lord Hannay of Chiswick**, Chair, UNA-UK

6.30pm END

MORE ABOUT UNA-UK

The United Nations Association of the UK (UNA-UK) is the UK's leading source of independent analysis on the UN and a UK-wide grassroots movement in support of a strong, credible and effective United Nations. We pursue this mission by:

- explaining why the UN matters, how it works and what it can realistically achieve
- influencing decision-makers to pursue foreign policies that support the UN's work in peace and security, development and human rights
- stimulating thought and debate on how to strengthen the UN
- working with young people to foster a new generation of internationalists
- equipping our members to further all of these aims

UNA-UK derives great strength from its dedicated volunteer branches, vibrant youth and student wing, and dynamic network of young professionals. Together these groups make up an exceptionally diverse supporter base extending across all four nations of the UK.

Can I get involved?

Whatever your age or background, you are encouraged to get involved in UNA-UK. Our members receive a free subscription to the enclosed magazine, *New World*, invitations to exclusive events and information on how to take part in local and national campaigns.

Join us and become part of a movement that lobbies the UK government to use its influence at the UN to prevent war, champion human rights, fight poverty and protect the environment. It's easy to become a member – you can join by completing the enclosed membership form or by visiting www.una.org.uk/join