Diplomatic Courier Convenes UNGA 81 Dialogues Alongside the UN General Assembly

At Signals House, high–level discussions examine paths to achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on education, healthcare, and philanthropy.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- It's nothing but noise out there as leaders gather for the 81st session of the UN General Assembly. Diplomatic Courier is convening Signals House as part of its UNGA 81 Dialogues from September 21–25, to sort through this unprecedented noise and to focus on what matters as we close in on the 2030 deadline for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The UNGA 81 Dialogues, co-hosted by Diplomatic Courier's futuristic global action platform World in 2050, feature three Signal Salons and a Diplomatic Soirée, each convened through the organization's Global Embassy.

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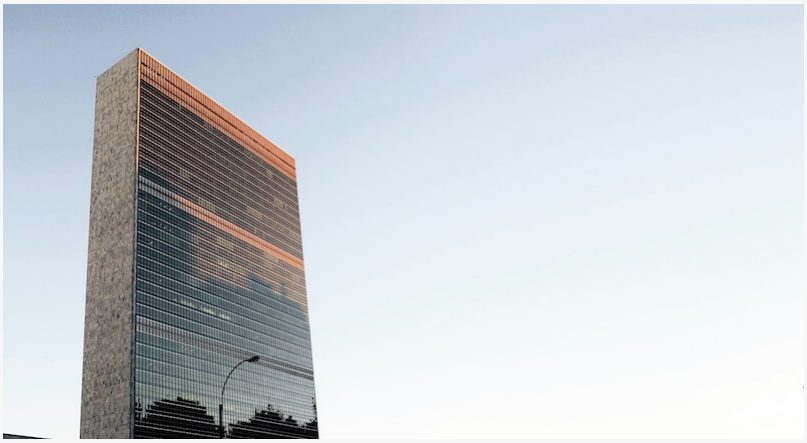
"For decades, leaders have come to New York each September to name shared challenges and seek common ground," said Diplomatic Courier CEO and Founder Ana C. Rold. "Signals House exists for the harder question that follows: who will build the systems to meet these challenges, and how do we do it together?"

Sensemaking Amid Unparalleled Noise:
Each Signal Salon builds on a series of previous Diplomatic Courier convenings held over the last year in Zurich, New York, Washington, DC, Paris, Austin, TX, San Francisco, and beyond. Those insights are captured and brought forward to other convenings, informing what comes next. The salons are built to cultivate reflection and connection, opening up new avenues for action.

"We designed Signal Salons to help surface the quiet signals that are easily missed in our noisy

world," said Diplomatic Courier Editor-in-Chief Shane Szarkowski. "The diverse room helps our delegation test assumptions and build shared understanding during moments of transition. Members of World in 2050's expert network often act as delegates, carrying insights forward and to the world at large."



Diplomatic Courier marks its 20th anniversary with UNGA 81 Dialogues in New York on the future of education, philanthropy, and healthcare. Photo credit: Daryan Shamkhali via Unsplash.



Signals House will host forums and a Diplomatic Soirée featuring the new book "Everyone's Business" and an Envoy Award presentation. Photo credit: Diplomatic Courier.

Signal Salons at the UNGA 81 Dialogues:
The Education Futures Forum seeks to define the New Foundational Literacies that younger generations will need to navigate and lead our world, as well as what it will take to finance and deliver them at scale.

The Philanthropy Futures Forum examines how the philanthropy sector can evolve collaboratively to better withstand the new pressures of its expanding role.

The Collaboration for Climate and Health Impact roundtable explores opportunities for collective action among leaders in consumer goods, healthcare, insurance, and finance.

Celebrating Twenty Years:
Diplomatic Courier will celebrate its twentieth anniversary with a Diplomatic Soirée at Signals House. The event brings together Diplomatic Courier's closest partners and stakeholders for an evening of reflection and connection. The formal programme includes the launch of a new book: "Everyone's Business: Twenty Years of Diplomacy Beyond the Corridors," by Ana C. Rold, and recognition of the 2026 Diplomatic Courier Envoy Award honoree George Papandreou, former Prime Minister of Greece.

Diplomatic Courier at the SDG Media Zone:
The Diplomatic Courier team will also be at the UN SDG Media Zone for the third year in a row, producing new multimedia programming together with partners Learning Economy Foundation and PVBLIC Foundation.

Future Tense, hosted by Ana C. Rold; produced by Pamela Kelley Lauder and Marcellus McIntosh:
Rold brings her Future Tense podcast to the SDG Media Zone on September 22. She will interview an array of global leaders and ambassadors working to help the future arrive well. The Diplomatic Courier team will also be onsite capturing insights from partners and visitors.



Ana C. Rold, CEO of Diplomatic Courier, returns to the SDG Media Zone for a special session on the future of health and to tape special episodes featuring UN leaders for Future Tense. Photo credit: Diplomatic Courier.

Advancing Healthier Futures: The Health Systems We Haven't Built Yet:
Televised live September 25 on UN TV in the SDG Media Zone, and organized by the UN Department of Global Communications in collaboration with the PVBLIC Foundation, the session explores what it will take to build health systems capable of handling growing pressures like non-communicable diseases and aging populations.

Transforming Global Education:
Learning Economy Foundation, in collaboration with PVBLIC Foundation and Diplomatic Courier, is demonstrating and launching EducationOS. Designed to be a digital public good accessed and adopted freely by any education system, EducationOS is structured with data sovereignty, transparency, and learner consent at its heart. It provides open access for education systems to choose, deploy, and manage edtech tools, credential wallets, and data systems that are trustworthy and effective without being locked into costly proprietary systems. A public demonstration on September 22 will be followed by a panel and discussion with ministers from countries already piloting EducationOS. An official launch announcement will follow on September 24.

The Path Forward:
Insights from the UNGA 81 Dialogues will be synthesized in a series of published Signal Briefs and the focus of future convenings, including events alongside the 2027 World Economic Forum in Davos.

About Diplomatic Courier and World in 2050:
Diplomatic Courier is a global media network and convening platform dedicated to advancing dialogue, fostering collaboration, and helping the future arrive well. Through its World in 2050

foresight think tank and Global Embassy civic initiatives, DC brings together leaders across sectors and generations to translate insight into action.

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