

Learning about multiculturalism from Mr. Nasser from UN/DPI



On Wednesday November 28th, 2018 in the assembly room in the Office of Global Engagement at UVU faculty, students and I had the unique pleasure of listening to Mr. Maher Nasser, Director of Outreach Division at United Nations Department of Public Information (UN/DPI). We rarely receive guests of such esteemed organizations, and the overall message of sustainable development goals (SDGs) through multilateral cooperation was well received.

The first major topic touched on by Director Nasser was that of the importance of multilaterally striving achieving our SDGs against terrorism in the world. Mr. Nasser's resume has been built on time spend in the middle-east, namely Gaza, Cairo and Jerusalem, which are often targets of terrorism. On a similar note Nasser talk about the importance of working

together, multilateralism will even help us globally fight against organized crime. The nature of both organized crime and terrorism often require coordinated efforts from several countries in order to properly eradicate them.

Another theme of his message focused specifically on global warming. He outlined the specific importance of how multilateral cooperation towards specific goals could create great stride in fighting climate change. He spoke of the consequences of climate change and what could happen if we did not work together. He closed this subject guiding all of us to become active locally to help elect and influence our politicians. Through small changes we can create a meaningful change together.

On a lighter and more exciting note he promoted the UN Sustainable Development Summit happening here in Salt Lake City in August of 2019. We are all at UVU very excited to attend and contribute to it. This occasion is the first time that the UN conference of such a high level will take place outside of the UN.

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