

# UN FORUM 2014

SATURDAY 28 JUNE, CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER, LONDON

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UN Forum 2014 will be the UK's largest public event on the United Nations in recent decades. Taking place at the historic venue of Central Hall Westminster, the meeting place of the first General Assembly, over 2,000 participants will engage with decision-makers, experts and campaigners.

We are entering a time of profound domestic and global change with the Scottish referendum and UK general election taking place against a backdrop of humanitarian crises, the threat of conflict in Europe and continuing economic insecurity. What can we – and the international community – do to solve the biggest challenges facing the world?

## 0900–1000 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

Collect your welcome pack, then meet and network with people who share your interests from across the UK and beyond.

## 1000–1015 OPENING AND WELCOME

With remarks by Sir Jeremy Greenstock.



**SIR JEREMY GREENSTOCK**

UNA-UK Chairman and former UK Ambassador to the UN

## 1015–1145 PANEL DISCUSSION: WHY SHOULD THE BRITISH PUBLIC CARE ABOUT THE UN?

In this Question Time-style session, with pre-submitted questions, our panellists will explore the UK's relationship with the United Nations and what it delivers for people in this country.



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International broadcaster



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President, YouGov



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International representative for the British Youth Council



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Ambassador and Permanent Representative, UK Mission to the UN and Other International Organisations, Geneva



**SIR MALCOLM RIFKIND MP**

Former UK Foreign Secretary



**MARK SEDDON**

Speechwriter for the UN Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General

## 1145–1245 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Baroness Amos will deliver a keynote speech on Britain's role on the world stage and the challenges facing the international community, followed by a discussion with Jon Snow.



**RT HON BARONESS VALERIE AMOS**

UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator



**JON SNOW**

Broadcaster and journalist

## 1245–1400 LUNCH

## 1400–1415 DEBATE INTRODUCTION

Natalie Samarasinghe will provide a short introduction to the three afternoon panel debates.



**NATALIE SAMARASINGHE**

Executive Director, UNA-UK

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**1415–1455**

**DEBATE 1: DO NUCLEAR WEAPONS REALLY KEEP US SAFE?**

Politicians, experts and campaigners will be given just five minutes each to put across their views, and a right of reply, followed by pre-submitted questions.



**CHAIR**

**PAUL INGRAM**

Executive Director, British American Security Information Council



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International Institute of Strategic Studies



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Air Vice Marshal (Retd) and former UK representative, UN Military Staff Committee



**KATE HUDSON**

General Secretary, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament



**REBECCA JOHNSON**

Founder and Director, Acronym Institute

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**1455–1535**

**DEBATE 2: HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO CRISES?**

Decision-makers and practitioners will be interviewed on the 'Responsibility to Protect', including how best to prevent atrocities and whether military intervention can ever be justified. Pre-submitted and live tweeted questions will be asked.



**CHAIR**

**ZEINAB BADAWI**

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**LORD HANNAY OF CHISWICK**

Former UK  
Ambassador to the UN



**PROFESSOR JENNIFER WELSH**

UN Special Adviser on the  
Responsibility to Protect

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**1535–1615**

**DEBATE 3: IS OUR APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT FLAWED?**

Speakers will take part in a '60-second' question and answers session, with pre-submitted live tweeted questions on the future of international development.



**CHAIR**

**MARIA NEOPHYTOU**

Executive Director,  
The GREAT Initiative



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**MICHAEL O'NEILL**

Assistant Administrator, External  
Relations and Advocacy, UN  
Development Programme

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**1615–1700**

**AFTERNOON BREAK: HAVE YOUR SAY**

Looking ahead to the UK's general election in 2015, participants will be asked to decide which of the three issues debated should be the UK's top foreign policy priority.

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**1700–1815**

**KEYNOTE INTERVIEW**

His Excellency Danilo Türk and Sir Jeremy Greenstock will discuss current and future challenges facing the UN and the international community.



**HE DANILO TÜRK**

Former President of Slovenia and  
former UN Assistant Secretary-  
General for Political Affairs



**SIR JEREMY GREENSTOCK**

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**1815–1830**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

With Sir Jeremy Greenstock.

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**1830–1930**

**OPTIONAL CAREERS NETWORKING**

Join those working for the UN and the international community for an informal careers networking event, exclusive to UN Forum attendees.