Transition Workshop for the Office of the 78th President of the General Assembly

Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Team

1 September 2023
UNHQ, New York
Main Responsibilities of the HRH Team

- Mandated meetings
- Intergovernmental Processes
- Third Committee
- Humanitarian issues
- Gender issues
- Civil Society, Youth
Key Partners

OHCHR
UN Women

OCHA
DESA

DGC
UNODC
Organization of Mandated Meetings and Other Events

Annual meetings:
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- High-level debate on crime prevention (theme varies every year)
- Nelson Mandela Day

Specific mandates:
- High-level meeting on tuberculosis
- High-level meeting on UHC
- Launch of the Decade of Indigenous Languages

Briefings mandated by GA
- SG Envoy on Myanmar
- Support to Pakistan in the wake of the floods

PGA initiatives
Intergovernmental Processes

- HLM on Universal Health Coverage
- HLM on Tuberculosis
- Declaration on Future Generations
Third Committee

- PGA participation
- Bureau meetings
- Action in plenary
- New mandates for PGA
Gender Equality

- Advisory Board
- Gender parity in appointment of co-facilitators
- Gender balance in OPGA
- PGA speeches
- PGA as Gender Champion
- Special Envoy on Gender
Advisory Board on Gender Equality

- 12-15 members appointed by PGA (for the duration of Presidency)
- PRs, UN system leaders, stakeholders
- Serve in personal capacity
- 4 meetings per session
- Informal mechanism
- Outputs
Engagement with civil society and youth

- Townhalls
- Visits at universities, schools
- Stakeholder participation in GA meetings
- Official trips
Other Key Topics

- Humanitarian issues
- Persons with disabilities, accessibility
  - Workshop on disability awareness
  - Easy-to-understand communication
Human Rights Council

- HRC Report in GA plenary
- PGA participation in March session of HRC
- President of the Human Rights Council
Looking ahead...

- High-level week:
  - Platform of Women Leaders (20 Sept)
  - HLM on UHC (21 Sept)
  - HLM on Tuberculosis (22 Sept)
- Human Rights Prize ceremony *(15 Dec)*
- 75th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights *(11-12 Dec)*
- High-level panel on the role of Ombudsman in the promotion and protection of human rights *(A/Res/77/224)*
“Success is best when it’s shared.” – Howard Schultz

“Talent wins games, but teamwork ... wins championships” – Michael Jordan

“A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself-themselves and his their contribution to praise the skills of others.” – Norman Shidle