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United Nations Model UN Youth Summit

Friday, 12 April 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

United Nations Headquarters

Model United Nations (MUN) simulations are popular for those interested in learning more about the United Nations (UN). It is estimated that more than 400,000 students worldwide participate every year in MUN at all educational levels – from primary school to university.

While MUN has always involved researching and debating important global issues, the UN's Department of Public Information (DPI) would like to see it become an actual agent of change in communities across the globe. It supports the evolution of MUN into a community that could take real action to support the UN and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As a first step, DPI's Education Outreach Section, in collaboration with MUN Impact, will hold the inaugural United Nations Model UN Youth Summit on 12 April in New York. This one-day event will feature workshops and plenaries led by inspiring student leaders and UN experts who will share their experiences and ideas on how to transform MUN into a force for positive change. Whether currently active in MUN or interested in becoming involved, participants will leave with a toolkit of ideas, a network of support and a new action-oriented vision for their MUN clubs or conferences.

Following a substantive discussion on how the UN is working to implement the SDGs around the world, workshop sessions will be held, including among others:

- **Planning for Impact:** Concrete ways to bring action and service to your MUN conference
- **UN Connect:** Learning how to tap into current UN campaigns and initiatives to connect your MUN program to the UN
- **Delegates supporting Delegates:** Inspirational stories of delegates helping delegates to bring MUN to new and underserved communities
- **Real Time/Real Action:** Learning how to develop a successful social media campaign that will inspire students to take meaningful action in support of the SDGs

This event will be open to students between the ages of 15 and 24. Students under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone. In advance of the summit, participants will be asked to submit presentations, detailing specific actions that they have taken to advance the SDGs. A select few will have the opportunity to present their outcomes at the event – to inspire youth to engage with the UN and take concrete steps to help achieve the SDGs. A press team led by students will manage social media outreach throughout the day, helping to raise awareness of the SDGs and motivate students to join this worldwide effort. The request to present an SDG project must be received by 1 December 2018. For questions, please contact education-outreach@un.org.