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Dear Friends in CVX-CLC,

World Christian Life Community will be present at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference this week in New York, August 27-29th! We will be co-sponsoring two workshops, and NY CLC member, Nicholas Kim, an ocean scientist, will make a presentation on the climate issue of how rising water levels are impacting coastal cities.



This 65<sup>th</sup> Annual UN DPI/NGO (Department of Public Information and Non-Governmental Organizations) Conference is entitled: 2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda. Its objectives of eradicating extreme poverty and sustainable development align with our CLC frontier priorities confirmed at the Lebanon Assembly: Globalization/ Poverty and Ecology. Plus, it offers a very informative and impactful way to participate in international advocacy. “A major civil society gathering at the UN, the Conference will provide an opportunity for civil society, international networks and activists to develop an Action Agenda to mobilize messaging, advocacy strategies, partnerships and accountability frameworks in the lead up to the launch of intergovernmental negotiations at the beginning of the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, due to culminate at a summit in September 2015.”

Recall that the Millennium Development Goals were established in 2000 with a target date of 2015. Because of their significant achievements, the international community has been promoting the creation of a new set of goals with a greater emphasis on sustainable development. Members of CVX Peru will be participating in events contributing to these sustainability development goals at COP20 Lima in December 2014.

The year “2015 is recognized to be a once-in-a-generation opportunity for transformational change.”

For more information:

1. Millennium Development Goals and Beyond  
<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/beyond2015-news.shtml>
2. Video on the Millennium Development Goals Snapshot 2014 —achievements since 1990:  
<http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/News.aspx?ArticleId=81>
3. DPI/NGO Conference Updates  
<http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/conference-2014/>

Also attending this conference in New York will be members of our CLC UN working group: Joan Woods, Marie Schimelfening, Mars Custodio, and Ann Marie Brennan. We will be keeping our eyes and ears open, looking for information for COP20 Lima, and seeking ways to collaborate with others. We plan to provide “brief” daily updates. Comments and questions are welcomed!

Please accompany us in prayer and solidarity that the Holy Spirit may embolden those in the Conference with fire and love in working toward the transforming of this world into Christ’s glorious kingdom!

In Christ’s Peace,

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