

Youth @ SAIIA

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



SAIIA UNA-USA *Global Classrooms*®: Johannesburg Model United Nations Conference 7 September 2013

Dear Educators,

Please see the attached topic information and school registration form for this year's **SAIIA UNA-USA *Global Classrooms*®: Johannesburg Model United Nations Conference**. The conference will take place on 7 September 2013 at the Wits Science Stadium on the main campus of the University of the Witwatersrand. Space is limited for our large conference, and as we usually have more interest than spaces available it is important to return the School Registration Form as soon as possible. Registration deadline is 7 June 2013, ***but allocation of countries and topics will be on a first come first serve basis.***

We will allow an initial entry of two teams of three per school, with a possibility of more teams allocated later in a lottery system. Please indicate the total number of teams your school wishes to enter on the School Registration Form.

SAIIA Young Leaders Conference

Top participants from the 2013 Model United Nations programme will be invited to take part in this week-long conference at SAIIA's Head Office at Wits University 8-13 December 2013. As part of the conference learners will get to hear from experts and inspiring leaders on issues related to international affairs, and hold their own youth negotiations on global issues.

New in 2012: Mini-MUN

In efforts to create more opportunities for learners and educators to be able to participate in Model United Nations, SAIIA is pleased to announce the expansion of Mini-MUN. A separate calendar of Mini-MUN conferences will be available on our website and in our Facebook group. We encourage your school to take part in at least one Mini-MUN conference before the large conference in September to better prepare your teams.

Tutoring

Tutoring continues to be a crucial part of Youth@SAIIA's programmes. Over the last year we have continued to increase our engagement with university level students. Tutoring information, including workshops, holiday tutoring in July, and school visits will be available on our website in April.

Topics and Handbook

Please see below for this year's sessions and topics. *Please return the School Registration Form to youth@saiia.org.za or send by fax to 086 295 1064.* Please ensure that you return your school registration form ASAP as county allocations will be made on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. New more extensive topic packs with more detailed background guides on each committee will be issued once your school has been allocated a country and a session. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact youth programmes.

COMMITTEE 1: AFRICAN UNION (AU)

TOPIC: THE SITUATION IN MALI

Taking into account the on-going developments in Mali, and the UN backed, African-led International Support Mission to Mali (AFISMA), delegates are tasked with finding a possible strategy to restore peace. Delegates must find ways to promote a stable political and economic situation while dealing with al-Qaeda presence in the area. Delegates will also need to address the imploding humanitarian issues in Mali and how the root causes of instability can be addressed in a sustainable way to avoid future conflict.

Countries Represented:

Algeria	Ghana	Republic of Congo
Angola	Kenya	Rwanda
Botswana	Lesotho	Senegal
Burundi	Liberia	Somalia
Cameroon	Malawi	South Africa
Chad	Mali	Sudan
Democratic Republic of Congo	Mozambique	Tanzania
Egypt	Namibia	The Gambia
Eritrea	Niger	Tunisia
Ethiopia	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
<u>International Observers:</u>	European Union	United States of America

COMMITTEE 2: G20

TOPIC: FOOD SECURITY

In the lead up to this year's G20 meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia, this special session of the Group of Twenty (G20) will look at issues around global food security. Delegates of this session will have to consider issues such as the global availability, accessibility and distribution of food across all levels of society. Food security is not an isolated topic and to fully understand its implications for the world, delegates will need to look at how it is affected by other issues such as climate change, environmental degradation and conflict. Conversely, delegates will also need to look at how food (in) security impacts nutrition, health and overall human security.

Countries Represented:

Argentina	European Union	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Australia	France	Japan	South Africa
Brazil	Germany	Mexico	Turkey
Canada	India	Republic of Korea	United Kingdom
China, P.R.C.	Indonesia	Russian Federation	United States of America

COMMITTEE 3: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS (UNOOSA)

TOPIC: PEACEFUL USES FOR OUTER SPACE

With the development of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) in South Africa, many of us have started to think about the universe beyond our planet. While the SKA will focus more on deep space research, numerous issues that deal with space issues closer to earth are of great interest to the United Nations and its member states.

Outer space is used for developing science and technology, commercial purposes, communications and even tourism. Possible future arms races and weaponization of space, as well as the increasing amount of space debris pose serious threats to these more 'peaceful' uses of outer space. Delegates of this committee will need to come together to discuss ways to encourage states to develop peaceful uses for outer space, and to potentially create a treaty to ban or restrict certain space related actions.

Countries Represented:

Argentina	France	Israel	Pakistan	Turkmenistan
Australia	Germany	Japan	Russian Federation	Ukraine
Belarus	India	Mexico	Saudi Arabia	United Kingdom
Brazil	Indonesia	Nigeria	South Africa	United States of America
China, P.R.C.	Iran	Norway	Turkey	Vietnam

COMMITTEE 4: UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

TOPIC: THE STATE OF PEACEKEEPING

Delegates of this committee need to assess the current state of peacekeeping. Themes that will be addressed include logistical issues like the financing of operations, the commitment of UN member states to contribute peacekeepers, the training and capacity of peacekeepers, and the adhering to of timelines for missions. Other issues concerning women in peacekeeping, judiciary processes and the role of other parts of the UN system in operations will also need to be considered by the committee.

Countries Represented:

Permanent Members

France
China, P.R.C.
Russian Federation
United Kingdom
United States of America

Non-Permanent Members

Argentina
Australia
Azerbaijan
Guatemala
Luxembourg
Morocco
Pakistan
Republic of Korea
Rwanda
Togo

COMMITTEE 5: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

TOPIC: HUMANITARIAN HEALTH ACTION

Delegates of this committee will need to evaluate current health related responses to natural disasters, and to propose recommendations for improving systems going forward. This session will consider health issues during and immediately following disasters such as control of disease outbreak, water and sanitation, proper disposal of the deceased and long-term projects to re-build and/or stabilise health facilities.

Countries Represented:

Australia	Democratic Republic of Congo	India	New Zealand	South Africa
Brazil	Finland	Iraq	Philippines	Switzerland
Burkina Faso	France	Japan	Romania	Syria
China, P.R.C.	Germany	Kiribati	Russian Federation	Thailand
Costa Rica	Haiti	Mozambique	Somalia	United States of America

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

School Information

School Name:

School Address:

School Telephone Number:

School Fax Number:

Is your school interested in Mini-MUN? **TO ATTEND** **TO HOST** **BOTH**

Is your school new to Model United Nations? **YES** **NO**

If NO, how many years has your school participated in Model United Nations?

Do your learners have access to the Internet? **YES** **NO**

How many teams would your school like to enter?

For Supervising Teacher(s)

Name(s):

Cell Phone Number(s):

Subject(s) You Teach:

Email:

Preferred Session/Topics

(Please note that your preference will be considered, but we cannot guarantee that your school will get assigned to a preferred choice.)

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:

Preferred Country Region- Please number your list in order of your preference

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Africa:

Europe:

Asia:

North America:

Australasia and Pacific:

South America:

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BY FAX 086 295 1064 ATTENTION TO THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**