



**Towards a United Nations Declaration  
for the International Year of Glass 2022**

IT IS ON!!!

Over the past 60 years, the General Assembly of the United Nations has acknowledged important fields of international endeavour and their contributions to society by declaring United Nations International Years.

The International Commission on Glass are applying to have the year of 2022 declared as the Year of Glass by the United Nations.

Based on worldwide enthusiasm for this initiative and our knowledge of protocol necessary for passage of this resolution, a UN Year of Glass is indeed feasible.

A UN endorsed Year of Glass would truly be a worthy celebration of glass as the most transformative material in the history of humankind, and would signal the Dawn of the Glass Age.

Extensive planning is now underway to make possible a UN Year of Glass in 2022, to include a kick-off meeting in Geneva. We hope that the event will result in special issues of journals and magazines, exhibitions in museums, and public and private glass collections, and universal dissemination activities at all education levels.

As part of initial planning we wish to reach out to: the glass industry (flat and hollow), glass machinery manufacturers, art and scientific glass-themed societies; glass makers, fabricators and suppliers; academia, R&D centers and museums, both to share the concept and to ask for formal endorsement. Our initial aim is a successful resolution at the UN General Assembly in July 2020

UN protocol requires letters of endorsement from many organizations from across the world. Hence, to the objective of this communication - could you write a letter of endorsement for the proposed Year of Glass? It should be addressed to:

**Prof. Alicia Durán**

**Chair of the Steering Committee for an International Year of Glass, and  
President of the international Commission on Glass**

**Date:**

**Email: [manager@iyog2022.org](mailto:manager@iyog2022.org)**

In your letter, please consider reference to:

**Re: Letter of support for an Application to the UN for an International Year of Glass**

- Your enthusiastic support for a UN declaration of a Year of Glass.
- How your organization might gain from a Year of Glass and how you might support this worldwide undertaking. Please, include the data of the organization (address and responsible, email, type of organization: association, R&D centre, education, academia, university, company, museum, etc)

- What goals would it help you achieve?
- Why would it be good for advancement of the fields of glazing, glass manufacturing, glass science and glass art? Including ideas about activities to develop in 2022 in the frame of IYoG2022 are welcome.
- Anticipation of many positive outcomes including support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. (The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030)

I am the ICG councillor for the Australian, New Zealand and Asian region so feel free to contact me directly if you are based in any of those regions. We shall be organising workshops and information sessions over the next few weeks. If you want one in your area please let me know and I will try to arrange it.

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