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OPENING NIGHT of 13th Annual United Nations Association Film Festival
Kicks Off On With the Theme
POPULATION – MIGRATION - GLOBALIZATION

Palo Alto, CA.—The 13th Annual United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) will open on Friday, October 22 in historic downtown Palo Alto at **the Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson Street.**

The evening starts with the short film **WAGAH** (*Germany/India/Pakistan*) about Indian and Pakistan border and continues with the powerful film **CLIMATE REFUGEES** (*Bangladesh/China/Tuvalu/USA*). For the first time, the Pentagon now considers climate change a national security risk. The UN currently states that more refugees are now displaced by environmental disasters than by war, more than 25 million climate refugees and experts have projected that number will double within the next five years to over 50 million. Also, the film is special Tribute to Stephen Schneider, Stanford professor of Environmental Biology and Global Change who served as a consultant to Federal Agencies and White House staff in the Nixon, Carter, Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush and Obama administrations. In 2007 he received with Al Gore a collective Nobel Peace Prize for his joint efforts with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He died three months ago. **Filmmakers present.**

Opening Night continues with the US Premiere **EDUCATION ON THE BOAT** (*Bangladesh*) which follows impoverished children from the North-East region of Bangladesh—a region inundated with water—as they learn to read and write on the boat. Two more shorts will round out the evening. Ethiopia suffers from some of the worst environmental damage the world has ever seen. **TESTFAYE** (*Ethiopia*) tells the story about a middle-aged native Ethiopian and his search for hope. In **THE OLD IMMIGRANT'S DANCE** (*USA*) four different elderly Latinos find the courage to forge a new life in the United States. **Filmmakers present.**

The **Opening Night** reception is sponsored by one of the best Bay Area restaurants Junnoon in downtown Palo Alto.

For the full program and details visit www.unaff.org or call 650-724-5544.