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70 Years United Nations Dresden Celebrates in the World Trade Center

The United Nations (UN) is celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year – and all of Dresden is welcome to join in! On the 23 October a public fair will take place in the Atrium of the World Trade Center (WTC). Host is the Dresden Institute of the UN University, together with the City of Dresden, the German United Nations Association, the Technische Universität Dresden, Unicef Dresden, the Local Agenda Dresden 21 Association and the World Trade Center.

‘Since its establishment the United Nations has, more than any other organization, embodied the hope of humanity for a peaceful world with improved living conditions for all,’ explains Prof. Reza Ardakanian, Director of the UN University Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) in Dresden. With its headquarters in Tokyo, the UN University has institutes in two German cities – Bonn and Dresden. UNU-FLORES in Dresden conducts research and post-graduate training on the sustainable management of environmental resources – an important topic this year for the United Nations. The UN has declared the motto for 2015 ‘Time for Global Action – For People and For Planet’. Building on the Millennium Development Goals countries and citizens of the world came together this year at the United Nations and adopted a new sustainable development agenda – the Sustainable Development Goals. These decisions will determine the global course of action to end poverty, promote prosperity and well-being for all, protect the environment and address climate change.

This will also be the topic of UN Day Dresden 2015. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. visitors can enjoy a live stage programme and an interactive info-fair for all ages. At the festival in the Atrium of the World Trade center, young and old alike can learn about the work and goals of the United Nations and its relevance in our daily lives through with games and workshops while listening to multicultural music performances. Free rides on the Unicef Children’s Tram “Lottchen” will be available departing from the WTC.

The festivities will be rounded off with a UN Spotlight Talk with Ralf Südhoff, Head of the UN World Food Programme Office Berlin, and other representatives from academia and civil society on the proposed Goal #2 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, ‘End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture’. This will be followed by the award ceremony for the 16. Agenda 21 Prize Competition. The “Local Agenda 21 for Dresden” prize recognizes civil engagement devoted to furthering education for sustainable development. The EUR 2500 prize money is sponsored by DREWAG Stadtwerke Dresden GmbH. The slogan for the Lions Club Dresden Agenda 21 prize is “Think global – act local” and is awarded to projects that contribute to promoting sustainable living standards in Dresden. The sponsors of the event are GELSENWASSER Dresden GmbH, DREWAG, Steuerkanzlei D. Müller-Greven and Interoffice

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