

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, 12 September 2023

10:00 - 12:00 Greeting Fellows and collecting grounds passes

12:00 - 01:00 Press briefing on the launch of the 2023 SDG Report

The Global Sustainable Development Report 2023, prepared by the Independent Group of Scientists, is launched at 12:30pm EST.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, 13 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Collecting passes

09:00 - 09:45 Welcoming Fellows

The RAF team and Chiefs of the Visitor Services Section (VSS) greet Fellows.

09:45 - 10:30 Secretary-General ringing the Peace Bell

The Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly celebrate the International Day of Peace in the Peace Garden.

10:45 - 11:30 Briefing on Public Health events (virtual)

Fellows are briefed on the High-Level events organized by WHO on pandemic prevention, universal health coverage and the fight against tuberculosis.

11:30 - 12:00 Greeting from Maher Nasser

Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, UN Department of Global Communications (DGC), greets the 2023 RAF Fellows.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:45 - 15:00 Briefing on the SDG Summit and the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development

Fellows are briefed by officials from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Sharon Birch, Public Information Officer, Sustainable Development Section, CCOD/DGC, on the SDG Summit (18-19 September) and the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development (20 September).

15:00 - 16:00 Briefing on the Climate Ambition Summit

Fellows are briefed by Jamil Ahmad, Director, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) New York Office.

16:00 - 17:00 Guided tour

17:00 - 17:30 Wrap-up

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 14 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 09:30 International Day of Peace - Photo zone

09:30 - 12:00 International Day of Peace (IDP) - Youth Observance

The theme for the 2023 International Day of Peace is Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.

11:00 - 12:00 Briefing on Information Centres Service (UNICs)

Fellows are briefed by Janos Tisovsky, Chief of UN Information Centres Service, CCOD/DGC, along with Directors from UN Information Centres in Argentina, Nigeria, and the Caribbean.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 13:15 Lunch break and meetup with former RAF Team

13:15 - 14:30 International Day of Peace Workshops

14:30 - 15:45 Briefing on News and Media Division

Fellows are briefed by Ian Philips, Director, News and Media Division (NMD) and NMD staff from UN News, Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU), Meetings Coverage Service, and Media Partnerships Unit.

16:00 - 17:00 Meeting with Under-Secretary-General Melissa Fleming

Melissa Fleming, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Global Communications, greets the 2023 RAF Fellows.

17:30 - 19:00 Informal networking session with UN-based correspondents

Fellows meet with journalists from the United Nations Correspondent Association (UNCA) and Dag Hammarskjold Journalism Fellows.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 15 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 09:45 Briefing on Security Council

Fellows are briefed by Nikolai Galkin, Senior Political Officer, UN Department of Political and Peace Affairs (DPPA).

10:00 - 11:00 SDG Pavilion Press Briefing

Press briefing with Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General; Achim Steiner, Administrator of UN Development Programme (UNDP); Selwin Hart, Special Advisor to Secretary-General on Climate Action; and Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, to preview the SDG Summit and the High-Level Week.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

13:00 - 14:00 VR Experience

UN Virtual Reality (UNVR) demonstration with Mykola Blyzniuk, Public Information Assistant, Visitor Service Section, OD/DGC.

14:00 - 15:00 International Democracy Day event

This year's theme for the International Day of Democracy: Empowering the next generation.

15:00 - 15:15 Photo opportunity with the President of the General Assembly

Fellows meet H.E. Dennis Francis from Trinidad and Tobago, President of the 78th General Assembly.

16:00 - 17:00 Briefing on Remembering Reham al-Farra

Hamid Abdeljaber, Lecturer at Rutgers University, shares his memories of the late Reham al-Farra, his former colleague.

17:30 - 18:30 A conversation with Sir Vincent Lyn

Sir Vincent Lyn, a Kung Fu grandmaster, movie actor, and humanitarian, shares his experiences with the Fellows.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 16 September 2023

10:00 - 18:00 SDG Summit Weekend: SDG Mobilization Day

SUNDAY, 17 September 2023

09:00 - 18:30 SDG Summit Weekend: SDG Acceleration Day

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 18 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 10:30 2023 SDG Summit: Opening and Plenary

The SDG Summit undertakes a comprehensive review of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provides high-level political guidance on accelerated actions towards 2030.

10:30 - 18:00 2023 SDG Summit: Leaders' Dialogues

The Dialogues elicit the participation of Heads of State and Government, and other major groups and stakeholders.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

16:00 - 17:30 Visit to ProPublica

Fellows have an in-person session at ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest.

TUESDAY, 19 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 14:45 UNGA78 - General Debate

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 21:00 UNGA78 - General Debate

15:00 - 19:00 2023 SDG Summit: Leaders' Dialogues (continued/closing segment)

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WEDNESDAY, 20 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 14:45 UNGA78 - General Debate

09:00 - 14:00 High-Level Meeting on Financing for Development

The High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development focuses on providing a new global framework for funding sustainable development.

10:00 - 13:00 Climate Ambition Summit

The Climate Ambition Summit aims to showcase leaders from government, business, finance, local authorities, and civil society who are working on accelerating the decarbonization of the global economy and delivering climate justice.

10:00 - 13:00 UN High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Overall theme is Making the World Safer: creating and maintaining political momentum and solidarity for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

11:00 - 14:00 Security Council Meeting on Ukraine

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 18:00 Climate Ambition Summit

15:00 - 21:00 UNGA78 - General Debate

15:00 - 18:00 High-Level Meeting on Financing for Development

15:00 - 18:00 UN High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 21 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 14:45 UNGA78 - General Debate

10:00 - 13:00 High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

The 2023 UN High-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage provides countries and stakeholders an opportunity to reinvigorate progress towards delivering health for all.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 21:00 UNGA78 - General Debate

15:00 - 18:00 High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

FRIDAY, 22 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 14:45 UNGA78 - General Debate

10:00 - 13:00 High-Level Meeting on the Fight Against Tuberculosis

The main objective of the meeting is to implement a comprehensive review of progress in the context of the achievement of targets set in the 2018 political declaration, and in the SDGs.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 21:00 UNGA78 - General Debate

15:00 - 18:00 High-Level Meeting on the Fight Against Tuberculosis

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 23 September 2023

09:00 - 14:45 UNGA78 - General Debate

15:00 - 21:00 UNGA78 - General Debate

16:00 - 22:00 Global Citizen Festival

Central Park

Global Citizen Festival is an annual music festival, bringing together artists, activists, world leaders, philanthropists, corporate leaders, and more, with the mission of ending extreme poverty.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 25 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 10:00 Virtual briefing on Human Rights

Fellows are briefed by Craig Mokhiber, former Director, NY Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

10:00 - 11:00 Briefing on Counter-Terrorism

Fellows are briefed by Mattias Sundholm, Communications Officer, Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).

11:00 - 12:00 Visit to Dag Hammarskjöld Library

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

13:15 - 17:15 In-person course on Digital Security and Mobile Journalism with Freedom of the Press Foundation

Fellows have in-person training at the Freedom of the Press Foundation, a non-profit organization that protects, defends, and empowers public-interest journalism.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, 26 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:00 - 10:00 Briefing with UN Women

Fellows are briefed by Ginette Azcona, Senior Policy Specialist, UN Women, on the "Gender Snapshot 2023" report.

10:00 - 13:00 High-level plenary meeting on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

This Day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority.

11:00 - 12:00 Lunch break

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

13:00 - 15:30 Visit to Wall Street Journal

Fellows visit the offices of *Wall Street Journal* to meet Gordon Fairclough, Global Editor, and other writers and editors.

15:00 - 18:00 High-level plenary meeting on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, 27 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:15 - 10:15 Briefing on Civil Society and Press Freedom

Fellows are briefed by Estelle Zadra, Senior UN Coordinator of UNESCO, and Felipe Queipo, Associate Information Officer, Civil Society Unit, OD/DGC.

10:30 - 11:30 Briefing on DPPA Innovation Cell

Fellows are briefed by Naoko Takahashi, Political Affairs Officer, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), on DPPA's innovative work on conflict prevention, mediation and peacebuilding.

12:00 - 13:00 Visit to UNTV Studios

Fellows visit UN Web TV , which broadcasts live and recorded UN meetings from around the world.

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:00 Briefing on Verified Campaign and Combating Mis/Disinformation

Fellows are briefed by Robb Skinner, Deputy Director, OD/DGC and Charlotte Scaddan, Senior Public Information Officer, Office of the Under-Secretary-General/DGC.

17:00 - 18:30 Visit to St John's University

Fellows visit St. John's University to have conversations with Journalism students and faculty.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 28 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:15 - 10:15 Briefing on Food Security

Fellows are briefed by Shada Moghraby, Spokesperson and Head of Communications for the NY Office of the World Food Programme (WFP).

10:30 - 11:30 Briefing on The Making of UNGA 78

Fellows are briefed by Kenji Nakano, Chief, General Assembly Affairs Branch, Department of General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM).

12:00 - 12:30 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing

With Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

12:30 - 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 - 14:00 Briefing on Refugees

Fellows are briefed by Firas Kayal, Senior Policy Advisor, NY Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

14:00 - 15:30 Briefing on Disarmament Affairs

Fellows are briefed by Suzanne Oosterwijk, Political Affairs Officer, Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA), along with other ODA staff, on nuclear, conventional, and emerging weapons, as well as youth activism.

16:00 - 17:00 Meeting with Selwin Hart, Special Adviser on Climate Action

Fellows meet Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General and Assistant Secretary-General of the Climate Action Team.

17:10 - 17:40 Meeting with Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General

Fellows meet Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General and Chair of the Sustainable Development Group.

2023 RAF JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 29 September 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Daily check-in

09:30 - 10:15 Meeting with Dennis Francis, President of the 78th General Assembly

Fellows meet H. E. Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly (PGA), to hear his agenda for his term as PGA and engage in Q&A.

11:00 - 12:00 Virtual Meeting with Committee to Protect Journalists

Fellows meet virtually with The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), an independent non-profit, non-governmental organization, which promotes press freedom and defends the rights of journalists.

12:00 - 13:20 Daily Spokesperson's Briefing and Meeting with Stéphane Dujarric

Fellows are briefed by Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General and engage in conversation and Q&A.

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

15:00 - 17:00 2023 RAF Fellows' Showcase

RAF Fellows make short presentations on the news pieces they have produced, as well as what they are planning to cover in the future. They also share their goals and impressions of the programme.

17:00 - 19:00 2023 RAF Final Ceremony

UNCA Room

Final ceremony with presentation of certificate of completion, followed by reception, featuring DGC Under-Secretary-General Melissa Fleming and Nobel Laureate Maria Ressa, CEO of Rappler and professor at Columbia University.