

## Global Consultation and Annual Meeting, UNA-Westchester,

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## Bios for main speakers



Representative Eliot L. Engel is the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also sits on the Energy and Commerce Committee, is a member of the Democratic Task Force on Health and serves on the Commission on Human Rights. Chairman Engel has been a leader in global health, promoting an improved reauthorization of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Assistance (PEPFAR), expanding it to include the Stop Tuberculosis Now Act, which provides increased U.S. support for international TB control activities. Chairman Engel is a leader in the House of Representatives on U.S. policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean. He has a B.A. in History, a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from the City University of New York (Lehman College) and a law degree from New York Law School. A lifelong resident of the Bronx, Chairman Engel is married to Pat Engel

and they have three children. See full bio: <a href="https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/chairman">https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/chairman</a>.

**Peter Yeo** is President of the Better World Campaign and Senior Vice President for United Nations Foundation. Peter Yeo leads the Foundation's strategic engagement with the U.S. Congress and the



Administration to advance policy changes that support the UN's work for global progress. Under Yeo's leadership, the Foundation has helped ensure that the U.S. remains a strong leader at the UN and that Americans can easily connect with their policymakers in support of the UN and key global health issues such as vaccines, malaria and adolescent girls. He was at the forefront of efforts to forge a strategic alliance between the Foundation and UNA-USA to create the largest network of UN supporters across the U.S. Yeo joined the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Campaign after two decades of work on Capitol Hill, where he shepherded legislation to authorize the PEPFAR program to combat HIV-AIDS, while at the U.S. Department of State.

J. Yuhanna Edwards is president of the United Nations Association of Westchester and has served on the Board for several years, including as Advocacy Chair. He has served as a member of the Mount Vernon City Council and has held other city government posts, including Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and director of Civil Defense and Emergency Services. He is also a New York State licensed insurance consultant. As a combat paramedic in the Vietnam War, Mr. Edwards received a gunshot wound and was honorably discharged in 1968. In addition to the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Distinguished



Service Military Awards, Mr. Edwards has received numerous awards for his dedication to youth and senior citizens and outstanding community service. Mr. Edwards is a graduate of Mercy College. He has recently lost his wife of 52 years; he lives in Mount Vernon and has three children and five grandchildren.

**Troy G. Wolfe** is Senior Director, Partnerships & Special Initiatives at the United Nations Foundation (UNF), where he creates partnerships that raise awareness about the United Nations and engage civil society in calls for advocacy. His service to UNA-USA over nine years includes the management of grants, K-12 educational programming and philanthropic initiatives that leverage the resources of the UNF. Mr. Wolfe works closely with the U.S. Mission to the UN, local government, and the 220 chapters of UNA-USA. He has extensive knowledge of international development resulting from his work with the U.S. Peace



Corps (Suriname) and Operation Crossroads Africa (Lesotho). He was recently appointed to serve as Co-Chair, Outreach and Engagement Committee, for the 68th Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. He holds an M.A. in Instructional Technology and Media from Teachers College, Columbia University, NY and a B.A. in English with a minor in Education from Lincoln University, PA.