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NEW FACES & PROMOTIONS



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Radically Shifting the National Debate



Our nation's priorities are wrong. Yes I am talking about "deficit reduction." Like you, I am incredibly frustrated by our dysfunctional political system's inability to balance the national budget. But I am more concerned that life and death issues, like nuclear proliferation and global warming, are being ignored. Genocide prevention (there is actually good news here) is taking a back seat to political theater. On some days it seems the only lawmakers who talk about the United Nations are those who want to withdraw from it.

While there are significant issues at stake -- retirement accounts, social safety nets and U.S. competitiveness -- in the long run, how important is this really?

Think about it. Unchecked global warming will drown coastal cities and disrupt the weather patterns we depend on for food production. A nuclear weapon in the hands of terrorists can destroy a major city. A nuclear war would devastate our entire civilization.

What happened to the serious discussion about nuclear disarmament that followed President Obama's 2009 Prague speech where he said the "United States will take concrete steps towards a world without nuclear weapons"? What about his pledge to "aggressively pursue U.S. ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty"?

In the same speech Obama declared that "Together, we must confront climate change by ending the world's dependence on fossil fuels.... And I pledge to you that in this global effort, the United States is now ready to lead." But have Americans given the president the political clout he needs to lead?

I understand President Obama is fighting for political survival, and jobs are at the core of this battle. It is true that millions of Americans will be impacted by how

Washington addresses both unemployment and the deficit. A global recession fueled by a national debt crisis is not a trivial problem.

But compare our pain to the suffering of families in Somalia forced to watch their children starve to death. Or to the plight of Syrian refugees in Turkey who escaped a government that turned tanks on them for the crime of speaking out. If you multiply their pain by the billions of lives -- here and around the world -- that could be impacted by our failure to establish effective means to address core global challenges, you must conclude that we need to radically shift our national debate.

What will this take? I was in a meeting recently with Senator Kerry discussing the Law of the Sea treaty (see page 6). He talked about how in the 1970's environmentalists rapidly established the Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Water Act after they defeated members of Congress who opposed them. The Tea Party used similar tactics to shift attention to the current debate.

Both of these movements organized and attracted individuals willing to take leadership within their communities. They passionately express their concerns. Now it is time for global citizens who seek human rights for all, a sustainable green economy and a nuclear free world to do the same.

Radical change requires a good understanding of the problem and a vision of a new reality. This issue of *The Global Citizen* will: bring you up to date on President Obama's "Directive on Atrocity Prevention," a new genocide prevention tool (Page 7); review the latest developments in international justice (Page 4-5); evaluate the U.S. role in U.N. peacekeeping (Page 10) and update you on the debate on U.N. funding (Page 8-9). All are part of the solution.

Cooperation is essential to solve global challenges. Let us work together to build our ranks within our communities. Then step by step and vote by vote we will change the world. I look forward to working with you.

The State of International Justice

When people think about international justice, the first place that comes to mind is often The Hague and specifically, the International Criminal Court (ICC). With the long-awaited completion of its first trial expected and its 10 year anniversary approaching, it is an exciting time for those who closely follow the work of the Court. The ICC's recent issuance of arrest warrants for Muammar Gaddafi and his allies in Libya has also thrust the ICC more into the international spotlight. But international justice is moving forward in locations around the world, as accused criminals in places from the former Yugoslavia to Rwanda are finally being brought to account.

The ICC, Lubanga, and Libya

The ICC was formally established in 2002, and has since begun investigations in a number of countries into potential crimes against humanity. It now appears that the end of the Court's first trial is on the horizon. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has been charged with using child soldiers in conflict. Lubanga's trial is expected to yield a verdict this fall, if all goes as scheduled, marking the first completed trial in the ICC's history.

Meanwhile, the ICC's role as a key mechanism of international justice has been spotlighted as never before, due to its role in the ongoing crisis in Libya. The Libya situation, stemming from the violence towards civilians that began there last winter, was unanimously referred to the ICC by a vote of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in February. ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo opened an investigation into events in Libya in March. In June, the ICC issued arrest warrants for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, his son Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al-Sanousi, the Head of the Military Intelligence, for crimes against humanity after Prosecutor Ocampo's request was approved by the Court's Pre-Trial Chamber. Prosecutor Ocampo had requested the warrants for Gaddafi and the others on May 16th. This marks only the second time in the history of Court that it has issued an arrest warrant for a sitting head of state. The quick, unanimous referral of the Libya situation to the



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Accused war criminal Thomas Lubanga on trial at the International Criminal Court.

Court from the Security Council, and the ICC's swift action to bring Gaddafi and his cohorts to justice, illustrates the growing prestige of the Court in the eyes of the world.

Mladic's Arrest and Justice in the Balkans

Meanwhile, the long process of bringing to justice those responsible for the crimes committed during the 1990s war in the Balkans is also moving forward. On May 26th, Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb general charged with ordering the infamous genocide at Srebrenica, was arrested in Serbia after 16 years on the run as a fugitive. Mladic is accused of being responsible for the deaths of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the attack on Srebrenica, Bosnia in 1995, after peacekeepers who were supposed to protect the town were unable to prevent the massacre by Mladic's forces.

Today, Mladic is facing trial at The Hague in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). His arrest was widely hailed as a victory for international justice, not just in the Balkans, but one that sent a message to tyrants and war criminals around the world that they would not be able to hide forever. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon described Mladic's capture as "an important step in our collective fight against impunity as well as for the work of the ICTY."

Rwanda

Finally, in another corner of the world, international justice has recently scored an important victory in Rwanda. Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, former Rwandan Minister for Family and Women Affairs, was sentenced in June 2011 to life imprisonment for genocide, crimes against humanity of extermination, rape and persecution and war crimes. She is the only woman ever indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) for genocide and crimes against humanity. These crimes were committed during the infamous 1994 genocide in Rwanda which killed as many as 1 million people in just 100 days.

The arrests of Mladic and the conviction of Nyiramasuhuko show that the world is turning a page on the horrific genocides in Bosnia and Rwanda which shamed the international community in the 1990s. Meanwhile, the approaching end of the Lubanga trial and the arrest warrant issued for Gaddafi and his lieutenants show that the ICC is coming into its own as a court which the world can rely on to bring war criminals to justice, deter potential genocidaires with the threat of indictment, and hopefully, help shape this decade as a new beginning for creating a more just and peaceful world. All this definitely indicates a brighter future on the horizon for the implementation of the once-illusory concept of international justice.



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Time is Running Out for U.S. to Join Law of the Sea

The continued meltdown of the Arctic icecap; the search for rare earth minerals needed for electronics and high-tech weapons; and China's push to control access to the South China Sea are all pushing the U.S. to get serious about joining the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). UNCLOS is a set of rules for the world's oceans, defining maritime zones, protecting the environment, preserving freedom of navigation, and establishing guidelines for businesses that depend on the sea for resources and jobs. It came into force in 1994, with 159 countries and the European Union having joined the treaty. The United States has not.

Political leaders recognize it is time to consider ratifying UNCLOS. President Obama has made it one of his treaty priorities. Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is expected to hold hearings during this Congress with key U.S. military and business leaders to educate and address concerns about this complex convention. But even with key bipartisan support from former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, time is limited to move the treaty forward, due to the 2012 elections and continuing economic woes.

In 2007, the last time UNCLOS was considered by the Senate, Don Kraus, CGS's Chief Executive Officer submitted testimony saying that:

"[M]y organization's thirty thousand plus members, supporters, and activists have long waited for the Senate to consider the Law of the Sea Convention. Some of our members were engaged with this process at its inception in the early 1970's... [U.S.] absence from the convention handicaps our ability to exploit (or conserve) precious marine resources and protect our investments."

The United States is one of five Arctic Coastal States and has economic interests in the region. The Arctic icecap is melting, and increased commercial traffic will only increase the degradation of this delicate eco-system. UNCLOS provides the framework for nations to be able to address environmental concerns.



Credit: September 2, 2009, Svalbard, Norway, UN Photo/Mark Garten

View from Polar Ice Rim

China is pushing to dominate access to the South China Sea. One-third of the world's shipping travels through its waters, and is believed to hold huge oil and gas reserves beneath its seabed. However, without the legal framework provided by UNCLOS, the U.S. is at a disadvantage to address unreasonable claims on marine territory.

China also has a major stake in the race for rare earth minerals, used in hybrid automobiles and mobile phones, and supplies about 95% of the world market. Researchers have recently discovered high concentrations of rare earth elements in the Pacific Ocean. Extraction of these resources would be regulated by UNCLOS's International Seabed Authority (ISA). If the U.S. joins the treaty, it would have a veto-wielding seat at the ISA's executive committee. If it doesn't ratify, our businesses could not compete for these resources.

Kraus said, "The stakes are higher than ever for the U.S. to ratify UNCLOS. But we can expect, as in years past, that a determined unilateralist opposition will try to defeat it. Citizens for Global Solutions will urge the Senate to do what is right for our nation and the world. Our members' financial and political support will be needed to prevail."

More information about UNCLOS is available at www.globalsolutions.org/UNCLOS

An Historic Step in Genocide Prevention

August 4, 2011 marked an historic day in Citizens for Global Solutions' effort to prevent and respond to mass atrocities in the world when President Obama unveiled his Directive on Atrocity Prevention. This initiative takes new and important steps in preventing mass atrocities, as well as imposing consequences for serious human rights violators.

In this directive, President Obama ordered a 100-day review of policy tools in the realm of diplomacy, economics and other avenues that the United States could use in the prediction and prevention of mass atrocities, short of deploying military force, to allow for a swift response to unfolding atrocities. It establishes an Atrocities Prevention Board, creating a standing interagency in the U.S. government, with the power to prioritize the protection of civilians through diplomatic and economic tools – rather than the military or nothing scenario we have seen in years past. Don Kraus, CEO of Citizens for Global Solutions said, “We applaud this interagency effort as the first step forward in cutting through the bureaucracy that has historically prevented the U.S. from taking action to prevent unfolding atrocities that result in genocide.”

The content of this directive is both innovative and a significant step forward in our nation's capacity to prevent genocide. It is easy to be daunted by the idea of preventing genocide, but there are crucial steps that can be taken when resources are directed at looking for early indicators of mass atrocities. The Presidential Directive on Atrocity Prevention addresses the means needed to close the gap that has long existed between recognition and response, while simultaneously creating new deterrents for those who would perpetrate crimes against humanity.

This directive takes care to employ and strengthen multiple and innovative ways of engaging “smart power” to prevent and respond to situations of possible genocide. These efforts reinforce many of the initiatives that Citizens for Global Solutions champions.”

It provides tools to U.S. policymakers to ensure early and less costly preventative action, improves our collection and processing of indicators of conflict, provides a sound channel for an alarm to be raised at the onset of an emergency, and the means to aptly train and prepare our diplomats, military, and professionals abroad to properly respond to a developing crisis. It also seeks to multilaterally engage nations to share the burden and responsibility to prevent and to respond to crimes against humanity.

The release of this directive couldn't be more timely, as the situation in Syria continues to deteriorate. Syria presents a difficult question – one that the President will have to answer if he believes in the United States' moral responsibility and national security interests in preventing mass atrocities being committed against civilians. In Syria, as in almost all of the uprisings spreading across the region, dictators are meeting hints of reform with force. The U.N. Security Council has yet to pass a resolution that has the same force as it did with Libya. Kraus stated, “Citizens for Global Solutions calls on the President to push for a resolution to protect the people of Syria from genocide and mass atrocities and to hold President Assad accountable for his crimes.”

With the attention of the international community, the work of organizations like Citizens for Global Solutions, and now the strength of the U.S. government behind its intent to prevent mass atrocities, the future of these conflicts are not fated to repeat history. These global efforts can ensure a new and self determined future for people all over the region, bringing us ever closer to fulfilling our promise of “Never Again”.

We Are All in This Together: Why the U.S. Should Support the U.N.

The payment by the United States of the dues it owes the United Nations every year brings tremendous immediate returns and represents a valuable investment for the future as well. Now is no time to be “penny wise and pound foolish.”

As the United States continues to push through the tough economic climate, the Congress is currently debating how to cut billions of dollars from the federal budget. Deep cuts to international organizations and peacekeeping would put our leadership, influence, and standing in the world and at the U.N. in jeopardy.



Credit: Cité Soleil, Haiti. UN Photo/Logan Abassi.

Peacekeeper plays with child in Cité Soleil, Haiti.



Credit: Cité Soleil, Haiti. UN Photo/Marco Dormino

Bolivian peacekeepers distribute water and food.

U.N. Funding and Congress

U.S. funding for the U.N. is caught up in the general debates about the federal budget currently raging in Washington. The relevant legislation remains in House committee and needs to receive a vote in the House before it goes to the Senate. Ultimately a deal will be struck in the conference committee that reconciles the House and Senate versions of the federal budget.

Two federal budget line items are most relevant: Contributions to International Organizations (CIO) for dues to the U.N., NATO and other international organizations, and Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) for U.N. and other peacekeeping operations around the world. The versions of the budget under consideration in the House would cut these budget accounts significantly, on the order of 25%.

The debate over U.N. funding will arise repeatedly in different contexts: in committees in the House, in the Senate, and in conference. It remains to be seen how the foreign affairs budget will be affected by the debt ceiling deal struck very publicly at the beginning of August between the White House and Congress. The bottom line is that, even in difficult economic times, the United States should not renege on its responsibilities to the U.N.

What Do We Get for Our Contributions?

Let's put costs into perspective. The total foreign affairs budget amounts to 1% of total federal spending. U.N. dues and peacekeeping missions make up only .05% of that. Moreover, the \$3.7 billion total annual request for the CIO and CIPA accounts is a small amount and does so much good around the world, compared to the \$100 billion we spend every year in Afghanistan alone. Melissa Kaplan, Citizens for Global Solutions Deputy Director of Government Relations said, “It is clear that the cuts to U.N. funding being proposed by Congress are disproportionate and need to be reconsidered.”

For our U.N. dues we get good value on a wide range of activities. Funding for the CIO account pays for

political missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, two critical areas where stability and peace need to be maintained as our troops draw down. The contributions also allow the Security Council to monitor Iran's compliance with nuclear sanctions. Our contributions pay for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which in 2010, developed a global nuclear fuel bank, providing a safe method for countries to get their nuclear energy needs met. U.S. funding and leadership at the Human Rights Council have led to reforms and the creation of new tools to fight discrimination against women and girls and human rights violations against gay, lesbian, and transgender communities.

Contributions to the CIPA account fund 14 peacekeeping missions around the world, providing for over 100,000 troops and personnel from 118 countries to maintain stability in conflict zones, monitor ceasefires, and observe elections. Peacekeepers have disarmed 400,000

former combatants. On average, these missions support free elections somewhere in the world every two weeks, and have made it possible for over 80 million people to exercise their voting rights. In a recent study, the Government Accounting Office found that U.N. peacekeeping operations cost one eighth of what it would cost for a comparable U.S. military force.

Return on Investment

Not only do our contributions promote goodwill around the world, they also create economic growth and jobs here at home. For every \$1 we pay in dues to the U.N. headquarters in New York, we get \$1.50 back. The United States won all but two contracts for the ongoing renovation of U.N. headquarters and was awarded the second most contracts of all nations for goods and services rendered in peacekeeping operations.

Citizens for Global Solutions Takes Action

Citizens for Global Solutions is working hard to ensure that the U.S. pays the dues it owes the U.N. in full and on time. We have met with staff from 20 Senate offices and 50 House offices advocating for continued support for the U.N. In May, our Partners For Global Change conference call hosted Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Jordie Hannum, Deputy Director of the Better World Campaign (and Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund board member), to educate participants on the importance of U.S. engagement with the U.N. We have sent out vote alert emails to Hill offices advocating for full funding for the U.N. Citizens for Global Solutions regularly educates our grassroots members and activists on these issues and alerts them when critical votes arise. We praised Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA) when he recently published an editorial supporting U.N. funding and what is at stake when we choose not to pay what we owe.

The Role of the U.S. in International Peacekeeping

When the United Nations was founded over a generation ago, it was with the stated objective of ending war. If the end of war could be achieved simply by wishing, then it would long ago have disappeared from the Earth. Abolishing war will require the hard work of many smart and dedicated people, and includes utilizing the tool called “peacekeeping.”

Reimagining Peacekeeping Operations

Thankfully, the work of peacekeeping is being pursued in earnest, and great progress has been made. Most international peacekeeping operations are conducted under the auspices of the United Nations. Today the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) has nearly 125,000 personnel around the world deployed on 14 different missions.

Not so long ago the model of peacekeeping was a line of blue-helmeted soldiers standing between two hostile “sides.” After study and analysis, this over-simplified view has been replaced by a more nuanced view of “complex peacekeeping operations.” Rather than seeing peacekeeping as simply a deployment of military resources, we now understand peacekeeping to require an array of resources, ranging from military intervention to policing to humanitarian and social assistance. Peacekeeping missions can be compared to using a dimmer switch that is adjusted to greater or lesser intensity depending upon the prevailing circumstances.

The Value of Peacekeeping

The United States has an indispensable role to play in international peacekeeping. Citizens for Global Solutions is working to see that the United States takes appropriate responsibility and devotes sufficient resources to this important task.

In an era of budget austerity, of course, funds for international peacekeeping are not immune to budget cuts. Bob Enholm, co-chair of Citizens for Global Solutions Peacekeeping Roundtable said, “The need to economize must be balanced by recognition not only of the need for peacekeeping but the cost-effectiveness of inter-

national peacekeeping operations.”

The demand for peacekeepers has grown over the past decade and continues to grow as the success of peacekeeping is demonstrated in places like Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast) and Timor Leste (East Timor). Earlier this year, in a speech in Washington, D.C., the Under-Secretary-General for U.N. Peacekeeping Operations, Alain LeRoy, observed “We are sent to the places no one else wants to go.” There are many of those places, including Darfur (in Sudan), the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sri Lanka. Here, peacekeepers are working to keep smoldering civil wars and incipient genocides under control while creating space in which people can work out their differences in a political arena without violence.

International peacekeeping is effective in the sense that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Where peacekeeping is successful, the world and the United States are spared having to resort to a military intervention at many multiples of the cost. A recent study by the U.S. General Accounting Office concluded that U.N. peacekeeping operations cost about 1/8th of what a similar U.S. military deployment would cost.

Calling for a Larger U.S. Role

In addition to seeking to maintain U.S. support for peacekeeping in the federal budget, Citizens for Global Solutions is working to advance the understanding of peacekeeping through our Peacekeeping Roundtable project entitled “U.S. Leadership in International Peacekeeping: From Aspiration to Implementation.”

The goals of the Peacekeeping Roundtable are to solicit ideas and opinions from a broad and knowledgeable community of peacekeeping experts and to produce a report and list of specific recommendations that the United States should undertake in order to enhance its support for international peacekeeping. Citizens for Global Solutions is coordinating the planning and logistics of events. The Peacekeeping Roundtable will be held in Washington, D.C. on October 19, 2011, at which time the related report will be released.

PASSAGES

Dr. Ray E. Short



Dr. Ray E. Short of North Chesterfield, Virginia, passed away this August at the age of 92. Ray was a dedicated member and supporter of the World Federalist movement and Citizens for Global Solutions.

Ray and his wife Jeannette literally saw Citizens for Global Solutions grow from the ground up. Their financial support helped purchase our office buildings and provided funding for “the Shortcuts,” the doors between our two office buildings. The Shorts also donated funds for our Peace Garden, a perfect setting for parties that is enjoyed by donors, staff, and guests. Ray understood the value of educating our future generations on global engagement, by providing scholarships for students to attend our Annual Meeting.

Citizens for Global Solutions CEO Don Kraus remembers Ray’s positive outlook saying, “When I would ask Ray how he was doing, he would always reply back ‘better than I deserve to be.’ Ray was aware of how fortunate we all are, compared to the millions suffering in the world. Rather than focusing on the problems we face around the globe, he gave all of his energy to advocating for the solutions.”

A memorial to remember the life and generosity of Ray Short will be held in the Peace Garden at a future date. Please call us at 202-546-3950 or check our website for the date and time.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Notes From the Field

The **White House Summer Briefing** was held Friday, August 12th, 2011 and Citizens for Global Solutions was thrilled to welcome 35 of our members from across the country who made the commitment to come to Washington for the briefing. We also hosted a skills and issues training session with our partners at Resolve on U.N. funding and peace-keeping, the International Criminal Court (ICC) and genocide prevention.

The 2011 Citizens for Global Solutions Annual Conference

Citizens for Global Solutions' 2011 Annual Conference was a great success, bringing together many different advocates from D.C. and across the country to learn about pressing global issues, including the CEDAW Treaty, genocide prevention, and U.N. funding.

The conference lasted two days and included speakers such as Suzanne Nossel, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Bureau of International Organization Affairs at the State Department and Tom Periello, former Congressman from Virginia. Our activists and members lobbied over 65 elected officials on the importance of the United States paying our U.N. dues, fulfilling our peace-keeping commitments and passing genocide prevention legislation.

My Global Voice – reflections from our Tennessee Summer Field Fellow Jessica Ziegler

As the Summer Fellow for My Global Voice, I have spent much of my time establishing contacts and build new relationships from a base here in Nashville, Tennessee. To date, I have made connections with organizations, such as, Amnesty International, the Coalition of Education About Immigration, Exodus Inc., the Human Rights Day Planning Committee, Women in Black, YMCA of Middle Tennessee and YWCA.

This month, I met with Senator Bob Corker's office to discuss U.N. funding and genocide prevention, and plan to meet with Senator Lamar Alexander's staff in the next few weeks.

A few weeks ago, I set up a table at the Nashville PRIDE festival. As I spoke to all of the individuals attending the festival and began to learn about their stories, it struck me that, like them, I was also intensely proud of



Credit: Valerie Schrock

Priscilla Lewis, Director of U.S. in the World, leads a media training for conference attendees.

what I represent, of the unique experiences that I have had, and how these experiences have shaped me into the person that I am today. More than that, I realized that I am immensely proud to be a member of the Nashville community, one which as is evidenced by the annual PRIDE Festival and clearly values social cohesion, inclusion, and connectedness. Just in that short time, I had hundreds of people express their support for the mission of Citizens for Global Solutions and thank me for our work.

Bonnaroo

This past June, Citizens for Global Solutions spent four days in the dirt and sun talking about our campaigns on the importance of U.N. funding and genocide prevention with more than 3,000 people at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts festival in Manchester, Tennessee. Bonnaroo proved to be a great opportunity for us to share the CGS mission and educate others in a setting that celebrates life and music. We had a fantastic team at Bonnaroo, made up of My Global Voice field organizer Eben Cathey, local Tennessee volunteers, as well as some folks from the national office. Rather than trying to describe the experience myself, I'll let our volunteers share their thoughts:

“It was rewarding and satisfying to work for a cause I strongly support.” *Ayzit Doydum*

“Bonnaroo is an ideal atmosphere for CGS, I was astonished by the number of people who signed up on our mailing list and actively engaged with us in discussion.” *Courtney Vick*

“Some of my favorite conversations included discussions about different genocides and the role the United States can take to effectively protect civilians. I had one extensive conversation with a guy that started with the recent international intervention in Libya and ended with greater respect for each other’s ideas and the revelation that we were graduates of the same university. These were some of my favorite discussions at Bonnaroo: discussions that led to a greater sense of empowerment and forged connections between festival-goers.”

Megan Wane

Thank you to all those who made CGS’ involvement in Bonnaroo 2011 a great success!

Partners Call

On July 9th — the day South Sudan declared Independence from the North—Citizens for Global Solutions hosted its summer Partners Call. We were lucky to have Mary Stata from the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and Will Ferroggiaro from The Fund for Peace join us on the call. They spoke of the need for comprehensive and binding genocide prevention legislation; as well as the importance of grassroots advocacy in bringing about increased commitment from the United States to use diplomacy as part of genocide prevention. They also discussed the positive example the United Nations sets by helping to mitigate violence in areas at risk of genocide during periods of transition, such as Sudan. We asked our members to take action by calling their Senators, speaking to friends and family and sending out Citizens for Global Solutions postcards about genocide prevention to their networks. We are thrilled that chapter members from across the country participated in the genocide prevention postcard campaign – we’ve sent over 500 postcards across the country. From Wisconsin to Maine to New York to Tennessee, we are grateful to our supporter base for their commitment to preventing genocide.



Credit: Anu Joshi

Volunteers Courtney Vick and Weena Joshi assist CGS Outreach Coordinator Anu Joshi man the CGS booth at Bonnaroo.



Credit: Anu Joshi

CGS’s Mel Crowley-Buck collects a Bonnaroo attendee’s signature for support for the introduction of a bill on genocide prevention.

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Upcoming Events

The World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP) and Citizens for Global Solutions are jointly organizing the 2011 Council meetings of the World Federalist Movement. The meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., from October the 24th-26th, 2011.

From the Desk of Ed Rawson



September 2011

Dear Friends:

Too many disruptions are causing threats of a global recession. Disturbing political and economic news comes daily from every corner of the globe: Europe and the Euro. The Arab spring. Drought in Africa. Lasting unemployment problems in many areas of the world. The US Treasuries have been unprecedentedly downgraded.

All of this proves the wisdom of the call for “Global Solutions to Global Problems” by Citizens for Global Solutions and the fact that we live in an irrevocably, integrated internet world with problems no one nation can solve alone.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

As our organization grows, so does the diversity and expertise of our board members. We are also pleased to welcome back past board members Wendell Harter, Hamilton F. Kean, and Ann Broderick Zill who were elected to serve again on the board of Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund.

New Board Members of Citizens for Global Solutions, Inc.

Jordan Bankhead started the Citizens for Global Solutions chapter in Oxford, Mississippi in 2009. Currently, his efforts focus on regional networking with other like-minded non-profits wishing to pursue international peace and justice. He received a Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Mississippi.

Karen Mulhauser has been providing consulting services to non-profit organizations, grant makers and candidates for public office since 1988. In addition, she brings many years of leadership experience as CEO and board member of domestic and international nonprofit groups. Karen currently serves as President of U.N. Association of the National Capital Area. Karen graduated from Antioch College and did graduate study at Tufts University.

Scott T. Paul was most recently the Making Amends Campaign Fellow for CIVIC. Scott served as Deputy Director of Government Relations for Citizens for Global Solutions and was our in-house expert on strategic communications. He did his undergraduate work at Columbia University and St. Petersburg State University, during which time he co-founded SustainUS, a nationwide youth organization promoting sustainable development. He recently received a J.D. from the New York University School of Law.

New Board Members of Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund

Ayca Ariyoruk was a Senior Associate at United Nations Association of the USA. Previously, she was a research fellow at the Center for U.N. Reform Education, where she founded UNReformWatch, offering brief analyses of breaking events and issues. Ayca was named the Marcia Robbins-Wilf International Young Scholar and Research Assistant at

the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Ayca received her Master's degree from the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Edison Dick was a partner in the law firm of Quinn, Jacobs, Barry and Dick from 1968 -1988. He served as Attorney-Consultant to the American Bar Association's Section of International Law and Executive Director of the ABA's International Legal Exchange program. He held leadership positions with the ABA's United Nations Affairs Committee and Section of International Law and with the United Nations Association, both nationally and in Washington, D.C. Eddie is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia Law School.

Jordie Hannum is the Deputy Director of the Better World Campaign of the United Nations Foundation in Washington, D.C. Previously, Jordie worked as a policy analyst for the Council of State Governments, for the Wesley Clark presidential campaign, and as a legislative aide to Congresswoman Constance Morella. Jordie received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and his Master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

Louisa Hart is a communications consultant, based in Washington, D.C., and helps a variety of businesses, non-profits and government agencies with media training, messaging and video production. Louisa started her career at "Meet the Press," and then became a news producer for WJLA-TV, the ABC affiliate in Washington, D.C., and Special Projects Producer for "USA Today - The Television Show." She founded the Department of Broadcast and Video Services at Porter Novelli, Inc., a multi-national public relations firm.



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