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### SAIIA TURNS 80 IN 2014

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, and continues to fulfil its mission of providing input into policy development and promoting balanced dialogue and debate on issues critical to Africa's advancement and its engagement in the world. For the fifth consecutive year SAIIA has been ranked the leading think tank in sub-Saharan Africa by international peer review in the University of Pennsylvania Global Think Tank Survey. We believe we have much to celebrate at this special milestone in our history.

### YOUTH@SAIIA

For over 20 years SAIIA has been involved, both at Jan Smuts House and through its branches, in youth development programmes to interest young South Africans in international affairs – and to provide them with the relevant skills to engage meaningfully with global issues.

Outreach to young people was a key legacy project of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign in 2009, and as a result we were able to employ a Youth Development Officer (YDO) to co-ordinate our existing activities and develop a strategy for youth outreach. Working together with student and branch volunteers in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape, and with colleagues at Jan Smuts House, the YDO has expanded the programme substantially: both in terms of the increased number of schools participating and in the wide range of thematic areas covered.

YOUTH@SAIIA refers to all the youth activities at SAIIA and it currently co-ordinates three programmes: the Environmental Sustainability Project, Model United Nations, and Inter-school Quizzes. Each of these programmes feed into our annual SAIIA Young Leaders Conference.

Our programmes reach a wide range of schools, creating a forum where young people and educators from various cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds are able to work together not just to identify issues, but also to explore solutions.

In 2013 SAIIA reached over 5 000 learners, university students and high school educators through these outreach and development programmes. The enthusiasm of learners has been

overwhelming and we have struggled to keep up with the requests from schools for inclusion in the various programmes.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

Model UN (MUN) is an academic simulation of the UN and regional bodies like the African Union or European Union. SAIIA'S Model UN programme hosts the SAIIA Johannesburg Model United Nations Conference each year. Hundreds of high schools participate in the Johannesburg conference and various smaller school-level Mini MUN conferences in various provinces.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT (ESP)

The ESP is a schools-outreach competition that requires teams of learners to research a topic related to environmental sustainability, and to consider what possible recommendations or solutions they would propose to policy makers at a local, national, or international level. This programme is open to learners in grades 10–12, and can be used by grade 11 Life Science teachers for 'Human Impact on the Environment' projects.

### INTER-SCHOOL QUIZZES

SAIIA runs interschool quizzes that focus on international events and current issues facing South Africa. Learners prepare by reading relevant resource material including newspapers. The quizzes encourage learners to be more critical and thoughtful thinkers able to relate global events to the South African context. The Western Cape Quiz, organised by the SAIIA Branch there, is highly successful and is now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year.

### YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Top participants from all of SAIIA's youth programmes are invited to take part in this annual, week-long conference at Jan Smuts House. As part of the conference learners and students hear from experts and inspiring leaders on issues relating to international affairs, and hold their own youth negotiations.

Using the principles of MUN, participants representing different sectors or interest groups working in assigned committees put forth the views of young South Africans on relevant global issues. At the close of the negotiation sessions, learners present their possible recommendations and solutions in a declaration that is shared with UN and government officials.

## YOUTH@SAIIA MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

I think giving young people the opportunity to explore issues that will be affecting our future, as well as knowing more about countries, the problems that they face, and how diplomacy works, empowers us. The programmes ... have impacted and inspired me individually, and I'm sure have had similar impacts on others involved, which really makes a difference.

- Learner, Parktown High School for Girls

Meeting people from other schools who are just as interested in international affairs as I am gives me hope that us youth CAN actually make a difference. Being ignorant about the challenges people are facing all over the world isn't going to do anything, which is why programmes like these are so beneficial to the youth. — *Learner, St. Martin's School* 

Being involved in the SAIIA programs has taught me values that money cannot buy. — Learner, Glendale Secondary School

Thank you so much for the most wonderful experience you put together for our pupils. My learners gained a huge amount of knowledge and learned new skills. Your programme is outstanding ... It is so worthwhile. — Educator, Bryanston High School

I tell my learners all of the time that they have to understand the world outside of the textbooks to be successful. I think by participating in your programmes they see this.

Educator, Ivory Park Secondary School



# SAIIA'S 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY APPEAL TO YOU: 'SPONSOR A DELEGATE'

SAIIA has decided to make YOUTH@SAIIA the only legacy project for its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign. We believe that this programme has already proved itself a successful vehicle for empowering young South Africans to develop critical skills they can use in the classroom and in their personal lives, as well as in preparing them for their future careers. These skills include public speaking, debating, research, teamwork and consensusbuilding. At a higher level they are now able to contribute to making the voice of South African youth heard in the debates on key national and global issues of governance, economic development, inequality, gender and youth, as well as sustainable development and climate change. As a result they are able not just to research and analyse these issues but suggest workable solutions to policymakers.

Participants in our various youth programmes including Model UN and ESP are called delegates because they take on the responsibility of representing a country or sectoral interest group in the debate. A group of delegates from a particular school form a delegation that is officially accredited to the programme.

Learners are not charged for participation but the average cost to SAIIA per delegate is R 500. Although SAIIA is most grateful for the support it currently receives from donors there are still many needs that require funding. These include library resources, audio-visual equipment, seed funding to provide start-up for new programmes, and assistance to learners (who would otherwise have difficulty in participating in the programme) for transport and learning materials.

### LEVELS OF GIVING

Our appeal to you is for sponsorship of participants in the YOUTH@SAIIA schools development programme at one of the following levels:

Contribute towards a delegate (or more than one) = R 200 Sponsor a delegate (or more than one) = R 500 Sponsor a delegation (or more than one) = R 2 000 Sponsor a school's participation (or more than one) = R 10 000

Contributions to the campaign are tax-deductible in terms of SAIIA's status as a public benefit organisation, and section 18A tax certificates are available on request to campaign donors.

## HOW DO I MAKE MY CONTRIBUTION?

Donations can be paid into the designated SAIIA  $-80^{\text{TH}}$  ANNIVERSARY bank account by deposit at a Bank, or by electronic funds transfer. All funds raised through the campaign will be held in a SAIIA anniversary account and will be disbursed in accordance with SAIIA financial policies. Funds raised in the Western Cape will be disbursed by the SAIIA Western Cape Branch Committee in consultation with the SAIIA Directors.



#### PLEASE SUPPORT THE SPONSOR A DELEGATE CAMPAIGN!

For further information on YOUTH@SAllA or on this campaign appeal please contact Desirée Kosciulek on Desiree.Kosciulek@wits.ac.za or telephone +27 (0)11 339 2021





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