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**No matter what they say,
there is no alternative**

In this issue, it is only fitting and timely to focus on the 70th anniversary of the United Nations (UN). And what an issue we have got for you! Who is better to put things into perspective and share their views on this than the Director General of the UNOG, Président du Conseil d'Etat du canton de Genève and the Director General of the WHO?

As UN staff, we all have lots of reasons to celebrate. A lot has been accomplished during those years even though the achievements are uneven and the reputation is slightly tarnished. But I am sure, when you read all the stories and experiences in the rest of the magazine, you will conclude that there is no alternative to the UN. And it is ever true here in Geneva with its organizations and agencies that still serve as the main arena for global discussion on a broad spectrum of sectors. And it is very clear that the UN needs to undergo changes in order to quickly and efficiently respond to the rapid developments and new challenges: whether these are the regional conflicts, climate change, natural disasters, manmade disasters or economic turmoil and the ultimate challenge of meeting the new sustainable development goals. We have tried something different this time. The central page is a pull out poster which you can place in your office or home as a giant reminder of the work we do. I am sure you will also find yourselves reflecting that as staff who work here in Geneva there is no alternative to an enhanced collaboration within the UN family. There is no other way but to work together in order to continue making a difference.

**Quoi qu'ils en disent,
il n'y a pas d'alternative**

Dans ce numéro, il est pertinent et opportun de nous concentrer sur le 70^e anniversaire des Nations Unies. Et quel numéro nous vous avons préparé! Qui peut mieux mettre en perspective et partager ses vues sur ce thème que le Directeur-Général de l'ONUG, le Président du Conseil d'Etat du Canton de Genève ou le Directeur Général de l'OMS?

En tant que personnel des Nations Unies, nous avons de nombreuses raisons de célébrer cet anniversaire. Beaucoup a été accompli durant ces années, même si les progrès réalisés sont inégaux et la réputation un peu ternie. Mais je suis sûr que lorsque vous aurez lu toutes ces histoires et ces témoignages, vous conclurez qu'il n'y a pas d'alternative à l'ONU. Cela est d'autant plus vrai à Genève où les organisations et les agences servent toujours de scène principale aux discussions globales sur un large éventail de sujets. Il est clair que les Nations Unies ont besoin de changer pour répondre plus vite et plus efficacement aux développements rapides et aux nouveaux défis de notre époque, qu'il s'agisse de conflits régionaux, du changement climatique, de catastrophes naturelles, de désastres causés par l'Homme, de turbulences économiques ou du défi ultime de réaliser les objectifs de développement durable.

Nous avons essayé de vous proposer autre chose cette fois. La double page centrale est un poster que vous pourrez afficher dans votre bureau ou à la maison pour vous rappeler du travail que nous faisons. Je suis sûr que vous vous ferez aussi la réflexion en tant que personnel basé ici, à Genève, qu'il n'y a pas d'alternative à une amélioration de la collaboration au sein de la famille des Nations Unies. Il n'y a pas d'autre choix que celui de travailler ensemble pour continuer à faire une différence.

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Interim Editor-in-Chief Dr. Garry Aslanyan during the interview with Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of UNOG.

Interview with Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of United Nations Office at Geneva

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GARRY ASLANYAN, UN SPECIAL

Thank you for agreeing to do this interview for the issue focused on United Nations at 70. To start us off, what is your vision for the coming years for the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)?

It is a pleasure to speak with the *UN Special*, a magazine I know is read by many of international staff in Geneva. You probably know that being the Director-General of UNOG is a kind of funny animal because you are *primus inter pares* amongst many agencies in Geneva in a protocol sense, but most of my responsibilities are more managerial. This is an advantage. It allows me to provide a neutral table around which all of the family here in Geneva can sit at. This is particularly important to have as we move forward to the next decade, particularly after this year with the different policy frameworks that have been or are being negotiated. We already worked on *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030*, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and soon we will have the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris. All of these are going to come together; and their implementation will have to come together. We can't implement one without talking about the other. For instance, SDGs can not be discussed without climate change or disasters. The family here in Geneva

which was built over many decades is still relatively fragmented, there are still silos and we will need to find a more integrated way of working together in order to help and assist Member States in getting to these goals. Geneva is an operational hub of the system. We have a particular capacity and knowledge, and it is our collective responsibility that we deliver in the best possible way. For that to happen, we need to work better together, all of us, not just the heads of agencies. The leadership understands the need for greater integration, with more of a matrix management approach but however, we still have some work to do to convince the staff down the line. I think it is urgent because the reality is imposing itself on us much faster than we are able to absorb it, and we have to be ready.

My other hat in Geneva is to be the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament, which has not moved a lot on its agenda for the last 20 years. I am an optimist, and am now trying to find ways of pushing it into action, especially on some pressing issues that I feel are really crucial. Of course, the *raison d'être* of the conference is nuclear disarmament, which is the ultimate goal, but pending that, there are a number of disarmament issues that

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are quite pressing as well. For example, the issue of autonomous weapons or so called killer robots, which are now being developed. I think it is high time we start doing some preventive treaty making in order to regulate the use of these weapons. I don't want to live in a world where it's a machine that decides who lives and dies.

You have worked in positions within the UN for many years. Having that experience how do you see UN today, at 70?

A birthday is an occasion to take stock and look forward. On the stock taking side and for me personally, one can encapsulate the UN at 70 in one word – pride. It is rooted in the realization of the absolutely astonishing impact that we have made on the world. If you look at statistics today of where humanity is, we never had it so good. We have never lived longer, been so healthy never better educated. Of course it is all asymmetric, but we are richer on average and there are less poor people. This is an extraordinary achievement in historical terms, but it also shows what we stand to lose if we don't get the future right, which we will be looking at in the next decades. In the process of giving ourselves these achievements, we have messed with the planet to the extent that it is now in danger, that is putting at risk not only our gains but our very lives. Thus, the collective objective should be rectifying some of the mistakes we have made and putting the planet back into a working order. Then we will be able to leave behind a livable planet for our children and their children. We are in a strange time, particularly in terms of governance where the old system we had for the last 500 years is losing its relevance and where we are yet seeing the clear contours of the next governance structure. Here the UN is practically the only bridge between the

old and the new; it has the expertise and structures, and historically the legitimacy. It needs to regain some of that legitimacy and certainly needs to regain the trust it has lost in many parts of the world.

Since you arrived in Geneva, you have managed to change perception of UNOG within the international community in a record time. How do you assess the success in getting outsiders to understand the benefits of *Genève internationale*? Do you work with heads of WHO, ILO and other organization located in Geneva?

Definitely, my own plan is to continue the perception change project, in order to get the support, including from the public at large through to the capitals with their leadership. It is important that we tell our stories about what we do, its impact, and relevance. Geneva has an extraordinary richness of stories to tell. Things that we do here affect every single person on this planet. But we don't present them well. For example, when I arrived here, I was reading the UNOG annual report and noticed that it said UNOG managed 10,000 meetings a year. My immediate reaction was "ok, so then what? What happened in those meetings? What was the content of those meetings? Why is it relevant to anybody?" This is the kind of change I want to work on and I will continue to work on. It's a rather ambitious programme, particularly when you consider that it has been done without a budget, and we would like to do these kinds of perception projects in every single Member State, it will tell the story of what exactly happens here and how it is relevant to all kinds of humanity, even in the most remote parts of the world.

This is also part of the plan for the restoration of Palais des Nations. It is a

shared responsibility of Geneva citizens, Switzerland and the world. But it needs to be explained better, especially internally. When you sit in NY, you may not immediately think about why funds are needed for the project. But it is no longer an issue, the Member States have agreed and the Swiss government is going to give us a loan on very advantageous terms. We just had 25 members of the 5th Committee of UNGA here who came to see what happens here and why the restoration is important.

In the context of the perception change project, we have weekly workshops with participants from 60 different organizations in Geneva. Then I have an informal monthly lunch with all Heads of Agencies. That has proved to be an efficient discussion and I am pleasantly surprised at the amount of new collaborations that come up through this process.

In which directions will you concentrate your efforts on perception change in the future? How will staff benefit from the work you are doing on this? As *UN Special* is read by civil servants at UNOG and most of the other organizations in Geneva, what can *UN Special* do to support your efforts?

As you may know, we are having an Open Day on the 24th October and one of the anchor events of the Open Day is one that is totally relevant to what I just said. It is the sculpture by an Italian artist, Michelangelo Pistoletto, which is called *Rebirth*. It's very relevant to the juncture we are at, where we need to take the gains we have made and come up with something new. I would also like to see the Palais being open to the public. *UN Special* should be part of the story telling, change of narrative, because the perception change project is



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not only external but also very much internal. What I would really like is that every staff member when he/she wakes up in the morning is not just thinking about going to his/her job, but thinks of the impact of what he or she does, not just in Geneva but in Burundi, Thailand or wherever. *UN Special* has a unique role to play to allow staff to tell their stories. To me, *UN Special* can be an important part of the re-education no matter what agency you come from, especially when we need to look at how we can integrate and leverage what we do with work that somebody else is doing thus *UN Special* has its unique role as a staff magazine. Nevertheless, it should also have an appeal to readers outside the U.N.

In anticipation of the UN General Assembly in New York, what messages will you bring to New York? What do you expect from it in terms of UN, new SDGs, or any other issue and in terms of UNOG? What I will be taking to NY with me is exactly what we talked about. I will be taking the message that we need to remind ourselves and delegates that Geneva is an important part of everybody's daily

lives; it's not just for some branch of UN in Switzerland. I also hope to shake the disarmament issues we talked about. And the biggest part is implementation of SDGs. The implementation cannot be just New York lead; it needs a collaborative effort of Geneva, Nairobi, Bangkok and others. It really has to be a team effort, much more than we have ever done before.

In closing, what is your message to the staff of the organization(s) for UN@70?

While the perception of the UN at the moment is in general a bit negative, we have to change that and the way to change that is to show what we do. People only see the tip of the iceberg, they see UN Security Council, inefficiency in stopping wars or conflicts, not reacting fast to Ebola, but they don't see the actual size of the iceberg, which is what the UN does. The staff needs to know that, when they wake up in the morning, they are not just going to work they are going to do some work that affects people all over the world. It is important for us all to understand how the UN matters. For example, your phone won't work if it was not for agencies in Geneva; even the

contents of your toothpaste were approved by agencies in Geneva. The work of the United Nations touches every single person on this planet – every single day. This is work that goes from the road signs we all see on the roads all over the world, medical guidelines for checks to be carried out before an operation, international dialing codes for the phones that we all use, standards for the food that we eat, capacity-building for developing countries to be able to trade more effectively, the clearing of millions of landmines to help communities develop, and the millions of children that get vaccinated across the Globe. The list goes on. The United Nations system sets norms and policies that make our world function, it provides technical assistance, it addresses humanitarian emergencies and promotes human rights for all – and everything in between and beyond. Together, these efforts shape all of our lives – whether we live in developed or in developing countries, whether we live in peace or in conflict zones. Thank you on behalf of the readers of *UN Special*, we appreciate your time and insights. ■



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Le Conseil d'Etat de Genève et l'ONU: une même cohérence

Entretien avec M. François Longchamp

Président du Conseil d'Etat, République et canton de Genève

CHRISTIAN DAVID, UNOG

Nous fêtons le 70^e anniversaire de la création de l'ONU. Est-ce l'enfance, l'adolescence ou l'âge de raison pour cette organisation?

A l'échelle de l'Histoire, l'ONU n'est encore qu'un nouveau-né. Nonobstant quelques velléités nationalistes ici ou là, il ne fait aucun doute que nous allons vers un

monde de plus en plus interdépendant. Le besoin d'organiser, de réguler, de faciliter cette interdépendance ne peut que se renforcer et l'institution qui a la responsabilité de répondre à ce besoin devient toujours plus indispensable. A 70 ans, l'ONU a donc tout son avenir devant elle.

Pensez-vous que les parties prenantes à la conférence sur le climat qui se déroulera le

mois prochain à Paris, seront enfin à la hauteur du défi et quelles pourraient en être les implications pour Genève?

J'espère de tout cœur un succès. Pour Genève, ce serait un formidable accomplissement. Je pense aux milliers de femmes et d'hommes qui s'engagent dans les institutions gouvernementales, non gouvernementales ou académiques à Genève pour alerter le public sur les conséquences des

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changements climatiques. Cela représente des centaines de réunions, des dizaines de rapports et, au final, des propositions concrètes pour relever cet immense défi. Une issue positive de cette conférence démontrerait en outre que, malgré les profondes divergences des intérêts à court terme, les Etats ont la sagesse de s'entendre lorsque le bien commun mondial est en jeu. Pour d'autres processus en difficulté, ce serait donc un bel encouragement qui pourrait être porteur d'un nouveau souffle.

Comment pourriez-vous définir les relations entre l'Etat hôte, la cité et l'ONUG depuis ces 10 dernières années en termes d'évolution, de rapports entre locaux et internationaux et de moyens mis en œuvre?
Il appartient d'abord à l'ONUG et aux autres organisations que nous accueillons de répondre, puisque nous sommes à leur service. Ce que je peux vous affirmer, c'est que les autorités suisses et genevoises ne ménagent pas leurs efforts, notamment dans le domaine de l'immobilier avec la

Il faudra intensifier les rapports entre tous les acteurs de la Genève internationale

FIPOI, de la sécurité avec la police genevoise, ou de l'accueil, avec le CAGI. La Genève internationale se développe et les moyens doivent suivre. Le parlement fédéral a d'ailleurs pris une décision en ce sens en juin dernier, en augmentant l'enveloppe budgétaire octroyée à la Genève internationale de près de 45 millions de francs pour les quatre prochaines années. Quant aux relations entre les populations locales et internationales, elles sont bonnes à défaut d'être toujours intenses. Il y a peut-être là une marge de progression. A ce propos, je tiens à rendre hommage au Directeur général de l'ONUG qui, depuis qu'il a pris ses fonctions, ne manque pas une occasion d'aller à la rencontre des Genevois.

Quel personnage placez-vous dans votre panthéon personnel et pour quelles raisons?
Winston Churchill: un rendez-vous avec l'Histoire, une volonté, une vision, la maîtrise du verbe et de l'humour. En clair: de la grande politique!

Nous sommes le 1^{er} octobre 2035, je vous rencontre sur la place des Nations, faisons un résumé de ce qui s'est passé depuis 20 ans.
Nous pourrions d'abord admirer un Palais des Nations rénové. Ses barrières, je l'espère, seront un peu plus perméables qu'aujourd'hui. Les Genevois n'attendront plus une journée portes-ouvertes ou l'entraînement à la course de l'Escalade pour avoir envie de s'y rendre. Ensuite, l'activité sera encore plus riche qu'aujourd'hui. La taille de la Genève internationale n'aura pas beaucoup augmenté, mais les échanges entre ses acteurs se seront intensifiés. Les organisations internationales, les ONG et les Etats partageront davantage leurs ressources pour apporter des solutions opérationnelles à des problèmes d'intérêt commun spécifiques. A mon sens, c'est cette approche, souple et pragmatique, qu'il faut privilégier dès maintenant si l'on veut dépasser les pesanteurs institutionnelles existantes et pérenniser l'impact de la coopération internationale dans le monde réel. ■

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The UN at 70

Dr. MARGARET CHAN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WHO

When I look back on what the UN has accomplished over the past seventy years, I feel proud of this history and optimistic for the future. As the head of a UN agency, I appreciate the fundamental – and uplifting – value system that unites the UN family. That is, the values of solidarity, equity, and human rights, including the right to freedom from want and fear.

Like the UN, WHO was built on the rubble left by the second World War. At that time, epidemics of infectious diseases, especially those that thrive on poverty and filth, were the top priorities. In its early years, WHO used the latest state-of-the-art technology (the wireless telegraph) to keep the world abreast of daily changes in epidemics. WHO despatched health teams driven by ox cart, tents with drugs and doctors to aid refugees, and tonnes of basic “miracle” drugs sped by air when emergencies arose.

WHO took on its role as the first public health guardian of the planet with great determination. The optimism was tremendous. Under WHO leadership, early observers predicted that most infectious “scourges of the past” could be stamped out of their endemic foci. DDT could banish malaria, a vaccine and streptomycin could vanquish TB, and penicillin would bring venereal diseases under control. Smallpox – the worst scourge of them all – might even be eradicated.

But the challenges were equally tremendous. At that time, malaria alone was responsible for 300 million new infections and 3 million deaths each year. In the year when WHO was established, smallpox infected around 50 million people, killing 15 million of them; the disease never had a treatment or cure. In the 1980s, AIDS emerged, immediately eclipsing venereal diseases as the biggest sexually-transmitted killer.

Though the road ahead would be far more arduous and long than imagined at that time, smallpox was eradicated in 1979, vaccines against cholera and yellow fever were developed, and the yearly number of malaria deaths fell to less than 440,000. In 2014, the AIDS epidemic reached a tipping point, when the number of people in developing countries receiving antiretroviral therapy surpassed the number of new infections.

Today, maternal and childhood deaths are falling faster than at any time since WHO was founded, with some of the fastest drops recorded in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2013, 17,000 fewer children died each day than in 1990. Since the start of this century, an estimated 37 million lives were saved by effective diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis.

WHO is grateful to the UN and its Member States for putting the Millennium Devel-

opment Goals in place. That visionary commitment to reduce human misery launched several global health initiatives, unleashed vast resources, and stimulated multiple innovations, bringing out the best in human nature.

The challenges that confront health in the new era of sustainable development are far more complex. Chronic noncommunicable diseases have overtaken infectious diseases as the world’s biggest killers. The climate is changing, with consequences to health ranging from outbreaks of epidemic-prone diseases to excess deaths from heatwaves and air pollution. First- and second-line antibiotics are failing at an unprecedented rate. With few replacement products in the R&D pipeline, the world is moving towards a post-antibiotic era in which common infections will once again kill. Worldwide, social inequalities – in income levels, opportunities, and access to health care – have reached their highest levels seen in more than half a century.

Throughout its long history, WHO has relied on collaboration with several sister agencies in the UN family. Like WHO, these sister agencies have matured to develop well-defined comparative advantages. WHO will continue to draw on their assets as we tackle the complex health challenges in the new agenda for development. ■



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La bibliothèque des Nations Unies à Genève organise une exposition sur l'histoire de la Charte des Nations Unies et le Statut de la Cour internationale de justice qui en fait partie intégrante pour mettre en valeur les documents essentiels à sa constitution. L'exposition sera ouverte au public au premier étage du bâtiment B à partir du 24 octobre 2015, date du 70^e anniversaire de son entrée en vigueur.

SOLANGE BEHOTEGUY, OCHA

L'objectif de l'exposition est de «parcourir l'histoire de la Charte et de raconter comment on est arrivé à la Conférence de San Francisco, pour montrer qu'elle vient de loin, sur fond de deuxième guerre mondiale. En deux mots: on veut raconter l'histoire de la charte, mais aussi de sa mise en œuvre pendant ces 70 ans» signale Cristina Giordano, chef du groupe de la gestion des connaissances

et de la référence générale et responsable de l'organisation de l'exposition.

Madame Giordano est en pleine préparation quand je la rencontre, elle et son équipe doivent sélectionner soigneusement les livres, documents, photographies et journaux d'époque qui rempliront les seize vitrines dont se compose l'espace qui deviendra le lieu de rencontre sur l'évolution des idées au cours de ces soixante-dix ans

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Quel genre de documents pourrions-nous y découvrir les visiteurs? Giordano, diplômée de sciences-po, est de toute évidence une passionnée d'histoire et précise qu'on y trouvera des livres et des articles sur les principales étapes de la création de l'ONU: la Déclaration du

palais de Saint-James (signée à Londres le 12 Juin 1941), la Charte de l'Atlantique (14 août 1941), la Déclaration des Nations Unies (1^{er} Janvier 1942), la Conférence de Moscou et de Téhéran (1943), les Conférences de Dumbarton Oaks et de Yalta (1944-1945), et finalement la Conférence de San Francisco de 1945. Cette dernière a été le moteur de la mobilisation mondiale qui conclut le 26 juin 1946 par la signature de la Charte.

Selon Cristina Giordano, l'exposition ne sera pas construite uniquement sur une logique chronologique mais aussi thématique (droits de l'homme, action humanitaire, développement économique et social). «Sans développement, on ne peut pas arriver à la paix» dit-elle puis elle ajoute qu'une composante pédagogique est aussi prévue: «Nous voulons rendre visibles des aspects moins connus de l'histoire de la Charte: par exemple, comment les documents de la Conférence de San Francisco étaient imprimés et distribués».

«La Charte des Nations Unies s'est avérée assez souple pour s'adapter aux défis de ces 70 ans. On 1945, on ne pensait pas du tout à l'environnement. J'ai l'impression que cette fois on pourra mieux la célébrer parce que, grâce au développement des réseaux sociaux,

on peut faire passer le message de l'ONU plus facilement. Finalement l'ONU réaffirmera son importance, car c'est aussi l'année de l'approbation des objectifs du développement durable. On a besoin de mettre de l'ordre dans le monde», conclut Madame Giordano.

L'initiative de la bibliothèque à Genève n'est pas la seule et fait partie de nombreuses actions menées par les différents sièges de l'ONU. A New York, la Bibliothèque Dag Hammarskjöld a mis en place une exposition virtuelle intitulée: «70 ans 70 documents» choisis parmi plus de 10 millions de documents conservés par la Bibliothèque. Ce projet a été inspiré par celui du British Museum intitulé: «Une histoire du monde en 100 objets». ■

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«Que signifie pour vous la célébration du 70^e anniversaire de l'existence de l'ONU?»

Nous avons demandé à des collègues, à l'intérieur du Palais des Nations, de nous dire, en une courte phrase et sans réfléchir, ce qui leur venait à l'esprit lorsqu'ils pensaient à la célébration du 70^e anniversaire de l'ONU.

MARIE-JOSÉ ASTRE-DÉMOULIN, SDLS, UNOG

La plupart des personnes interrogées se sont prêtées au jeu avec plaisir. Quatre personnes ont demandé à ce que leur prénom et/ou leur nationalité soit modifié.

Les réponses nous ont été données parfois en anglais, parfois en français. Pour la lisibilité de l'article, nous avons choisi de tout traduire en français.

{ PRÉNOM / Nationalité / origine / nombre d'années dans l'Organisation? }

QUESTION: Que signifie pour vous le fait que l'ONU fête ses 70 ans

{ ADI, Nigérian • depuis plus de 20 ans à l'ONU }

«Ça montre à quel point ma contribution est une petite goutte d'eau dans l'océan! Pourtant, lorsque j'interviens sur le terrain lors de catastrophes humanitaires, je me dis que le peu que j'apporte, c'est déjà ça!»

{ CHENG, Chinois • Je ne travaille pas ici, je viens juste pour un rendez-vous }

«J'aimerais beaucoup travailler avec l'ONU. Ce serait formidable pour moi de contribuer aux objectifs du Millénaire. Vous avez des conseils à me donner pour postuler?»

{ MATTHEW, Australien – et bientôt Français aussi • depuis 30 ans auprès l'ONU – avec des missions ponctuelles, beaucoup sur le terrain }
«70 ans, c'est l'âge de la maturité.»

{ JANE, ...à partir d'octobre, je serai Suisse, en principe! • Euh... je ne le dis pas depuis quand je travaille ici... Beaucoup d'années! }
«70 ans, c'est le même âge que ma mère!» (éclat de rire).

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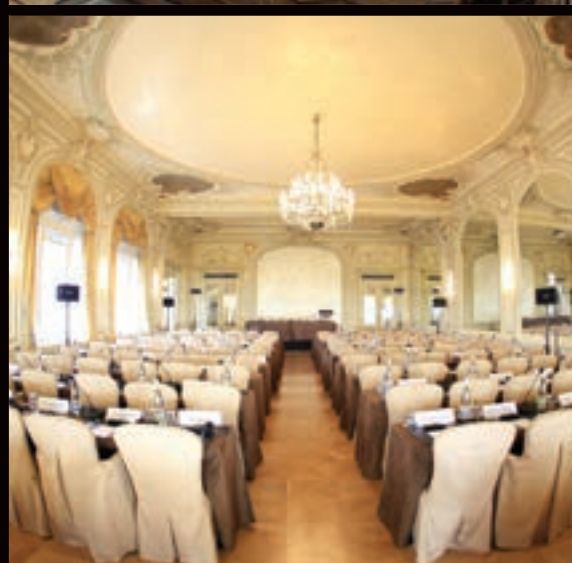
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QUESTION: Que signifie pour vous le fait que l'ONU fête ses 70 ans

{ ANNE, Française • A l'ONU depuis une dizaine d'années }

«L'ONU, c'est la plus belle idée que l'être humain ait jamais eue. C'est sûr qu'on fait ce qu'on peut et que... ça ne marche pas à tous les coups. J'y crois à fond quand même. C'est beau de tenter de négocier des accords, de protéger les populations. Je ne pourrais travailler nulle part ailleurs.»

{ LAURA, Bolivienne • Onusienne depuis un an }
 «Oh... mais... je ne peux pas répondre comme ça, c'est difficile. Il faudrait que j'y réfléchisse... je ne suis là que depuis un an.»

{ FELIX, Espagnol • depuis 10 ans à l'ONU }
 «C'est une organisation qui garde encore quelque beauté de ses années de jeunesse mais qui ne vieillit pas très bien car elle a du mal à s'adapter aux changements de notre vie actuelle.»

{ LIZ, Royaume-Uni • depuis 5 ans dans le système, contrats de consultante occasionnelle }
 «L'ONU est nécessaire mais son mandat est bien compliqué... En fait, j'adore venir ici. C'est le seul endroit où il y a autant de nationalités mélangées. Je suis fière d'avoir l'ONU comme client et ça renforce ma crédibilité auprès de mes clients du secteur privé!»

{ JEAN-PIERRE, Français • depuis 18 ans à l'ONU }
 «70 ans, c'est vénérable!» (*sourire*)

{ MICHAL, Polonais • 3 ans d'ONU }
 «Je préfère ne pas répondre... (*soupirs*) J'ai un chef trop pénible en ce moment, ça affecte ma perception de l'Organisation.»

{ ELLA, citoyenne du monde • Je suis venue, repartie, revenue, je ne sais plus }
 «Ah oui, l'ONU veut fêter ses 70 ans? Et ça se passe où, la fiesta?» (*elle s'éclipse en faisant quelques pas de danse*).

{ MINA, je suis un mélange d'Afrique et d'Europe • depuis 17 ans dans des organisations internationales }
 «Un peu poussiéreuse, cette grande maison...»

{ KARINA, multiculturelle, comme l'ONU, J'ai 2 nationalités et vécu sur 3 continents • depuis 20 ans dans la maison }
 «Il serait vraiment temps qu'on ait une femme comme Secrétaire générale!»

{ GUIDO, Italien • Depuis longtemps }
 «Joker...»

{ MARC, Français • 2 ans d'ONU }
 «Je ne jurerais pas qu'on dure encore aussi longtemps.»

{ CLAUDIA, Allemande • depuis un peu plus de 8 ans fonctionnaire internationale }
 «Il y aurait beaucoup à dire. Il me semble qu'on pourrait faire mieux. Ce serait bien qu'on demande au personnel des suggestions pour changer certaines choses!»

{ DENIS, Belge • 5 ans de terrain et 2 ans à Genève }
 «Je n'ai rien à dire. C'est un sujet trop compliqué. Ah si! On a fait la photo sur l'esplanade avec tout le personnel il y a quelque temps, c'était sympa.!»

{ JAY, Je préfère ne pas répondre pour ma nationalité • 2 ans d'ONU }
 «L'ONU a combien? 60 ans? Ah... 70 ans! Ça ne me dit rien du tout. Les anniversaires, ce n'est pas très important pour moi.»

{ SANDRA, Australo-Irlandaise • A l'ONU depuis 4 ans }
 «Je suis fière de faire partie de cette

grande Organisation. Pas vous? On doit tout mettre en œuvre pour continuer à utiliser la diplomatie et la négociation dans le monde.»

{ JUNA, Albanaise • depuis 5 ans au secrétariat }
 «Pour moi c'est une bonne chose parce que ça veut dire que l'Organisation continue à fonctionner pour atteindre ses objectifs.»

{ SOPHIE, Française • depuis 2002 - en partie consultante et maintenant fonctionnaire }
 «De belles actions mais de la lourdeur administrative.»

{ ALBINE, Néerlandaise • depuis 7-8 ans à ITC et j'entame ma 7^e année à UNOG }
 «C'est formidable que ça ait duré aussi longtemps. Je suis sûre qu'ils n'imaginaient pas, quand ils ont lancé la SDN, que ça serait toujours présent 70 ans plus tard.»

{ SYLVIANE, Française • depuis 10 ans à Genève }
 «Des actions humanitaires. L'évolution du monde...»

{ NATHALIE, Suisse et Italienne • depuis 16 ans à l'ONU }
 «Déjà 70 ans? Pétard!» (*éclat de rire*)

{ JUAN, Espagnol • depuis 5 ans dans le système }
 «Des réussites et des échecs. C'est comme un plat «aigre-doux».

{ GERRY, Roumaine et Suisse • Oulala... ça fait 17 ans que je travaille ici! }
 «Quel bonheur que ça existe l'ONU! On peut compter dessus.»

{ FABIENCE, Belge • 5 ans ici et 5 ans à New York }
 «Septante ans! Déjà! Qu'est-ce qui reste à faire?»

{ STEPHANIE, Allemande • depuis 3 mois }
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#UN70

What makes the eight UN Secretary Generals such inspirational leaders?

The United Nations was created in St James Palace in London 70 years ago. What have the various leaders of the UN achieved in 70 years?

MAHMOUD HAMMOUD, UNOG

This article will attempt to briefly shed some light on the history of the UN by highlighting the essential leadership qualities of the eight Secretary Generals (SG). So who are these SGs? Importantly, what leadership qualities did they show in managing what is, arguably, the world's most important organization?



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Lie: Futurist, Achiever and Courageous
Trygve Lie (Norway, 1st SG, 1946) led the UN in the post-war era to come up with the Declaration of Human Rights. Lie was courageous and dared to admit the shortcomings of the organisation then.



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Hammarskjöld: Perseverant, Peaceful and Empathetic

Dag Hammarskjöld (Sweden, 2nd SG, 1953) was impressively perseverant in pursuing the establishment of global peace. Under his tenure, the General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, on 20 November, 1959. Hammarskjöld showed great empathy as a leader.

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Thant: Diligent and Efficient

U Thant (Myanmar, 3rd SG, 1961) approach to leadership was especially marked by his diligence. Thant played a major role in the removal of the Soviet missiles from Cuba in 1962, and led the world to sign the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in 1963. In Cyprus, Rawalpindi and New Delhi, Thant negotiated ceasefires over a flare-up in simmering conflicts. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in 1969 was also signed during Thant's tenure. Thant's leadership style was clearly marked by efficiency.



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Waldheim: Committed, Compassionate and Tireless

Kurt Waldheim (Austria, 4th SG, 1971) was resolute and open-minded. He worked tirelessly touring the Middle East in search for peace. Under Waldheim's stewardship, the First World Food Conference opened in Rome in 1974 and the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition came to existence. Waldheim was especially committed to defending the rights of women.



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De Cuellar: Peace-Maker and Rights-Oriented

Javier Perez de Cuellar (Peru, 5th SG, 1981) was rights-oriented. During his term, the General Assembly adopted the Convention against Torture in 1984 and saw the Montreal Protocol to protect the Earth's fragile ozone layer signed in September 1987. In 1988, De Cuellar played a critical role in brokering a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, and in 1991, he won a ceasefire in the 16-year civil war in Angola. De Cuellar was a peace-maker.



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Boutros-Ghali: Democratic and Security-Oriented

Boutros Boutros-Ghali (Egypt, 6th SG, 1991) made democracy a priority in his desire to create, "... a new momentum for this great United Nation." Under his tenure, the Security Council convened its first summit, on January 31, 1992. In the post-Cold War world, Boutros-Ghali penned a report known as 'An Agenda for Peace' on the UN's response to violent conflict. Under Boutros-Ghali's leadership, world leaders convened for the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro (the Earth Summit). The outcome was Agenda 21, a plan of action for sustainable development. Boutros-Ghali also played a major role in the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty that was prepared for signature in 1996.



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Annan: Reformer, Reformer and Reformer

Kofi Annan (Ghana, 7th SG, 1996) introduced an ambitious reform programme that affected the leadership, management, and coordination across the entire UN system. He also prompted UN peacekeeping reform in March 2000. Under Annan's stewardship, at the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000, world leaders committed their nations to a global partnership to achieve anti-poverty targets that became known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In March 2006, Annan presented a far-reaching reform proposal overhauling the UN Secretariat. Annan was a reformer above all.



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BAN: Bridge Builder, Human Rights and Rule of Law Activist

Ban Ki-moon (South Korea, 8th and current SG, 2007) set his priority as to ensure that the UN delivers tangible results that advance human rights and peace through mobilizing world leaders around today's global challenges, from climate change to pandemics and the increasing pressures involving power, food and water. Ban's leadership approach is that of a bridge-builder who strengthens the organization itself.

Under Ban's leadership, in June 2012, the UN made urgent appeals for sustainable energy for all at the UN Rio+20 Earth Summit in Brazil. Ban has a passion for promoting sustainable development and is an outspoken advocate of women's rights and gender equality. He has given momentum to the nuclear disarmament agenda, espe-

cially in the wake of the Fukushima tragedy. As of December 2014, the UN has been battling a web of human rights violations from Afghanistan to Iraq and Syria, Somalia to Libya, and Mali to Nigeria. Ban calls inclusion the biggest threat to terrorists, elaborating that, "It's peaceful societies and respect for human rights. It's education, jobs and real opportunity. It's leaders who listen to their people and uphold the rule of law."

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#UN70

Today the UN is 70 years old and we would like to celebrate this special birthday. We have tracked the #UN70 hashtag on Twitter alone and here are the stats: from September 7th to the 9th, #UN70 was used in 701 posts by 557 users. This translates to a 'reach' of 12,208,109 accounts through 18,809,643 impressions (*Source: hash-tracking.com*). On its 70th birthday, the call for action of the UN is, among others, to share this hashtag on social networks, websites and blogs to raise awareness about the UN's tireless work for 70 years.

Having had this brief look at the eight UN SG's and their leadership styles and achievements, one can only wonder what the future of the UN is. Who will be the next leader of the UN and what would be his or her style? Will the SG one day be a woman, so that we can write about 'her' leadership style? ■



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Reflections on UN at 70



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*I started as a messenger and retired as a director
in the United Nations (UN).*

KHALIL HAMDANI

The satisfaction in a UN career is not how high up one goes but in what one accomplishes on the way up. The Vice President of a Caribbean nation put it well when she remarked at a dinner in Sao Paulo in June 2004: "I envy you because, each morning you go to work, you have the opportunity to change the world for the better." Every evening since, I have asked myself if I had changed the world.

My first job, fresh out of high school in 1964, was to sort the daily mail of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and deposit donations in a secured locker. It was a general service G-1 summer assignment. I did it for three summers while attending college. My ascent from G-1 to D-2 spanned 43 years and involved breaks for university, internships, government service, consultancies, and a series of fixed-term contracts.

As I moved up in the UN, I felt the UN move down in my area of speciality, economic affairs. As special assistant to three senior officials in New York for a decade (1982-1992), I played my part in shaping policy. The staff prepared timely reports on debt crises, multinationals and apartheid. The Economic and Social Council buzzed with activity. We thought we were doing well but the then Secretary-General thought otherwise: he shut us down in 1992. (For

the full story read our book on the *United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations*.) There was a major restructuring of UN economic sector, entire departments were consolidated and my group was transferred from New York to Geneva. Needless to say, a geo-political shift from the leftist 'New International Economic Order' to the market-driven 'Washington Consensus' was sweeping the globe and the UN had to adjust to remain relevant.

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Reminiscing, I often wonder where we went wrong. Governments and world events scuttled the North-South dialogue but could the secretariat have saved it by urging a better balance between compromise and confrontation? And if so, would delegates have listened? And if not, should we have stood silent on the side lines or stood up for what we felt was just? Watching Mandela walk out of prison, witnessing recurring debt crises and hearing renewed demands for regulation of big business, I do feel that, on most issues, we were on the right side of history.

The UN did not regain economic authority but the work continued. As the Japanese saying goes – “A river changes course when it hits a rock”. We regrouped the division, and steered it in new directions. We

made our mark in research and technical cooperation, and governments welcomed our advice on policy and institution building.

Changing the world means also adapting to change. The UN at 70 must adapt to the post-war world at 70, which is not that of the mid-40s or the 1980s. The UN family is increasingly working as one, doing credible work on operational activities and humanitarian support, and also in advancing normative issues, such as human rights, development goals and climate change. These are big challenges that require strong leadership.

The UN has a high moral imperative, and is called upon, by media and civil society, to exercise initiative and leadership on global problems.

The UN Charter established the Secretariat as a separate organ, independent of the Security Council. The UN staff at 70 should uphold its independence of member states. If the Secretariat does not push the boundaries, the world will not change. ■

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Protecting staff rights for the future

The UN was created to fulfil important functions as outlined in its Charter of 1944. Among its 17 specialized organizations, the World Health Organization (WHO) is the Organization that aims at ensuring the attainment of the highest level of health to all populations on the planet.

EVELYN KORTUM ON BEHALF OF THE WHO STAFF ASSOCIATION

The intention of the WHO reform is to enhance its services in such a way as to improve people's health worldwide; governance reform to increase coherence in global health and managerial reform in pursuit of organizational excellence.

Clearly, this will require new ways of thinking and of doing business. Change is one of the greatest challenges in organizations. Change needs to be well communicated and involve all stakeholders to get their buy-in and obtain ownership. In fact, WHO



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needs to be reborn, in terms of complete rejuvenation and adaptation to modern-day needs, together with the UN as stated by the UNOG Deputy Secretary-General. The recent and ongoing Ebola crisis was a wake-up call to that effect. When called upon to support the Ebola response, it was heart-warming to see that many people who work at WHO showed their passion about making a difference for the better and spontaneously offered to contribute their skills, competencies and experiences to that aim.

This wake-up call brought us closer to the realization that the need for imminent change is necessary and important. For this to be effective, the Staff Association needs to be particularly vigilant, particularly when this includes changes to staff rules and regulations. Staff Committee members are committed, passionate and determined to safeguard staff rights at all times and are, therefore, alert as much as possible, but also rely on the observations of the body of staff. They do this in the interest of the Organization as a whole, and to ensure that it plays its critical role in serving the people of the world.

There are of course many internal challenges in WHO that are not as life-threatening as Ebola, but nevertheless thought-provoking and of concern to the body of staff. Notwithstanding the illusionary notion of one UN, as even the notion of one WHO is taxing. Six regional offices and headquarters are often regarded as seven single entities that apply different rules based on the diverse cultural particularities and developments during the 70-year period. That does not make daily business easier, but more interesting in some ways, because the process of harmonization is a challenge in itself. Nevertheless, it is not an impossible one and the staff associations work towards this aim together with management.

This is particularly important when we talk about staff mobility, because lately the proposed introduction of geographical mobility has shaken the professional staff body at WHO, albeit that staff do welcome the principle. Although WHO has brought up mobility as a topic for about 20 years, it seems only now that management is determined to implement the policy. It became clear that this new proposed process requires close monitoring to protect staff rights in

light of new rules and policies that will provide more opportunities for staff to broaden their competencies, skills and experiences on the one hand. However, on the other hand such new provisions are expected by staff to be implemented in a fair, transparent and equal manner. Although currently the role of the staff associations is seen as being consultative only, we have developed excellent staff management relationships and expect to provide our input not only from headquarters, but from all staff associations across WHO.

Other common challenges for all UN staff are the proposed changes to the compensation package promoted by the ICSC. The

main aim of the package is to reduce costs. The real impact on take home pay for staff is not clear at this point in time and discussions about implications for organizations in terms of financial and human resources still need to be defined.

Clearly the external and internal challenges of UN organizations, such as WHO, are part of a long process that includes learning and changing. Over the next years, WHO as a member of the UN family will be redoubling its efforts to contribute to current and future challenges across the three pillars of the United Nations work: peace and security, development, and human rights. ■



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Ryan Kennedy

L'interview fantastique

Il s'appelle Ryan et travaille depuis 2011 comme assistant du Secrétaire exécutif de la Commission économique des Nations Unies pour l'Europe (UNECE). En rejoignant l'ONU il a accompli le rêve de son père musicien et il est conscient que c'est une opportunité unique, un «honneur».

SOLANGE BEHOTEGUY, OCHA

Ses journées sont bien remplies, entre l'organisation des voyages, de l'agenda, des conférences et des documents, pas le temps de s'ennuyer et même si tout est prévu à l'avance les choses peuvent changer d'un moment à l'autre. C'est ce côté dynamique et plein de défis qui lui plaît et le libère de la routine. Il faut être partout. Travailler «in the front office? It's fun».

Nous sommes à la terrasse de la cafétéria et le soleil le laisse à peine ouvrir les yeux. *It's Okay.* Il sort sont *tupperware* avec un repas qui attire mon attention: des pâtes préparées

par sa femme. Je comprends vite que la cuisine est une de ses passions. Je lui demande en quoi il aimerait se réincarner s'il avait le choix. «Critique gastronomique», répond-il sans hésitation, puis il ajoute que sa femme, qu'il a connue à 16 ans, est une vrai chef. Ryan est fan des nourritures thaïlandaise et indienne, et en les évoquant il éprouve des sentiments qui naissent de son ventre. Quand il mange il aime que tout soit joliment présenté, en plus de bon ça doit être attractif. Ryan est convaincu que cela s'applique aussi pour le travail et pour l'image qu'on donne de soi-même. «Un projet peut être bon quand il est fini,

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mais cela ne veut pas dire qu'il sera vendu, il lui faut aussi une bonne présentation. Il faut que ce soit impeccable autant par le contenu que par la forme». C'est la première impression qui compte. Si cette expression a une valeur, c'est qu'elle nous emmène tout de suite dans le terrain des apparences, pour ne pas se laisser tromper. Se fier aux apparences ne veut pas

dire forcément être superficiel. Au premier abord, Ryan est un professionnel dédié qui suit les règles du protocole à la ligne. Toujours connecté, il jongle avec ses deux portables. «On veut tous vivre deux vies séparées, une privée et l'autre professionnelle, ce qui arrive parfois». Chaque soir un verre de vin blanc – il tient à préciser qu'il s'agit de vin suisse – l'attend

sur son balcon. Il lui arrive de parler de sa journée de travail, mais aussi de l'école de son fils, ou tout simplement de ce qui passe par l'esprit quand on est chez soi avant que la nuit tombe. Un moment de communication privilégié qu'il partage avec sa femme. «*Home is my favorite place*».

Mais les apparences peuvent aussi ne pas tout dire, derrière ce «*hardworker*» méticuleux et attentif, se cache un enfant sensible qui connaît la valeur des choses. Il a grandi dans les quartiers difficiles de Californie, où, se souvient-il, un jeune s'était fait shooter pour un trafic de drogue. A une époque il ne portait pas de chaussures «cool», et ses parents vivaient comme le font des milliers des personnes dans le monde, avec la crainte de ne pas pouvoir payer leurs factures à la fin du mois. Ryan sait que quand

on n'a pas l'opportunité d'être enfant on grandit plus vite. En évoquant son passé, le professionnel d'aujourd'hui regarde l'enfant d'hier avec un sourire nostalgique et se dit qu'en même temps, ils étaient heureux. C'est cet optimisme qu'il voudrait transmettre à son fils: toujours regarder le bon côté des choses. *Fantastic!* ■



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Who can tell better a life story than a diary? Glimpsing through the old pages of early issues of the UN Special, one comes across really striking realities of how the UN system was evolving across decades through the eyes of those who saw and lived it from the inside. International civil servants are sharing their unsolicited reflections on whether or not this world would be a better place without the UN.

NATASHA DE FRANCISCO, WHO

Letters to write, papers to read, meetings to attend, problems to solve – a day like many others across many offices of a broad UN family all over the world. An ordinary professional birthday that since 24 October 1945 is always celebrated at work.

Those who embody the Organisation's decisions and "cloth it in flesh and blood" – international civil servants – made this day one more reason to celebrate. Precisely 66 years ago, the first issue of the *UN Special (UNS)*, the first monthly independent volunteer magazine created for and by the UN staff, was released to talk about international life from the workplace where it takes its origin.

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Among vivid advertisements of Davidoff tobacco, furs, perfume, and cars, straightforward personnel's statements on UN pensions and salaries or working conditions of typists, announcements of the drama school and tennis clubs, travel notes or short lyric poems in English, French, Spanish or Russian, one can find really deep reflections on what is the cause of our today's celebrations.

At the outcome of the Second World War, mankind was looking towards the UN as the instrument to "prevent new wars, create conditions for lasting peace and well-being of people". The UN was "man's sole hope for peace" as defined Ralph Bunche, the first African American diplomat who received the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his mediation in Israel in late 1940s. Proudly enough the *UNS* editorials of the 50s were applauding triumphal bloodless victories of international diplomacy – conciliation in Palestine, a peaceful settlement between the Netherlands and Indonesia, converting the latter into an independent republic and a new UN Member, resolution of pre-UN political problems such as Iran (1946), Syria and Lebanon (1946), and Berlin (1948-49) without armed conflicts.

Successes of the 50s were followed by achievements of the 60s and the 70s with their 3 D trend – Decolonisation that brought in new Member States from liberated Africa, Disarmament, while not being very effective but good enough not to let another world war break out, and Development, which still has a long way to go. The Organization together with its specialised agencies was adapting to expanding world's population, scientific progress, new

health challenges, and growing political controversies.

The *UNS* pages of the 80s marked the midlife crisis of the UN, prophesying deep structural and financial problems of the 90s. A '95 issue tells an anecdote about a six-year old child who asked his father while taking one of the elevators at the Palais: "Dad, what the UN is for?" After a moment of reflection, the father replied: "Well, diplomats need it to build peace in the world". "Then, why there are wars in so many countries?" "Perhaps, because it doesn't work very well!". How many times this dialogue repeats over and over again these days – since then!...

While being prominent on so many fronts in bringing the nations to a common table to discuss and agree on international security norms, health and environmental standards, international trade rules, and many other essential things that have a practical effect on day-to-day lives that would enable nations to leave in peace, the Organization suddenly stopped being the "man's only hope for peace". More frequent were questions on whether or not the UN had been able to accomplish its grandest objective and was it realistic to expect it to do so.

Sir Brian Urquhart, former Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs in

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his book *A Life in War and Peace* refers to depressive tendencies that just began to become apparent in 1946. Against a “popular impression that the UN would act on international level as a government act on the national level”, the Organisation “had no sovereignty or power of sovereign decision making. It is an association of independent, sovereign states which depends for its effectiveness on the capacity of its members to agree and to cooperate. This capacity has proved to be quite limited.” Instead, speeches were turning into a repetitive bore, documents were getting longer.

In 1986, one of the *UNS* issues notes that “senseless wars, cynical aggression, wild spending on armaments continue not because the UN doesn’t do anything about it but because countries taken indi-

vidually don’t want their freedom to act, even foolishly or destructively or selfishly, tampered with.”

So, what does this leave us with in 2015 when 70 candles are lit in the birthday cake? And when we all are committing to the new (or not so) development agenda until 2030?

Let’s be realists. The UN is not a panacea for the world’s problems because we are all different and for this diversity, for the right of being ourselves we all have been fighting for during seven decades. Let’s use its convening power and remember that “horse trading is preferable to horse stealing”.

Let’s not forget the UN principles set forth in the Charter. And whether or not we are the servants of the UN, let’s observe and

follow these principles in our day-to-day living, both at work and beyond.

And, finally, let’s be young and remember the enthusiasm of the early years. And if we ever lose our faith, then, as our *UNS* colleagues of 1952 remind us “the least we can and must do is maintain a tradition of duty and devotion to the cause we are serving so that experience of our trials and errors, of our failures and achievements may, in case of need, be handed down to our successors.”

Let’s celebrate for a better world and keep on working!... ■

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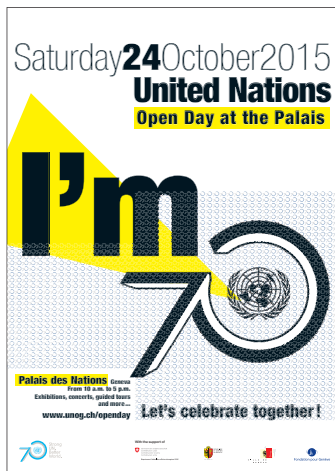
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Join the fun by sending us an e-mail at un70geneva@unog.ch and help us make this Open Day a huge success. More information on Open Day at www.unog.ch/openday.

Appel aux volontaires pour la Journée Portes ouvertes

Faites partie de la Journée Portes ouvertes au Palais des Nations, qui marquera le 70^e anniversaire des Nations Unies le samedi 24 octobre 2015. L'équipe UN70 est à la recherche de volontaires pour cet événement qui convie le grand public à découvrir les travaux et les activités de la Genève internationale tout en célébrant les réalisations de l'ONU au cours de son histoire. Concerts, danses, expositions, stands, visites guidées, inauguration d'une nouvelle sculpture dans le parc de l'Ariana, et autres: tous les efforts seront déployés pour accueillir au mieux les quelque 10 000 visiteurs attendus, ou plus. Nous avons besoin de volontaires

pour distribuer de l'information, accueillir et guider les visiteurs, aider avec les activités et les aspects logistiques, faire de l'animation dans le coin des enfants, etc. ■

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Message on Peace on UN@70 from the Symbol of Switzerland!

In 2015, Zermatt, a Swiss village, celebrates the ascent of the mountain of mountains, the Matterhorn. The Matterhorn is one of the most famous and probably the most recognizable of all Alpine peaks. This mountain stands at 4,478m and its unusual shape dominates the skyline. It is the focus of the 150th year jubilee, and rightly so.

OLEKSANDR SVIRCHEVSKYY, EVELINA RIOUKHINA, UNOG

Following the ascent on July 14, 1865, the Matterhorn became the epitome of mountaineering, and according to the world's most photographed mountain. Its highest peak is one of the emblems of Switzerland. Thus, Zermatt on 14 July 2015, celebrated 150 years of the First Successful Matterhorn Ascent, and for all celebrants, both aspiring and experienced mountaineers alike, climbing the Matterhorn seems to be on the 'must do' list.

The climb of the Matterhorn is more technical than that needed to ascend Mont Blanc, and might be one of the most challenging summits in the world. The summit day itself is long, with tricky ridges which mountaineers will have to scramble up, and would indeed require of them commitment and concentration for eight or more hours. Hence, climbing up the Matterhorn is a great challenge and, at the same time, an achievement for those with the motivation to brave it.

Revisiting the story of the first successful ascent of the Matterhorn on 14 July

1865, Edward Whymper and six others made their way to the top of the iconic Matterhorn 150 years ago. Whymper worked in London as an illustrator, and first visited Switzerland in 1860 on an assignment to sketch the dazzling Alps. Taken by the mountains' challenge as well as their beauty, Whymper began to scale the range's highest peaks, including the invincible Matterhorn, the highest Alp remaining to be conquered. Seven times he attempted to climb the Matterhorn from its Italian side, all in vain. In July 1865 he decided to scale the Matterhorn on the Swiss side that other climbers had thought more dangerous. Whymper left the Swiss village of Zermatt on July 13. Unexpectedly, the new path to Matterhorn turned out to be an easier approach. The northeast ridge resembled a staircase to the sky, and Whymper was even able to detach himself from his safety rope and run the last 200 snowy feet to the summit. There, Whymper scribbled the names of his fellow mountaineers: Michel Croz; Reverend Charles Hudson, Lord Francis Douglas, and two Taugwalders, and stuffed this paper in a bottle, left it at the summit and began his descent. The descent was tragic!



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Only Whymper and the two Taugwalders survived, as four of his companions fell from precipice of the Matterhorn glacier. The bodies of three of four who fell were recovered the following day, but that of the remaining climber had never been found.

This tragedy forever haunted Whymper. He never again climbed the Alps. In his 1871 book *Scrambles Amongst the Alps*, which detailed his Matterhorn climb and was illustrated with his engravings, closed with these famous words of warning to fellow mountaineers: "Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are naught without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste; look well to each step and from the beginning think what may be the end."

In spite of Whymper's words of caution, approximately 500 mountaineers since 1865 have perished while scaling the Matterhorn, a death toll nearly double that of Mount Everest. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first ascent, on 14 July 2015, 50 lamps placed on the Matterhorn illuminated the trail first blazed by Whymper and his fellow climbers. These were lit in honour of those who died attempting to conquer the rugged peak.

Emulating its past practice of poem reading on peace from mountain peaks during the commemoration of the International Year of Mountains in *UN Special* proposed to

do the same from the Matterhorn. This idea of poem reading on peace at the peak of the Matterhorn appealed to the people of Zermatt but was not undertaken then. Having just celebrated the 150 jubilee of the Matterhorn, isn't it perhaps about time for a poem or message on peace to be read on this symbolic mountain of Switzerland?

If you are courageous and also motivated to take up the challenge of mounting this peak, believe in the notion of conveying peace messages from the most challenging peak of the world; why not give a thought to the poem/message well ahead? It will not be a simple Matterhorn anniversary ascent, it will also be your message on peace dur-

ing another important jubilee – 70th year of the United Nations, the organization created to embody and defend ideals of peace. 21 September International Day of Peace could be the best for this occasion, and if you missed it, then why not to consider the UN@70 Day – 24 October (if the weather conditions still allow), to scale up on the Matterhorn.

If you choose to do that – please share with the *UN Special* your story and your unique experience of the climb with the Message on Peace on the occasion of these important events! We wish you all the best of luck for your climb! ■

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Une longue saison de migrations

L'Organisation des Nations Unies a été créée suite à la Seconde Guerre Mondiale qui avait, en son temps, provoqué le déplacement de millions de personnes. A raison, l'une des missions principales de l'ONU était, et reste, le maintien de la paix et de la sécurité internationale.

OLIVIER BORIE

Toutefois, paix et stabilité ne riment pas nécessairement avec sédentarité. Toutes sortes de motivations et de quêtes poussent femmes et hommes à partir vers d'autres horizons.

Cet été, l'actualité en Europe occidentale aura été marquée par «un afflux massif de migrants», expression désignant principalement des personnes du «Sud» cherchant à rejoindre le «Nord» pour sauver leur peau ou échapper à leur condition. Certains parlent même de «déferlement», ignorant ou oubliant que ce sont des pays du Sud, plus pauvres, qui accueillent la majorité des réfugiés de ce monde¹, et que le continent européen a été durant des décennies la source d'importantes migrations.

Quoi de plus naturel que de tenter sa chance pour fuir la violence ou des persécutions, quitter un environnement dégradé, aspirer à une vie meilleure, trouver un emploi, pouvoir étudier, rejoindre des membres de sa famille ou tout simplement partir à la découverte?

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bien réelles. L'ampleur, relative, du phénomène n'a pas vraiment de quoi surprendre. Il y a d'abord la pression permanente liée aux inégalités. Mais la cause principale de ces mouvements de populations demeure la multiplication de guerres et de zones qui échappent au contrôle des autorités concernées.

Ces facteurs combinés à la mondialisation et à la formidable expansion de nos moyens de communication, notamment la téléphonie mobile et les réseaux sociaux, ont, en quelque sorte, démocratisé les possibilités de se déplacer. Les diasporas ont d'ailleurs rapidement su s'adapter à ces moyens.

Ceux que l'on appelle les « passeurs » n'ont pas perdu de temps non plus pour répondre à la demande et tirer profit d'un marché en pleine expansion. Reste à savoir qui l'on désigne précisément par ce terme.

Ces « passeurs », capables de crimes innombrables et contre lesquels il faut certes agir, apparaissent comme une cible bien pratique qui occulte parfois les origines plus profondes et complexes de situations ou de conflits dont les conséquences finissent par nous toucher.

On cherche aussi à distinguer les réfugiés des migrants économiques, mais les considérations humanitaires, que la plupart des gouvernements européens auront à cœur de mettre en avant, ne sont qu'un aspect des choses. En effet, si les Conventions de Genève définissent le statut de réfugié, l'octroi de ce statut varie d'un Etat à l'autre.

Dans ce contexte, l'action de la coopération internationale s'organise en partie depuis Genève, grâce à des institutions comme le Haut-Commissariat aux Réfugiés des Nations Unies et l'Organisation internationale des migrations (IOM). Comme les Nations Unies, cette dernière a vu le jour suite au chaos résultant de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale pour, à l'époque, réinstaller les millions de personnes déracinées par la guerre. Depuis, la mission de l'IOM a évolué et repose sur un principe simple: «les migrations s'effectuant en bon ordre et dans le respect de la dignité humaine sont bénéfiques pour les migrants et la société²», une vision proche de celle de l'ONU³.

Quant aux migrants, réfugiés ou pas, qui ne survivent pas à leur périple, ils rejoignent l'anonymat des données statistiques. Les

identifier, connaître leurs noms risquerait de nous émouvoir et ils sont, de toute façon, «trop nombreux». A quoi tient la solidarité?

¹ <http://www.unhcr.ch/fr/services/questions-reponses/convention-de-geneve-relative-au-statut-des-refugies.html>

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The Meaning of Equality

As the UN celebrates its 70th anniversary, it has much to be proud of. Its achievements are many.

HYUNG HAK NAM (ALFONSO), UN-GLOBE

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Great credit goes to the Member States of the United Nations, who despite all the criticism thrown at them, do reach, from time to time, meaningful consensus, most recently on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Credit also goes to the great, collective intellect that exists among staff members of the UN system. Over the years, it has devised or suggested solutions that have managed to accomplish quite a lot to ensure that the UN continues to be a symbol for peace, justice, and humanity.

As President of UN-GLOBE, the staff group representing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex staff members of the UN system and its peace-keeping operations, I would like to see nothing more than the UN use this incredible resource, its collective intellect, to rethink the meaning of equality for LGBTI individuals around the world.

Equality goes beyond ensuring equal access to shelter, to food, to water, the basics we need to live.

It means ensuring also that all of us have an equal opportunity to live a life of dignity.

It means rethinking what a married couple is, or the com-

position of families. It means rethinking laws, rules, and regulations that until now have exclusively assumed heterosexuality.

And it means being beyond all open minded and forward-thinking.

If the spouses of staff members receive pension rights, these pension rights should be given to the spouses of all staff members, including the LGBTI.

If staff members who have given birth to children are granted parental leave, this parental leave should be granted to all staff members who have just brought children into their lives, whether adopted or through surrogacy. All children deserve equal parental leave time with their parents.

If mobility policies allow staff members to move to certain countries with their families, all staff members should be able to move there with their own families.

This is what equality means.

It is a core principle that should not be denied for any reason, not fear of what Member States might think, not in fear of the amount of work required to change policies, not in fear of changing tradition.

If rightly or wrongly some believe that marriage is the key to happiness, and having a family the purpose of life, then we should all have access to these rights. And the choices they have made as to who will be their partners or families should be equally supported.

This is what equality means. It is ensuring the freedom of each of us to pursue the life we have always wanted, the dreams we have always held.

It is my hope that the UN can lead the charge towards equality for all by instituting equality in its own house: ensuring that the spouses of all staff members have the same pension rights; equal parental leave time for all parents and that mobility policies are applied equally.

UN-GLOBE has made bold proposals on all of the above in the hope of nudging administrations of the UN system towards change.

When it comes to recognizing same-sex unions, for example, UN-GLOBE has advocated for an affidavit approach whereby two individuals in a committed relationship can declare and sign before notary a statement of commitment towards each other. This statement would then become the basis for changing one's status from *single* to *partnered*.

70 years from now, it is my hope that the future President of UN-GLOBE can write in these pages that one of the biggest achievements of the UN has been the realization of its vision of a society where all, including LGBTI individuals, were included, and each had the freedom to realize his or her dream, whether that meant marriage and family, or not. ■



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La 7^e Journée mondiale de l'aide humanitaire célébrée au Palais des Nations

*Selon «Humanitarian Outcomes»,
235 travailleurs humanitaires de l'ONU ont perdu la vie
entre 2005 et 2015.*



M. Ian Richards, Secrétaire exécutif
du Conseil de coordination de l'ONUG.

PRISCA CHAOUI, UNOG

Ce chiffre est multiplié par trois si l'on y ajoute ceux qui ont été blessés ou enlevés. Cette situation alarmante nous rappelle le triste sort réservé à certains de nos collègues qui risquent ce qu'ils ont de plus cher, leur vie, pour venir en aide à ceux qui sont en détresse du fait des guerres ou des catastrophes naturelles. Ces collègues ont pour seule devise: «chacun est responsable de tout devant tous», la célèbre phrase de Dostoïevski qui accueille les visiteurs du Musée International de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge à Genève.

L'Assemblée générale de l'ONU a proclamé, dans la Résolution 63/139, le 19 août Journée mondiale de l'aide humanitaire

afin de rendre hommage à ceux qui ont péri lors de l'accomplissement de leur mission et saluer le courage et le dévouement qui animent les travailleurs humanitaires où qu'ils se trouvent de par le monde. Le choix du 19 août n'est pas un simple hasard: il s'agit de la date de l'attaque contre le Bureau des Nations Unies, attaque qui a emporté la vie à Sergio Viero di Mella aux côtés de vingt-deux de ses collègues.

La célébration de la 7^e journée mondiale de l'aide humanitaire a été précédée cette année par un débat qui a eu lieu dans la prestigieuse Salle des droits de l'homme et de l'Alliance des civilisations (salle XX). Plusieurs personnalités de renom dans le domaine humanitaire ont pris part à ce débat qui portait sur l'impact qu'auront les 17 objectifs de développement durable sur le travail et la réponse humanitaire. Ces objectifs constituent la pierre angulaire du nouveau programme pour le développement de l'après-2015 qui sera adopté lors du Sommet spécial sur le développement durable prévu en septembre à New York.

Le Directeur-général de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève, M. Michael Møller a donné le coup d'envoi à ce débat. Il a cité dans son allocution liminaire le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, M. Ban Ki-Moon qui a appelé les chefs d'états et de gouvernements à se donner rendez-vous lors du Sommet humanitaire qui se tiendra à Istanbul en mai 2016. Ce sommet sera l'occasion de discuter des moyens de rendre l'aide humanitaire plus efficace, inclusive et globale.

Le débat fut suivi par la cérémonie de remise du prix Sergio Viera di Mello qui

a été décerné à la Plateforme interconfessionnelle de la République centrafricaine. La Plateforme a été mise en place par Son Excellence Monseigneur Dieudonné Nzapalainga, l'Imam Oumar Kobine Layama et le Pasteur Guerekoyame-Gbanfou et ce en vue de promouvoir la paix, la réconciliation et le dialogue entre les habitants de la République centrafricaine. Suivant l'exemple de l'Archevêque qui a abrité l'Imam chez lui au risque de sa propre vie, les églises et mosquées ont sauvé la vie de milliers de personnes déplacées qui s'y étaient réfugiées.

Le moment le plus émouvant de la célébration de cette journée fut lorsque les participants se sont retrouvés à la sortie de la Salle XX pour la cérémonie commémorative où une gerbe a été déposée sous le drapeau de l'ONU en mémoire des collègues défunts. M^e Laura Dolci-Kanaan, parlant au nom des familles des victimes, a rappelé combien il était nécessaire de rendre l'opinion publique consciente du courage et de la bravoure de ceux qui mettent leur vie au service de l'Humanité. M. Ian Richards, Secrétaire exécutif du Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG, a pris la parole en dernier pour souligner l'importance de voir l'ONU adopter une politique en faveur des victimes des attaques terroristes. L'ONU devrait être en contact avec les familles des victimes, a-t-il indiqué, et doit pouvoir leur expliquer les causes du décès et les accompagner dans les étapes qui suivent le départ des siens. ■



Inauguration at the Palais des Nations

The UN Office in Geneva officially launched its new pétanque pitch and table tennis area.

FROYLAN SILVEIRA, UNOG

The facilities were financed by the UNOG Staff Coordinating Council following a haul of gold medals in those two disciplines at the 2015 interagency games.

The launch involved a game of *pétanque*, with the team led by UNOG Director-General Michael Møller winning 13-9. In his speech, Mr. Møller noted that the facilities would provide an ideal meeting point for staff from across the UN organizations and agencies in Geneva, and that they complemented the lake views and green meadows surrounding the historic Palais des Nations.

Ian Richards, speaking for the Staff Council, hoped that the facilities would help UNOG bring in even more medals at the 2016 games to be hosted by UNON. He added that although UNOG had also won at football, the Staff Council had decided that a new football pitch would be beyond its means. He added that the *pétanque* pitch would be available for use at any time and was in perfect harmony with the Organization's new policies on flexible work space and flexible working arrangements.

The launch was polished off in traditional fashion with a bottle of pastis. ■

L'Office des Nations Unies à Genève a officiellement inauguré un terrain dédié à la pétanque et au tennis de table lundi dernier. Le Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG a financé ces installations suite aux médailles d'or obtenues dans ces deux disciplines lors des Jeux inter-organisations de 2015. L'inauguration a été l'occasion de disputer une partie de pétanque et l'équipe menée par le Directeur général de l'ONUG, M. Michael Møller a marqué 13 points contre 9.

Dans son allocution, M. Møller a souligné que les nouvelles installations seront un point de rencontre idoine pour les fonctionnaires des institutions onusiennes à Genève et qu'elles viendront parfaire la vue sur le lac et les champs verdoyants qui entourent le bâtiment historique qu'est le Palais des Nations. M. Ian Richards, qui a pris la parole au nom du Conseil de coordination, a formulé le vœu que ces installations seront de bons augures pour les Jeux de 2016 qui auront

lieu à l'Office des Nations Unies à Nairobi. Il a ajouté que le terrain de pétanque pourrait être utilisé à tout moment et qu'il compléterait les nouvelles politiques de l'Organisation pour ce qui est d'un aménagement plus souple du temps et de l'espace de travail.

Et pour rester en harmonie avec la tradition, une bouteille de pastis a arrosé l'inauguration. ■

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The road on the way to Kathmandu from Bhaktapur an hour after the first earthquake.

Testimony from the Nepali tragedy

In last month's UN Special issue I shared my experiences as a volunteer in Nepal and a female traveller backpacking around Asia. It was undoubtedly the most enriching experience of my life and I already dream of traveling back to Nepal and visiting my family and friends there.

MÁRTHA MUNCH

My journey in Nepal took an unexpected turn when one week prior to my departure date the earthquake happened.

After several months of volunteering, my friend Ewa visited me and the plan was to show her Kathmandu then take her to the villages for our last week in Nepal. However, after one week of tourism, we were sitting in a cafeteria run by Buddhist monks up a mountain as the earth started to shake uncontrollably.

The day before the earthquake, my Nepali friends, my friend Ewa and I drove 2 hours outside of Kathmandu to the mountain Dulikhel. After an eventful evening we woke up on the Saturday morning of the 25th of April 2015 and drove further away to a Buddhist monastery called Namu Buddha.

When the earth first started to shake, it did not even cross my mind that it was an earthquake. All I could think was "What is going on?" My Nepali brother quickly shouted for us to run outside and that is what we did. Everything in the cafeteria started falling down whilst the tables and cupboards were shook violently. Once outside we could see the trees shaking in all directions and the cars bouncing up and down like a 90s rap music video while we struggled to stay on our feet. When

the shaking had stopped I immediately received a call from Phil, the founder of Education & Health Nepal. He managed to call me before the phone lines shutdown. We were able to let each other know that we were both okay and though Phil technically wasn't responsible for my well-being in Nepal he made sure both Ewa and I were safe and had somewhere to stay.

As soon as the shaking stopped we decided it would be safer for us to get off the mountain and we therefore jumped on a motor bike and drove down the mountain. That is when we properly realised our survival would have not been this easy if we had been on the road like we were 15 minutes earlier. Rocks and trees had fallen down from the mountain onto the rocky roads. We stopped at the bottom of the mountain to make sure we were fit to drive emotionally and physically. We must have stayed on the side of the road for an hour amongst shocked and terrified locals as we made sure it was safe for us to drive.

The two hour drive back to Kathmandu felt like a nightmare. Houses had collapsed on the side of the roads and there was a strong "end of world" atmosphere as the entire population of Nepal seemed to be on the roads to stay clear of the buildings. The looks on the Nepali population's faces

were ones of fear and desperation. Some were screaming and crying due to their losses and others were sitting on the side of the roads with their heads in their hands wondering what went wrong.

Once we arrived in Kathmandu, we were told we would have to sleep in tents outside. The Nepalis with whom we interacted showed tremendous hospitality. For 4 days we stayed with the family of Pema Lama, the director of the day care centre Maitri Griha. He lives on the outskirts of the Buddhist area of Kathmandu, Boudha. His family showed us what the meaning of kindness truly is. They took Ewa and I into their camp and provided us with food, water, shelter, mattresses and covers. We were always asked if we were okay and spent our time with the 40-50 locals that lived in the camp with us.

The fact that all my loved ones had survived the earthquake, the shock from the shakes themselves was not too traumatising for both Ewa and I. However, spending a week camping outside was a lot more tiring than we expected. As the days passed, each morning we woke up to an increased death toll or a new problem arising such as empty supplies of food and water and more bodies being found. When you hear that there is going to be a shortage in water, you truly realise that



Camps set up for victims in Kathmandu



The view of the Kathmandu Valley from the area Boudha



A house collapsed on the day of the first earthquake.

the situation is a crisis. Luckily for us the water did not take too long to come back. Moreover, what was truly traumatising was the aftershock of the earthquake, which lasted for a long time after the several earthquakes Nepal endured during that period. Every so often the earth would start shaking and everything would stop. The whole surrounding population would concentrate on the shakes and evaluate whether they would be big or not. In the day it wasn't too much an issue, however, at night we woke up 5 to 6 times alert and ready to run for safety if necessary.

I was sad that my last week in Nepal was spent in a camp and not being able to show Ewa more of this beautiful country. However, that was nothing compared to the pain I felt when I left Nepal and my new family as I moved onto the rest of my trip across Asia. I knew as I was leaving, that bodies were still trapped in their collapsed homes due to the unpreparedness of Nepal and its rescue teams, and that rainy season was coming along with mosquitoes, a recipe for epidemics. It hurts to leave my family in Nepal whom I had grown to love in these conditions.

As I am starting a Master in Human Rights Law at SOAS in London I have kept telling myself that once I am done I will be able to go back and properly be a part of rebuilding Nepal not only physically but also as a country. ■

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Social protection & agriculture

Breaking the cycle of rural poverty

SANDRA AVILES, SILVANO SOFIA, FAO OFFICE IN GENEVA

The challenge & the opportunity – the potential of social protection

As part of the recent UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (25-27 September 2015, New York), the international community committed to eradicate food insecurity and poverty by 2030. However, with the current trend, these goals appear unreachable and some 650 million people might be left hungry in 2030¹. It is, thus, crucial to develop and implement sustainable solutions in this regard for a world population expected to exceed 9 billion people by 2050, in a context of intensive consumption of limited natural resources, a changing climate and food losses.

Achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 is possible but will require an approach that combines social protection with additional pro-poor investments in rural areas and in agriculture. An estimated additional USD 267 billion per year on average – less than 2% of the global GDP – is needed for the most vulnerable to give them access to food and improve their livelihood².

Social protection is a blend of government's policies and interventions that aim at addressing economic, environmental and social vulnerabilities of poor and food-insecure people. Through cash transfers, vouchers, insurances and in-kind contributions, social protection programmes enhance the income, status and capacities of poor and vulnerable people³. They are better positioned to manage risks and shocks and feel financially more secure. In the long-term, social protection schemes

will help households maintain access to basic services and will provide a viable way to increase demand and stimulate agricultural production. In so doing, social protection mechanisms will support economic growth and stop the vicious circle of poverty and hunger.

Well-designed social protection schemes have proved to be effective. In recent years, around 150 million people overcame extreme poverty as a result of social protection programmes. Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Mexico and South Africa are all examples of countries where large-scale social protection programmes have successfully contributed to combat hunger and poverty. Building up on successful approaches would only contribute to multiply this number assisting people in the most vulnerable communities. Nevertheless, today only 36% of the world's population receives some form of social protection. The majority of households that do not benefit from social protection programmes live in rural areas. They are subsistence producers, family farmers or landless agricultural workers who still rely on their own resources and networks to manage their livelihoods and deal with risks⁴.

FAO's role in social protection

For all the reasons described above, FAO has stepped up its efforts to help governments and partners incorporate social protection into national development strategies and policies, providing cash transfers to the most vulnerable. FAO has analysed the productive and economic impacts of cash transfer programmes on economic development, food security and nutrition in a number of countries, including Ethi-



opia, Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia, and found, in particular, that cash transfer programmes are contributing substantially to increase investments in agricultural inputs and tools, and assets, such as livestock.

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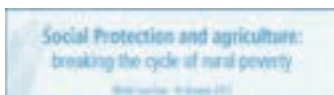
women have limited access to land, financial services, technologies and labour, social protection programmes can make a real difference, in particular by preventing maternal and child malnutrition. Moreover, it has been repeatedly shown that social protection interventions have a greater impact on education, health and nutritional outcomes⁵.

FAO is also advising and training policy-makers and programme managers on how to improve the impact of cash transfer programmes and how these can be combined with other agriculture interventions.

2015 World Food Day with a theme on social protection

To focus the attention on the crucial role played by social protection in eradicating poverty and food insecurity FAO, will celebrate this year its 70th Anniversary on World Food Day (16 October) under the theme *Social protection & agriculture: breaking the cycle of rural poverty*. The official ceremony will take place at Expo Milano 2015, with the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon joining the celebrations.

In addition, it is worth noting that 2015 was declared International Year of Soils by the UN General Assembly to highlight the importance of soils which contain 1/4 of the planet biodiversity and whose 33% are degraded⁶. FAO is in charge of coordinating the campaign.



In a bid to commemorate World Food Day, the FAO Office in Geneva, jointly with partners, will organize, as part of the special "Food for Talks" series, whose discussions aim at highlighting the importance of food and nutrition security and sustainable development in Geneva, a special discussion on "Social Protection" and its role to fight poverty and food insecurity. Inspired thinkers and speakers from various fields of expertise will share their perspective on this crucial topic.

Moreover, in the context of the International Year of Soils, the FAO Office in Geneva,

together with the State of Geneva, will present an exhibition on soils (12-16 October) in the heart of the UNOG to showcase, in an artistic manner, the role of soils for food and nutrition security to produce healthy and varied agricultural products.

As member of the UN family, FAO, through its Office in Geneva, will also be part of the UNOG Open Day's celebrations for the 70th Anniversary of the UN on 24 October with the objective to build bridges with the local population and explain FAO's crucial work worldwide. ■

¹ FAO/IFAD/WFP Report (2015): Achieving Zero Hunger: the critical role of investments in social protection and agriculture

² FAO/IFAD/WFP Report (2015): Achieving Zero Hunger: the critical role of investments in social protection and agriculture

³ FAO's official brochure – 2015 World Food Day

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⁶ FAO factsheet – International Year of Soils (www.fao.org/soils-2015)



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“We can’t adjust the current of the river, but we can adjust the oars of the boat” Celebrating the UN’s 70th anniversary

“The achievements of an organisation are the results of the combined effort of each individual. Never doubt that a group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

CHARLOTTE BAILEY

As we celebrate the UN’s 70th anniversary, we must seek to preserve, maintain and reflect upon the achievements of the international organisation, as well as focusing upon the sustainable development goals and future objectives.

Over the past few decades, the United Nations has worked tirelessly to ensure that human rights are adhered to, international conflicts are resolved, and national sovereignty is secured without resulting in brutal violence or intransigence. Even

despite the precarious situation regarding global security, and the unpredictable nature of diplomacy, the United Nations has furthered the relations between nations based upon equality, justice, peaceful co-existence, and mutual respect for each other’s internal affairs. It directs its human resources against the scourge of poverty, famine, disease and natural calamity – all in the hope of reducing the disparity between the developing and the developed nations.

For instance, a long term objective of the UN has been to generate worldwide com-

mitment in support of children; UNICEF has pioneered the establishment of ‘days of tranquillity’ and the opening of the ‘corridors of peace’ in order to provide life-saving vaccines and aid desperately needed by children caught in armed conflict. Following the 2002 *UN special* session on children, over 190 governments have committed themselves to improving children’s health and education as well as fighting against child exploitation and abuse.

In addition, the UN recognises the importance that young people play in tackling serious problems such as climate change. With the ‘YouthXchange’ initiative, UNESCO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) have been able to support youth projects in over 45 different countries worldwide. For example, the UNEP has adopted a long-term youth strategy in order to engage the younger



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population in areas such as capacity-building, environmental awareness and information exchange, with a vision to foster a generation of environmentally conscious citizens, capable of positive action.

The UN realises that the education and the global empowerment of youth cannot fail to result in a more caring, tolerant, just and peaceful life for all. Youth members acknowledge that genuine concern requires fresh ideas, an active effort to try to understand the viewpoint of others, broad-mindedness, as well as having the confidence in one's own ability to meet and rise up to new challenges with open arms. Without youth participation, the foundations which form true democracy and respect for human rights cannot be strengthened, and the achievement of peace will remain elusive.

From a personal perspective, I have always admired the work which the UN does for the youth of today. Whilst I'm sat here pondering over a nice hot cup of tea as to what my next sentence will be, I know that somewhere across the globe the UN is fighting to raise the veil which shrouds the next generation in isolation, suffering and silence. Their relentless dedication and commitment spurs me to take action and

to help push forward the case to eradicate the injustice in this world. It forces me to consider how fortunate I am to be able to speak freely, to never have to feel the sheer grief which is linked to the devastating consequences of war, and to have access to an exceptional educational system.

It's simply amazing how a building filled with desks and chairs is the fundamental building block for personal advancement... and yet we take it for granted. I don't go to college because I have to... I go to college because I want to and because I'm allowed to. I strive to acquire more knowledge to kindle my mind and to quench my insatiable thirst for new information, and I can do that with ease. I'm tremendously lucky to be able to sit in a classroom in front of a whiteboard for 6-7 hours per day given that there are over 56 million children across the world that don't have that opportunity. What if the cure for malignant diseases was locked away inside the mind of a child who has been denied an education? Is that just?

The work which UNICEF and UNESCO has carried out throughout the past few decades has inspired me to become a 'youth ambassador' for learning; advocating the right to a worthwhile education in order to help

give children the basic tools they need to flourish and reach their full potential in life. Today, the organisation continues to strive for internal improvements, focusing on increasing youth involvement and focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will continue to build upon the previous Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set in 2000. It was commonly agreed that the SDGs must be 'universally applicable to all countries while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities'.

The UN's 70th Anniversary is not only a time to reflect upon the historic breadth of the organisation's work in various fields, but also a time to look forward into the future and focus on priority areas for the achievement of sustainable development throughout the world, and to ensure that the UN remains an international peace-keeper – where just causes will triumph no matter the situation. ■

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More than you may imagine! The Perception Change Project and the City of Geneva organized the International Geneva Food Talks at the Expo Milan last September, giving an impressive snapshot of international Geneva's impact on food.



CAROLINA RODRIGUEZ, JANA BAUEROVA, UNOG

It started as an invitation to join the Geneva week at the Swiss pavilion. With so many organizations that work on food-related issues, it was only natural for the City to reach out to the Perception Change Project to tap into its network of partners that collaborate on different outreach efforts. Could we do a TEDx? Not with the time we had. Could we organize an interesting panel discussion? Probably. There is no lack of fine speakers across Geneva that have extensive “panel” experience. But there are panels happening all the time. And with an opportunity to talk about our work at the World Fair, we thought we should try something different. A PechaKucha presentation, where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds? That sounded more interesting. It was certainly something that had not done before but it was hard to adapt that format to our development-lingo-infused style. We needed something else.

The PCP network came together and created a food group. With 15 organizations participating and willing to test new waters, we embarked on creating a collective presentation. Instead of each speaker with their own slides after the other and then questions, we decided to create a story and weave in our presentation into a single narrative and visual style that brought all of our contributions together. So we told the story of a food blogger that is looking for a new story to write. The blogger is in the park, by lake Geneva and you can see the lake and countryside in the background. The presentation navigates this single image zooming into different elements, like the newspaper, the salt, fruit basket, trash bin and train, creating pockets for each organization to enter and tell their own story. In the most



unlikely of ways, a group of people from different organizations and backgrounds came together for a choreographic presentation. This project of creative endeavor broke down silos between organizations and pushed boundaries in terms of how we were able to present the work we do.

The story transitions from food assistance in humanitarian emergencies to the role of standards in food processing and packaging. It covers nutrition, hunger, and labour rights. It touches on the links between water, energy and food; food waste, pesticides, rural poverty, salt iodization, human rights, intellectual property of seeds, and more.

With so much work impacting the world of food, organizations from across the UN family and beyond will be marking World Food Day on October 16 in their own way. We hope that staging the Food Talks in Geneva will be one of them and that it will bring to the fore front unique contributions and stories of the organizations based here. ■

Partir pour l'urgence

CHIRAZ BOUTIBA, OCHA

Partir pour ajouter un grand plus à son expérience professionnelle. Savoir quitter sa zone de confort pour être sur le terrain. Servir les autres avec passion. Être là où il faut et quand il le faut. Agir sans perdre de temps. Action est le mot clé: c'est ce que j'aime faire. Dans l'urgence, les actions sont quotidiennes et inévitables.

Négocier ce qui est négociable, travailler sans se rendre compte du temps qui passe, s'ouvrir à d'autres cultures, d'autres peuples et apprendre à connaître l'autre. Apprendre à être flexible et ouvert d'esprit. Que de verbes riches d'activités et d'attitudes positives à adopter! Positiver, apprendre à positiver est à la fois un exercice mental et spirituel. Partir en mission d'urgence est un tout. Savoir gérer son stress est indispensable. Il y a de gros efforts à faire dans le travail de tous les jours. La fatigue s'ensuit et s'évapore, mais l'expérience est exaltante, inoubliable et riche de bonnes choses. Une fois le devoir accompli, la satisfaction est réjouissante. Oui, des missions j'en ai réalisées plusieurs, avec grand plaisir et enthousiasme. Depuis le début de ma vie active, je ne fais que voyager par monts et par vaux pour des missions de plus ou moins longue durée: Egypte, Koweït, Jordanie, Haïti, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopie, Centrafrique, Irak et enfin, le Népal. J'ai participé trois fois à des missions d'urgence. La dernière fois ce fut au Népal pour le désastre naturel d'avril 2015. J'y suis allée sans hésitation et mon engouement fut immédiat. Je renforce mon savoir à chaque mission et mon expérience grandit sans cesse. Chaque mission me prépare à la suivante. De mission en mission, je deviens toujours plus opérationnelle et efficace.

Lorsque je pense au Népal, je pense à ce beau pays avec des montagnes majestueuses et ses routes étroites et dangereuses. Bref un pays fascinant qui partage sa frontière avec deux géants: l'Inde et la Chine. On ne peut évoquer le Népal sans parler du plus haut sommet de la terre, le Mont Everest. Ce dernier est condamné de par sa situation géographique à des tremblements de terre tous les sept à huit ans. Le Népal, ce pays où sa terre ne cesse de danser la samba à tout bout de champ. Le Népal et la gentillesse extrême de ses habitants. Le Népal et la richesse de sa culture. Le Népal où l'on bouge la tête de droite à gauche pour dire OUI, sans que l'on ne comprenne jamais ce que signifie réellement ce «OUI». Et enfin, ce pays qui a éveillé en moi un enthousiasme créateur au point de prendre mes pinceaux et des couleurs afin d'étaler sur des toiles mes impressions et sentiments.

Depuis ma tendre jeunesse, je suis passionnée de voyages pour partir à la découverte de mille cultures. Dieu merci, je suis comblée. Mon travail actuel me permet de joindre l'utile à l'agréable, et j'ai eu l'occasion de visiter 79 pays pour mon propre enrichissement personnel! J'espère pouvoir découvrir mon 80^e pays avant la fin de 2015.

Je terminerai par dire que partir pour l'urgence et travailler dans l'urgence est une satisfaction personnelle inestimable. Je suis fière et heureuse de travailler pour le bureau de la coordination pour les affaires humanitaires. Voilà un travail noble et gratifiant. ■

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Diversity at the center of United Nations Federal Credit Union's service mission

Think about a financial institution that serves the needs of the UN community globally and the term diversity has a strong place.

PAMELA AGNONE, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, UNFCU

The United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU), founded in 1947, is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative that offers a full suite of banking, investment and insurance products and services to more than 113,000 members in over 200 countries and territories.

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While it helps to speak nearly 40 languages across the organization and operate offices at six UN hubs – New York, Washington D.C., Vienna, Geneva, Rome, and Nairobi – U.S.-based UNFCU's ability to truly embrace diversity, span time zones and cultures is enabling the institution to benefit members directly. The credit union

continues to introduce a wide range of financial products and services to meet diverse needs. We recently eliminated foreign transaction fees on our VISA® Elite card, and implemented a member callback service to minimize phone charges for those calling in from the field.

Based on member feedback, we also introduced new mortgage products in Nairobi, Kenya. With our international experience, we are uniquely qualified to serve the financing needs of G4 visa holders and other members interested in purchasing a home in the U.S. Those who do not have the typical paperwork required by other U.S. financial institutions to secure a mortgage. Our briefings at UN hubs and field offices strengthen our knowledge of the United Nations system and the feedback we obtain from members onsite and through

online surveys is invaluable. This information gathering is an integral part of UNFCU's mission of "Serving the People Who Serve the World."

The UNFCU Board also reflects the diversity of the credit union's members. Comprised of the active and retired staff of the United Nations and its specialized funds, programmes and agencies, the UNFCU Board members represent six different nationalities and are located in five countries. Two-thirds are women. UNFCU is also served by volunteer-liaisons in seven UN duty stations, who offer ready insight on-the-ground to continually improve the member-experience.

Diversity at UNFCU has been an organic process and by establishing new staff programs and structures to ensure diversity and inclusion as part of our culture, our organization will remain dynamic, according to Carlene Alexander, manager of Employee Relations & Systems, who noted that 61% of the managers at UNFCU are female and that multicultural teams build stronger relationships with the

members they serve. In establishing the UNFCU Foundation, a nonprofit entity that launched this year, UNFCU once again asked its members to weigh-in on the humanitarian causes most important to them. With this input, the Foundation defined its purpose as funding projects that reduce poverty through education and healthcare programs, especially among women and children in developing countries and New York's inner city. UNFCU Foundation currently supports a diverse range of causes, from the UNFPA-led global Campaign to End Fistula in Nigeria to The Floating Hospital in Long Island City, N.Y.

Valuing diversity has given UNFCU a unique opportunity to become more responsive and flexible. As the UN enters its 70th year, our range of financial options, choices and programs will continue to define our long-held service commitment to our members and to corporate social responsibility across the globe. ■

For more information, visit www.unfcu.org

Thank You, UN Orchestra

“Pretty” was the only word that I could speak after hearing my friend play the violin in 4th grade.

MICHELLE WANG

It was beautiful. What made me so determined to start playing violin at that moment still puzzles me to this day. Maybe it was an inner pull that told me, “You finally found it: your other half.” Maybe it was simply the jealousy that my brothers played instruments while I didn’t. Either way, whatever made me want to play the violin eventually did turn into true passion the moment I first held my own violin.

Week after week, my love for the violin grew. And thus, the dilemma presented itself. I *thought* that my love for the violin grew. So when was it that I started dreading violin lessons and stopped practicing every day? When was it that my “true” love for the violin had turned out to just be the shallow and inconsistent desire of a child? Without realizing it, I had slowly become less and less attached to the violin. Perhaps it was because of the constant reminder to practice by my parents. Perhaps it was the incessant scolding by my violin teacher. No. No excuses. What a fool I was to waste my parents’ hard-earned money and not diligently work hard for the opportunities that my parents gave me. I knew full well that I was to appreciate

my luck in being born into this generation of opportunities, yet I never took it seriously. So when would I finally wake up from my ignorant rebellion of the violin?

Thankfully, God presented me with a wake-up call. It was one of those rare days when my parents would take my brother and me out to eat. My brother had his MP3 plugged into the cassette player so that his music would proudly resonate throughout the car. Sitting right next to him, I pulled out a historical fiction novel. I was lured halfway into the book when the high and low notes of an orchestral song slowly wafted into my ears. Quickly, I realized that it was the song *Carmen Fantasy* by Sarasate; I had played an easier version of this song with my school orchestra before. “Hmm. Just a typical classical piece,” I thought to myself.

I was wrong big time. It was the wackiest yet most elegant piece I had ever heard before. The first movement was lightning fast yet heart-wrenching with notes flooding all across the finger board. The slow second movement, by contrast, gave an impression of a cool fall breeze. The soloist then traded romantic notes with the

orchestra, drawing me into a ballroom of jolly dancers. My heart flooded with emotions and my mind floated in a current of excitement. At that moment I remembered the joy and happiness that I had forgotten from playing the violin when I first started.

I later found out that it was the United Nations Orchestra that had performed the splendid variation on “Carmen Fantasy” in the recording. For those who live in Geneva, the magical ambience that the UN Orchestra so often creates is no surprise. For me who lived on a different continent, I was awestruck by the UN Orchestra’s ability to produce such emotionally-captivating music and dedication to raise money for humanitarian goals.

Unlike any other orchestra, the UN Orchestra, founded by Martine Coppens and Antoine Marguier, uniquely unites the global community and Geneva’s music and supports humanitarian causes through music. In addition, most of the musicians are volunteers who already work in international organizations, such as WHO. To date, the orchestra has impressively raised more than 120,000 CHF for philanthropic organizations and victims of crises, including

Japan Tsunami’s victims, “Education for All” in Sierra Leone, and children suffering from malnutrition.

Although the soloist, the conductor, and all of the musicians of the UN Orchestra may not know that they have rekindled my love for violin and influenced me so strongly through their music, I’m sure that they have positively impacted and inspired many other people – to do good through music or other kinds of artistic outlets – across the globe and will continue to do so for eternity. So, thank you, UN Orchestra, for helping me find my love for the violin again. Thank you for your dedication to music and to the human race. Thank you. ■

Michelle Wang is a rising senior in high school from Texas who loves to compose and listen to music, to play tennis in her leisure time, and to help out around her community.



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L'Altiplano bolivien avec ses volcans et ses troupeaux de lamas, d'alpagas et de vigognes

BOLIVIE (1^{re} partie)

Au royaume des lamas

D'une superficie deux fois plus grande que celle de la France, la Bolivie ne compte cependant guère plus de 10 millions d'habitants. Et comme pour le Chili que nous venons de quitter (voir UN Special du mois passé), la majeure partie de la population est urbaine. En résultent de vastes étendues complètement désertiques...

CLAUDE MAILLARD

Perchée à 4300 m d'altitude, au pied du volcan Licancabur, la douane d'Hito Cajon est isolée au milieu d'un immense plateau balayé par un vent glacial qui souffle avec violence. Nous venons de laisser la route asphaltée qui conduit en Argentine pour emprunter une piste poussiéreuse en direction de la Bolivie. Nos 4X4 nous attendent, sagement garés derrière la barrière, et notre guide Ivanna vient à notre rencontre. De La Paz, située 800 km plus au nord, il lui a fallu 2 jours pour nous rejoindre. Il est vrai qu'avec 85% du réseau routier non goudronnés, la moyenne ne peut pas être très élevée!

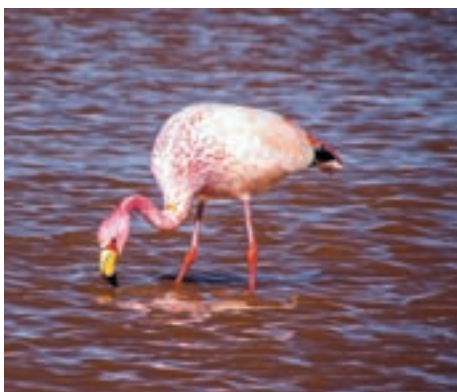
La magie du Sud-Lipez

Ici c'est le bout du monde, le plus hostile, le plus fascinant, le plus attirant des bouts du monde! Nous sommes à l'extrême sud de la Bolivie, dans le Sud-Lipez, l'une des seize provinces du département de Potosi. Ici se côtoient paysages désertiques, arides, constitués de sable ou de

roches brûlées par le soleil, lagunas aux couleurs multicolores et vastes étendues de sel étincelantes magnifiées par une lumière et un ciel d'une incomparable pureté. Là, loin de toute agitation, le silence est roi, l'atmosphère sereine et seul les volcans millénaires peuvent venir troubler le repos de ce monde minéral. De la frontière à Quetena Chico, petite localité d'une centaine d'habitants où nous avons trouvé refuge pour deux nuits, la piste sablonneuse longe successivement la laguna Blanca puis la laguna Verde qui a la particularité de prendre une spectaculaire couleur vert émeraude lorsque le vent se lève. Quelques kilomètres plus loin se profilent les formations du désert de Dali, nommées ainsi en raison de leurs ressemblances étonnantes avec les toiles du génie espagnol. Puis, vers 4850 m d'altitude, le salar de Chalviri (avec ses eaux à 37°C) et ensuite les geysers Sol de Mañana (où l'on approche à cet endroit les 200°C) nous rappellent que la zone est fortement soumise aux caprices volcaniques.



Le volcan Uturuncu qui culmine à 6008 m présente de forts signes d'activité



Flamant rose sur la laguna Colorada aux couleurs rouge vif



Bolivienne dans sa tenue traditionnelle

Autrefois Quetena Chico prospérait grâce aux exploitations de gypse et d'étain. Mais depuis la fermeture des mines, seuls l'agriculture, l'élevage des lamas et une garnison de l'armée font vivre le village, très typique mais tout de même pas au point que l'on s'y attarde une journée complète! En raison des élections présidentielles la circulation automobile est carrément interdite en Bolivie et nous serons donc contraints et forcés de rester sur place, profitant de l'occasion pour assister au déroulement du scrutin.

Evo Morales pour la troisième fois

Avec 61% des suffrages, le chef de file du «*Mouvement vers le socialisme*» (MAS) a largement remporté ces élections. Président depuis 2005, il décroche ainsi son troisième mandat à la tête de l'un des pays les plus pauvres d'Amérique du Sud. C'est le premier Président d'origine indigène, et pour l'anecdote, également le premier Président en fonction à être recruté par un club de football de première division, celui du «*Sport Boys Warnes*».

Elections terminées, nous quittons Quetena Chico de nuit pour partir à l'ascension du volcan Uturuncu qui culmine à 6008 m. En semi-sommeil, il présente de forts signes d'activité et à la suite des puissants séismes de 2010, un accroissement de son volume magmatique suggère une possible éruption prochaine. Son approche se fait par une ancienne piste minière qui serpente au milieu de la steppe, puis par un chemin escarpé tracé sur son versant. Le sol est chaud, des fumeroles s'échappent sur le côté et une intense odeur de soufre s'en dégage. Le plus dur reste à faire et pour nous donner de l'énergie notre guide de montagne Javier nous propose de mâcher des feuilles de coca. Le sommet semble

proche mais la fin de la montée dans la cendre est laborieuse et la respiration de plus en plus difficile. A cette altitude, le manque d'oxygène réduit les capacités physiques de moitié. Comme moi, mes compagnons de cordée ont hâte d'en terminer et c'est avec un grand soulagement que nous parvenons sur la crête d'où le panorama sur l'altiplano est prodigieux. Quant à la descente, tout schuss, par un couloir vertigineux où une coulée pyroclastique a déposé des tonnes de particules, elle s'avérera tout aussi périlleuse...

Retour dans la plaine, à 4600 m d'altitude!

Après cette éprouvante matinée, et avant de pouvoir nous relaxer, un long transfert au travers du désert Siloli nous réserve encore d'étonnantes curiosités. Avec ses eaux couleur sang et ses berges formées de cristaux de sel scintillant sous le soleil, la laguna Colorada semble appartenir à une autre planète. Entourée de volcans, l'immense étendue fait le bonheur des flamants roses venus se délecter des algues microscopiques qui donnent cette couleur rouge à l'eau. Des troupeaux de lamas ont également choisi ce lieu pour y vivre. L'endroit est complètement irréel... Plus loin, l'Arbre de pierre, fascinante sculpture naturelle rocheuse érodée par le vent, marque l'entrée de la réserve nationale de faune andine Eduardo Avaroa. Puis, comme un mirage, à 4600 m d'altitude, totalement perdu au milieu des dunes de sable à l'abri d'une falaise, apparaît le «*Tayka del Desierto*», hôtel à l'accueil très chaleureux (normal dans un désert!) où nous allons pouvoir reprendre des forces.

De l'énergie, du courage, de la résistance... il en a fallu à Margot et Simon que nous croisons au petit-déjeuner le lendemain

matin. On les découvre dévorant avec gros appétit tout ce qu'ils ont pu trouver au buffet: thé, pain, céréales, yaourts, fruits, œufs brouillés... Ils se régaleront. Rassasiés, les deux sympathiques grenoblois nous expliquent qu'ils viennent de vivre une nuit épouvantable. Partis de Lima au Pérou un mois plus tôt, ils comptent relier en vélo Santiago du Chili distant de 6000 km, empruntant principalement des pistes. Et la veille ils se sont perdus au pied d'un col de 4900 m qu'ils ont dû franchir en poussant leurs vélos lourdement chargés. Après avoir galéré toute la nuit, s'enfonçant dans un sable mou, ils finissent tout de même par bivouaquer une heure près de l'hôtel, épuisés et sans le moindre vivre. On comprend mieux leur «voracité» au réveil!

La journée va débuter par la découverte de plusieurs lagunas, aux caractéristiques bien différentes les unes des autres. Nous sommes sur «La route des joyaux», piste qui longe la frontière chilienne. D'un blanc immaculé, la laguna Ramaditas précède la profonde laguna Honda aux eaux bleues opalescentes qui «flashent» au milieu d'un environnement minéral. Suit la laguna Charcota de couleur brun-rosé, puis la laguna Hedionda vert opaline aux odeurs très soufrées. Subitement un orage éclate et la laguna Canapa se teinte d'un beau gris argenté... Et alors que nous approchons du salar de Chiguana, au loin le volcan explosif Ollagüe laisse échapper une imposante colonne de cendres. Notre Terre, là où l'homme n'a pas encore fait des ravages, est remarquablement belle! Et la suite de notre aventure sur le fameux salar d'Uyuni nous promet des moments inoubliables. A partager dans le prochain numéro du *UN Special*. ■

Masters Graduate Interns at the WHO in Geneva



© Britnae Purdy

Britnae Purdy, a Fall 2014 graduate of George Mason University's Master of Arts in Global Affairs program, spent this summer at Duke University's prestigious Geneva Program on Global Policy and Governance. She enjoyed the challenge of navigating a new city and culture while interning at the World Health Organization.

**ERIN MCSHERRY, BRITNAE PURDY,
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What prompted you to apply for the Duke Geneva Program?

When I graduated and started applying for jobs, I realized that while the GMU GLOA MA had given me the academic foundations I needed, I didn't yet have the work experience to be a competitive candidate for the global health jobs I wanted. I stumbled upon the Duke Geneva Program and thought that it would be a good way to bridge the transition between being a full-time student and entering the workforce full-time.

What does your internship entail?

I'm working with the Special Programme for Research and Training in Neglected Tropical Diseases (TDR), hosted by WHO but coordinated by the World Bank, WHO, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and UNICEF. My internship project involves updating and completing prior research on methods of research prioritization across WHO departments. We've been reviewing all WHO publications from the past 10 years that detail research priorities or gaps and analyzing them based on methodology, approach, and topic. Ultimately, I'll be creating an interactive database of these priorities and publishing a paper about this project and results in the journal *Health Research Policy and Systems*.

What is a typical day like?

On a typical day, I arrive at work in the morning, get settled in for the day and then grab coffee with coworkers in my department. Though there is a very strong work ethic here (plenty of late nights and early mornings!), the WHO generally tries to encourage a good work/life balance. So it's very common for coworkers to snag a coffee, eat lunch or go for walks together at lunchtime. In the afternoon I typically have a meeting of some sort on my agenda - a team meeting, an interview for my research or a lunchtime seminar hosted by a WHO department to discuss recent research findings or current events. I'll stay in the evening until I finish up a good chunk of my project, then try to

squeeze in some time to study French or prep for classes.

What has been the most valuable and the most unexpected aspect of the experience?

The most unexpected aspect of interning at WHO has been the quality of the people I've been able to work with. WHO and other UN institutions often get a lot of criticism for being overly-bureaucratized and removed from the field and as an intern I was expecting to be handed a lot of copying and filing to do. But it's obvious that the employees at WHO have a deep-seated passion for their work and for sharing it with others; on more than one occasion someone has started tearing up while telling me about the most difficult cases they've encountered in the field or how much they miss their families while they're away. Every single person in my department has made it a priority to invite me for coffee and explain what they work on and how they've gotten here. As an intern I've been given a substantial project, I attend staff meetings and conferences, and my supervisor is never too busy to give me guidance when I need it. It's obvious that a love for both learning and teaching is an integral part of this place and it's made for an amazing experience. In a broader sense, the most valuable aspect of this experience has been being forced out of my comfort zone to travel and explore on my own. I've had to navigate a new city, language and culture, and even just figuring out the visa require-

ments, travel plans, housing and such to get here was a big hurdle and learning experience! Independent travel has always intimidated me an awful lot and I've learned that while it can be scary it's also incredibly fun and freeing to figure things out on your own and do exactly what you want to do.

What are your plans once you complete the program?

When I finish my internship I'm planning to travel around Switzerland and then Italy for a couple of weeks. After that I'll be returning to Durham, North Carolina to accept a position at the University of North Carolina's Department of Family Medicine. In talking with higher-ups at WHO, a very commonly repeated sentiment is, "I have no clue how I got here." They've all shared that they couldn't have ever expected to end up at WHO when they were my age - they just followed an interest, which led to a job, and then another interest, and then a field assignment, and so on. I feel like there's a lot of pressure to have everything figured out in your 20s. But so many people working in the jobs I'd like in the future have said that the best thing to do is relax and just jump on whatever new opportunities comes at you. It's made me feel a lot more confident about the direction of my life. ■

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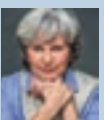
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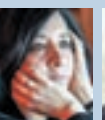
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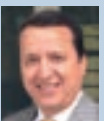
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