

## **Title: Connection – Art for Sustainable Development**

**Date:** June. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Sputnik Area, United Nations Headquarter

### **Event Description:**

*Connection – Art for SDGs* is a mission-driven reception that celebrates the transformative role of art in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through cultural diplomacy, creative expression, and global cooperation. Held in recognition of United Nations Charter Day, this event brings together artists, educators, diplomats, and members of the international community to honor the enduring power of art in fostering peace, sustainability, and inclusion.

The reception also serves as the official closing of the day's *Arts for Sustainable Development* conference, offering a moment of reflection and celebration following a full day of dialogue and knowledge exchange.

This year's reception proudly features the joint felt art initiative in collaboration with the Shanghai Public Art Cooperation Center (PACC), showcasing installations that explore themes of coexistence, environmental harmony, and social connection. By highlighting public art and the preservation of intangible cultural heritage, the event reaffirms the legacy of traditional artistic practices and their relevance in shaping a sustainable future. Through this gathering, *Connection* underscores art's enduring capacity to bridge cultures, elevate voices, and inspire collective action toward global development goals.

### **Event Schedule:**

#### **6:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Guest Arrival & Artist Appreciation**

Guests are welcomed as the event opens with a special artist pledge gratitude to UNITAR-NYO on United Nations Charter Day, recognizing the role of the arts in advancing the SDGs.

#### **6:30 PM – 7:00 PM | UNTV Broadcast Segment**

This segment will be broadcast live on UNTV, highlighting the intersection of art, diplomacy, and sustainable development.

- **6:30 PM – 6:40 PM | Opening Remarks**

*H.E. Ambassador Marco A. Suazo*

Head of UNITAR-NYO

Ambassador Suazo will open the evening with reflections on the role of cultural diplomacy and the significance of Charter Day.

- **6:40 PM – 6:50 PM | Special Address**

*Mr. Amine Mechaal*

Teachers College, Columbia University

Mr. Mechaal will speak on the role of education and the arts in fostering sustainable and

inclusive global development.

- **6:50 PM – 6:55 PM | Artist & UN Community Reflections**

*Mr. Amaj Rahimi Midani*

Brief remarks from contributing artists and members of the UN community on the transformative power of art in support of the SDGs.

- **6:55 PM – 7:00 PM | Closing Remarks**

*Mr. Thomas Burrill*

Mr. Burrill will close the broadcast portion by reaffirming the unifying spirit of art in international cooperation and sustainable action.

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Reception**

Following the UNTV broadcast, guests are invited to continue the evening with a reception—an opportunity for dialogue, networking, and celebration of shared commitments to peace, sustainability, and cultural exchange.