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Lions International Meets with Global Leaders to Discuss World Peace and Environmental Stewardship at the 2024 Lions Day with the United Nations

(New York City, New York, 03/1/24) -- On March 1, 2024, global leaders will convene with Lions with the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to discuss the important work being done by Lions and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs). This year's theme is "World Peace and Environmental Stewardship" and will feature a panel discussion along with the announcement of the [International Peace Poster](#) and [Essay Contest](#) winners.

"For generations, Lions and the United Nations have shared many common goals and worked together to further peace and prosperity," said Dr. Patti Hill, Lions International President. "When we work together to make positive changes – in our lives and in the lives of others – we can bring about a better, more peaceful world."

Lions' collaboration with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the non-governmental charter for the U.N. Each year, Lions and the U.N. celebrate their relationship, calling together leaders from government, business, and the nonprofit sector to explore solutions to pressing global needs.

The United Nations counts on Lion's 1.4 million members to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The [17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) promote equitable and inclusive progress for all humankind on a healthy planet.

New this year is the development of the Leo U.N. Ambassador position. As appointed representatives to the U.N., these Leos (young adults who serve alongside Lions club members) work to build relationships with U.N. officials, collaborate to find solutions to global challenges, and support our joint work in achieving the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals. The two Leo U.N. representatives are:

- Leo İncisu Dönmez from Istanbul, Türkiye, appointed representative to the World Food Programme (WFP).
- Leo Ishaan from New Delhi, India, appointed representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

"Our youth are our future, and it will take all of us working together to create a more harmonious and sustainable world for generations to come," said Lions International President Hill. "Lions and Leos are the backbone of our communities and are in our neighborhoods taking those first steps toward change through humanitarian service projects."

For more information or to find a Lions club in your area, visit lionsclubs.org/join.

About Lions International

Lions International represents Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions take on some of the greatest challenges facing our communities and the world through the service of 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs and the grant-funding support of our foundation. We improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need, locally and globally. At Lions International, we are serving a world in need. Learn more about who we are and what we do at lionsclubs.org.

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