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From the United Nations Charter to the UN Human Rights Council:

Securing Human Rights in America and the World;

A History and Potential Future at
Serving Global Civil Society at the
Creation of the UN Charter and a New
Direction at the UN HR Council

June 26-27, 2009

San Francisco

USF School of Law

2199 Fulton Street

San Francisco, CA 94117

Kendrick Hall, Room 101

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Charter of the United Nations

We the Peoples Of the United Nations...

United for a Better World

June 26, 1945

The fourth annual United Nations Charter Day Human Rights Conference and March for Peace commemorates the historical role of the United States of America delegations consisting of Eleanor Roosevelt and the 42 NGOs representing the future of peoples movement popular participation in world affairs at the founding conference in San Francisco.

The focus of the 2009 conference is the dawn of the US membership on the newly created United Nations Human Rights Council. The conference will examine the evolution of US engagement in the promotion and protection of human rights from the articles enshrined in the UN Charter to the UN Human Rights Council and the role of NGOs. The conference focuses on initiatives by indigenous peoples, women's associations and environmental movements to defend human rights. The conference also includes the annual State of the Four Freedoms Around the World panel examining how freedom of speech, worship and freedom from fear and want are being realized in communities, countries and global civil society.

The speakers consist of grassroots activists and global advocates with first hand experiences on the frontlines of freedom. Highlights of the 4th annual will be reading of the Mayor's Proclamation at noon on June 26. Following there will be panels covering imminent issues relating to human rights in America and the world. The first day will conclude with the annual march for human rights on UN Charter Day at 7 p.m. from UN plaza to the Opera House with a rally including speakers and a candlelight vigil. One keynote address will be Nobel Peace Prize Laureate & Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Member and Stanford Professor Stephen H. Schneider at noon on Saturday. Panels will also follow his presentation and the conference will include the screening of Earth Wisdom: For a World in Crisis, which premiered at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York last month to conclude the conference on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

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Focus in First Four Years

- 2009 US Inaugural Year As Member on the UN Human Right Council
- 2008 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 2007 Urging UN General Assembly Adoption of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 2006 Urging UN Human Rights Council Adoption of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

2009 Panels

Friday, 26 June 2009

12:00 p.m. - The Role of Peoples Movements in America as a Voice for the Voiceless in the World:

From the United Nations Charter to the UN Human Rights Council

1:30 p.m. - The UN Human Rights Council:

A Review of Its History and America's Role to Guarantee a Future of Fundamental Freedoms

3:00 p.m. - US Renewed Commitment to Human Rights in America:

The Necessity for Ratification of CEDAW & CRC Now

4:30 p.m. - Google Earth & Ensuring Human Rights Through Technology:

A Potential High Tech & High Touch Tool for the Promotion & Protection for Human Rights

Saturday, 27 June 2009

12:00 p.m. - America's Commitment to Global Justice:

From the United Nations Charter to the Climate Change Crisis

1:30 p.m. - Ending the Scourge of War & Envisioning World Peace:

From Nonviolence Education to Abolishing Nuclear Weapons

2:15 p.m. - The Universal Periodic Review:

Preparing to Fulfill the Promise of America's Commitment to Equality

3:00 p.m. - State of the Four Freedoms Around the World:

Freedom of Worship and Speech; Freedom from Fear and Want

4:30 p.m. - Link TV: Television Without Borders

Panel Presentation & Screening of Earth Wisdom: For a World in Crisis