

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

## WESTMINSTER BRANCH



*Campaigning for a strong, credible and effective UN*



in association with  
the International Relations Committee, the Bar Council  
and the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS

### **8<sup>th</sup> Ruth Steinkraus-Cohen International Law Lecture** *supported by Clifford Chance*

#### ***The case for an International Court for the Environment***

#### **Stephen Hockman QC**

Stephen Hockman QC is proposing a body similar to the International Court of Justice in The Hague to be the supreme legal authority on issues regarding the environment. The court, to be led by retired judges, climate change experts and public figures, would also fine countries or companies that fail to protect endangered species or degrade the natural environment and enforce the "right to a healthy environment". As well as providing resolution between states, the court will also be useful for multinational businesses in ensuring environmental laws are kept to in every country. The unclear outcome to the recent Copenhagen conference on Climate Change demands continued public pressure on governments to commit to agreement and thereby to answerability. We welcome you to listen to this visionary yet practical proposal and to join in the subsequent debate. Stephen Hockman, a former Chairman of the Bar, is Head of Chambers at 6 Pump Court which focuses on regulatory, environmental and health and safety law. He is a member of the Secretary of State for Defence's Advisory Group on the Environment and an immediate past Chairman of the Environmental Law Foundation, and a trustee of ClientEarth.

**Monday, 8 March 2010 at 6.30pm**

followed by a reception

**The Lecture Theatre**

**Brunei Gallery Building**

**School of Oriental and African Studies**

**Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1**

Attending barristers will be accredited with 1.5 hours CPD

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**Please register for this free event by 3 March through  
UNA Westminster, 61 Sedlescombe Road, London SW6 1RE  
or *[info@unawestminster.org.uk](mailto:info@unawestminster.org.uk)***

## **Future Meetings**

**16 March at 5.30pm**

**Alexander Fleming Building, Imperial College, SW7**

***Enter by Imperial College Road, off Exhibition Road***

### **UN Millennium Development Goal 6: A Report sheet on progress**

**Prof Peter Davies** *Director, Tuberculosis Research Unit, Cardiothoracic Centre*

**Sanjoy Bhattacharya** *Wellcome Trust*

**Professor Karol Sikora** *Medical Director, CancerPartnersUK*

**TBA** *Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria*

**Professor Alan Fenwick** *Imperial College London (Chairman)*

The UN's Millennium Development Goal 6 set the world specific targets: to have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major diseases and to achieve, by 2010, universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all those who need it. UNA Westminster Branch has joined in bringing together leading experts to review progress and to help medical students properly understand the MDG goals, why they were chosen and to appreciate the process itself, the reasons for achievement or shortfall and lessons learned. This meeting is being held in association with the Imperial College School of Medicine Students Union Tropical Medicine Group and the Imperial College Friends of Medicines sans Frontières.

**March/April (*date and location to be determined by General Election schedule*)**

### **Who deserves to be elected to the UN Human Rights Council?**

States seeking election to the UN Human Rights Council must publish voluntary pledges to enable all UN Member States when voting to take into account their contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights. The names of candidate states will be published shortly ahead of the Council election on 21 May. We will invite the ambassadors of three of these to discuss their governments' records in a pioneer civic society initiative.

**20 May from 10am**

**Royal United Services Institute, Whitehall**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Conference to mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers**

Expert speakers from different countries will review progress in peacekeeping and allied fields. The diplomatic community's wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph will be held at 1pm.

Please watch our website for further details

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