Title: SPECIAL SESSION: The United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals

Type: Oral

Keywords: Global Initiatives, Sustainable Development Goals and United Nations

Description/Overview: The purpose of this presentation is to inform participants of the progress made in developing Sigma Theta Tau International's relationship with the United Nations to enhance the organization's global reach, impact and participation within the global healthcare community. An overview of the Sustainable Development Goals will also be discussed.

Final Number: G 02
Slot: G 02: Friday, 28 July 2017: 4:00 PM-4:30 PM

References:
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs
http://www.nursingsoceity.org/connect-engage/our-global-impact/stti-and-the-united-nations/this-is-your-united-nations

Learning Activity:

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<td>Recite the history of how STTI became a member of the United Nations, and identify the working structure of the United Nations and how it functions.</td>
<td>How STTI has become intentionally global to enhance the organization’s reach, impact and participation. Introduction of the United Nations, overview of committees and bodies, and its purpose and mission.</td>
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<td>Recognize how STTI is a member of the United Nations.</td>
<td>What it means for STTI to be a member of the United Nations and how the Sustainable Development Goals can support our mission and goals.</td>
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Abstract:

Sigma Theta Tau International provides a solid nursing presence at the United Nations and continues to conduct outreach around the world to help our nurse members better understand the work and aims of the United Nations, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

In July 2012, the United Nations Economic and Social Council granted Special consultative status to Sigma Theta Tau International, which refers to expertise in the field of nursing and global health. This move helps Sigma Theta Tau International demonstrate its commitment to achieving international cooperation toward solving humanitarian related issues while at the same time providing a blueprint for how the organization can support its mission and goals.

Special consultative status grants Sigma Theta Tau International greater privileges and access to nearly all intergovernmental processes at the United Nations dealing with economic and social development. This designation allows Sigma Theta Tau International to participate on United Nations committees through which it has a voice. As part of this affiliation, Sigma Theta Tau International commits to disseminate information and raise public awareness about the purposes and activities of the United Nations and related issues of global concern. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals is one way chapters can achieve the mission of Sigma Theta Tau International.

To help fulfill our mission, STTI has three volunteers – one United Nations liaison, two United Nations youth representatives - who are the ‘eyes and ears’ at various United Nations activities and events. Their purpose is to represent STTI to the United Nations by attending briefings, presentations and as appropriate, participating in United Nations committees, working groups, activities, and events.

The United Nations also provides a forum for its members to express their views in the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, and other bodies and committees. By enabling dialogue between its members, and by hosting negotiations, the United Nations has become a mechanism for governments to find areas of agreement and solve problems together.