



"Ukraine Celebrates the UN International Mother Language Day" Special Event

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the UN, in cooperation with the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations, Ukrainian World Congress, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Ukrainian National Women's League of America and Volya Institute, is organizing a special event:

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Monday, February 22, 2016
1:15 to 2:30 PM
Conference Room 2
United Nations Headquarters

Programme

Volodymyr Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN,
Greetings and Opening Remarks

Ihor Dlaboha,
International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global
Challenges (IAAI) & Vinculum Foundation,
Moderator

Panelists

Yuri Shevchuk, PhD
Department of Slavic Languages, Columbia University
Ukrainian Identity and Language in Ukraine after the EuroMaidan

Sofika Zielyk (Ukrainian) and Marina Calendar (English)
Dramatic Reading

Ayla Bakkalli

USA Representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis at the UN Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues

Persecution of Mother Tongue and the Violation of Cultural Rights in Occupied Crimea

Akhtem Esatov

Crimean Tatar Youth, Brooklyn, NY

Dramatic reading

Olesia Gordynska Ensemble

Musical selections performed by:

Nadia Gordynska, Volodymyr Gordynskyj, Olesia Gordynska, Viktor Pokydiuk, Mykola
Gavlishyn

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