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STTI and the United Nations: Our Record of Progress and the Work Ahead

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United Nations. (2017). United Nations - Sustainable Development Goals. Retrieved from United Nations: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

Sigma Theta Tau International. (2016). United Nations. Retrieved from Sigma Theta Tau International: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/connect-engage/our-global-impact/stti-and-the-united-nations>

Abstract Summary:

Sigma Theta Tau International holds Special consultative status with the United Nations. This presentation will inform members of what we have achieved by our relationship with United Nations, how our work has been accomplished and what to expect in the future.

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
The learner will be able to discuss our relationship with the United Nations and our involvement and responsibilities.	Our involvement with the United Nations; overview of Sustainable Development Goals

The learner will be able to explain the work STTI has accomplished and how we have accomplished it.	Each United Nations representative will explain their role and achievements with the United Nations
The learner will be able to discuss our future goals at the United Nations.	What STTI hopes to accomplish in the future

Abstract Text:

In 1985 the Society, formally known Sigma Theta Tau added "International" to its name to be mindfully global. Focusing on the past five years, STTI has made great strides in its global advancement. Most recently, the organization proactively moved to expand its global reach, including attaining Economic and Social Special consultative status with the United Nations and will work to support the global Sustainable Development Goals.

In July 2012, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) granted Special consultative status to STTI, which refers to expertise in the field of nursing and global health. This demonstrates STTI’s commitment to achieving international cooperation toward solving humanitarian related issues. This was predicated on the approval as an associated non-governmental organization (NGO) by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations (UN) in December 2009.

Through our United Nations affiliation, STTI commits to disseminate information and raise public awareness about the purposes and activities of the United Nations and related issues of global concern. STTI will continue to conduct outreach around the world to help our nurse members better understand the work of the United Nations, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To 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.

Guidelines have been developed to identify our representatives who represent STTI at various United Nations functions with the end goals of 1) encouraging and facilitating participation of STTI members and 2) to enhance the organization’s global reach, impact and participation within the global healthcare community. Additionally, a recruitment, selection, preparation and evaluation process has been developed, as well as a mechanism for documenting, compiling and reporting United Nations activities to members.