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2015
TIME FOR
GLOBAL ACTION
FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

The UN
Department
of Public
Information
has launched
a new

website to highlight the importance of 2015 for the global community, a year in which we face several decisions – on disaster risk reduction, on financing for development, on a new sustainable development agenda and on climate. The website – www.un.org/action2015 – is now live and will shortly be available in all six official UN languages.

The website supports the UN campaign, “2015: Time for Global Action,” and promotes the distinct processes that will lead to significant outcomes this year. The website does not replace or compete with any other website, and instead, is meant to be a portal to the many websites featuring sustainability issues. It also links to the civil society campaign, Action/2015. The website highlights key processes that will take place throughout the year including the Third Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July, the Sustainable Development Summit in New York in September, and the climate change negotiations in Paris in December. Please visit the site to get the latest news on sustainable development issues, key facts and figures for each proposed sustainable development goal, look up key dates in the website calendar, and get an overview of key UN processes.

Many Language, One World Contest

Deadline: March 25th



This year, Many languages One World Essay Contest relate to the post-2015 global development agenda, while identifying new goals which reflect of global sustainable development that recognizes, and is enriched by, cultural and linguistic diversity. In recognition of UN70, this year's contest has as a theme "Seventy for Seventy"; there will be a total of seventy winners, ten in each of the six official United Nations languages and an additional 10 chosen on merit from the remaining entries in all languages. These Winners will be invited to New York to participate in a series of events during the week of July 20-26, 2015. These events will include a Global Youth Forum on the sustainable development agenda in the context of multilingualism, cultural diversity and global citizenship at United

Nations Headquarters.

The Many Languages One World contest took place for the first time last year as a result of a partnership between UNAI and ELS. It was a remarkable success with almost 4,000 people participating in some phase of the contest. The expectation was that it would generate interest among those college and university students who planned to pursue a career in international diplomacy or multilateralism. Participating students were from 128 countries representing every part of the world and level of education. With sixty students from around the world qualifying to participate in a Global Youth Forum at the United Nations Headquarters – counting ten representatives from each official UN language group - the goal was to highlight the role of multilingualism in a globalized world.

For further information, please visit [The Many Languages, One World website](#)

To participate : Write an essay (2,000 words or less) related to the post-2015 global development agenda, in the context of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, and the definition of new goals reflecting the imperative of global sustainable development that recognises, and is enriched by, cultural and linguistic diversity. You are encouraged to visit the website sustainabledevelopment.un.org for background material in this regard.

Entries must be in an official language of the United Nations that is not your first language and was not your principal language of instruction during your primary or secondary education. To enter, you must be a full-time university student and must be 18 years of age or older by March 25, 2015. Your participation must be sponsored by a Faculty Member or Authorized representative at the university you are currently attending.

Essay submission deadline: Wednesday March 25, 2015 at 11: 59 pm EST



(Picture, from left to right: Mrs and Ambassador Bhatia, Secretary-General and Mrs Ban, and Ambassador C.R. Gharekhan former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations)

Delivering the 13th Sapru House UN Lecture hosted by the Indian Council for World Affairs (ICWA) on 12 January 2015, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon touched upon a wide spectrum of the India-UN relationship including terrorism, nuclear responsibility, women's rights and sustainable development.

The Indian Council of World Affairs is the oldest and a premier foreign policy think tank of India. "It has been striving ceaselessly since 1943 to conduct and promote the study, policy research, external dialogue and various kinds of outreach activities, focused on interpreting the world to India and India to the world. In our scheme of things, the United Nations enjoys paramount importance, given the role it plays in the pursuit of causes, central to its raison d'être, namely international peace and security, justice, human rights, sustainable development and social progress. In this context, I am happy to share with you that ICWA has recently become a member of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI). We intend to cooperate closely with UNAI to support the activities of the United Nations in India. We look forward to the world body celebrating the seventy years of its existence and development in the coming months", observed Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia , Director General, ICWA.

Trainers From Al Farabi KazNU Introduce Concept of Green Economy



February 13, 2015. Bishkek – Trainers from Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU) has developed a training module “The Introduction to Green Economy: Concepts and Challenges” within the framework of the series of activities of the Hub of United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) on Sustainability. The module has been envisioned to introduce the basic concepts of Green Economy to students and faculty not only in Kazakhstan, but also in all neighboring countries of Central Asia and possibly beyond.

The first training session of the UNAI module was delivered at Arabayev Kyrgyz National University (KNU) and Karasayev Bishkek Humanities University (BHU) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The students and faculty learned about the work of the United Nations and its agencies on mitigating the impact of the climate change and recommendations on the “greening economies” including supporting energy saving and promoting alternative transportation and other measures. Project participants have completed the training module on Green Economy and Sustainable Development, which was a product of collaboration between Al-Farabi KazNU and MDP/Global Classroom of Earth Institute at Columbia University. Students plan to implement some of these recommendations into practice in collaboration with faculty, government agencies and international organizations. Rafis Abazov, one of the trainers and a director of MDP/Global Classroom

Program at Al Farabi KazNU, said: “Young people, especially students, can contribute to addressing environmental issues because they will live in the future in “green economy”. The other trainer – Konstantin Shamber (who is also a founder of Europe-Asian Business Forum) – suggested practical ideas in converting private businesses and private initiatives into the “engine of effective sustainable development” in the Eurasian space.

Al Farabi KazNU’s initiative “Green Bridge through Generations” is a program of promoting awareness of and support for sustainable development in energy and ecological strategy among young people with focus on students and young scholars.

The 6th CAMOT International Conference at La Rochelle Business School, France



The 6th CAMOT International Conference will be held on 6th – 8th July 2015 at La Rochelle Business School, France.

Please read the detailed *Call for Paper* for further information or visit the CAMOT International Conference Website : <http://www.camot.org/2015conference/>

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Dr Lucy Lu (l.lu@northumbria.ac.uk), General Programme Chair of CAMOT International Conference, or Mr Thorben Haenel (thorben.haenel@wamot.org), Secretary General of CAMOT.



We would like to warmly thank all the **East Stroudsburg South High School Aspire students** and their professors for having developed and presented a curriculum to over 1500 students and staff at their high school in their continued efforts to dispel stigma and promote social justice as part of the United Nations Academic Impact in action. The project was developed in collaboration with Roslyn Holliday-Moore, our expert panellist, at UNAI fourth Anniversary.

The curriculum was designed to destigmatize the topic of mental health through substantive dialogue and conversation but also to provide students in their school district (54% of whom are living at or below the poverty line) with free mental health resources in their local community.

This issue is crucial because youth are the foundation of our future society. Youth represent a substantial part of the population worldwide: half of the World's population is under the age of 25.

At a global level, approximately 20% of youth experience a mental health condition each year. Young people are at a greater risk as they transition from childhood to adulthood. Indeed, suicide is the second leading cause of death globally in young people aged 15-29. Approximately one million people die from suicide every year, equivalent to one death every 40 seconds. Rates among young people have been increasing to such an extent that they are now the

group at highest risk in a third of countries, both developed and developing.

By engaging the student body of East Stroudsburg South High School in a substantive conversation around mental health, the teachers offered the opportunity to destigmatize conversations around this matter and to reach a large community in order to spread the word.

Report of UNAI Membership and UNAI-ASPIRE Chapter Inauguration



On January 8th, 2015 Titus II Teacher's College became a part of the Action by Students to Promote, Innovation and Reform through Education (ASPIRE) programme under the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI). The first programme of the day was a seminar presented by Mr. Saji Charuvil Thomas, a United Nations official from New York. Dr. Nimmi Maria Oomrnen, faculty of Titus II Teachers' College and convener for UNAI-ASPIRE, welcomed the gathering. While Principal, Dr. T.K. Mathew, gave the presidential address, where he imparted some facts about the United Nations Organization. Mr. Thomas presented the seminar on 'The United Nations and its works'. He gave details on UNAI-ASPIRE and on the ten principles that laid the foundation for UNAI-ASPIRE. After the workshop, the forum was open for questions in which Mr. Saji Charuvil Thomas answered in detail. Rakhi Mariam Thomas, a student from B.Ed (English), proposed the vote of thanks and ended the session.

The 10 Final UNHATE NEWS

UNHATE NEWS
THE NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Since the launch of the initiative, we received hundreds of interesting UNHATE News. We want to congratulate all those who participated. Making a choice wasn't easy, but here are the final ten selected UNHATE News:

UNHATE News on women's rights:

- **Enrico Testa (Italy) – Disabilities can be eradicated from birth**
- **Jawaher Zahran (Saudi Arabia) - It's the end of violence**
- **Nassima Ezzaoui (Morocco) - Muslim women in Europe, for a job via a website: with or without the veil**
- **Nida Shahab (Pakistan) – Empowering the powerless**
- **Dan R. (USA) - At the forefront of women's health awareness movement**

UNHATE News on collateral themes:

- **Ioana Serban (Romania) - Christians and Muslims come together in celebration!**
- **Anna Laura Beretta (Italy) - Free access to clean water in every remote area**
- **Samuel Alvarado (Honduras) - Honduras open the first line of complaint for LGBTI**
- **Aarati Sharma (India) - Reducing slums, one home at a time**
- **Zeus Ombeva (Kenya) - The entire African countries to embrace inclusive education**

UNHATE News gives users a platform to create the kind of headlines that they want to see, transforming typical news stories of intolerance and injustice into a positive, hopeful message. When people come together and speak up, real change can happen. UNAI will now invite its member institutions to submit proposals for projects to be launched based on these "stories"

UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA
CURRENT ISSUES IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD



March 13th, 2015

Conference Series MEI 14-15. "Revolution and political Islamism in Egypt".
Dr. Sergio Carranza Förster, Spanish Diplomat. 18:00h. Graduate Hall, School of Law.

March 17th, 2015.

Conference Series MEI 14-15. "European Union Agencies: a model of international administration".
Dr. Ángel Manuel Moreno Molina, Chair Professor of Administrative Law, University Carlos III, Madrid. 18:30h. Graduate Hall, School of Law.

April 20th, 2015.

Conference Series MEI 14-15. "Child Soldiers and the international response".
Mr. Miladin Bogetic, Associate Public Information Officer at the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG). 18:30h. Graduate Hall, School of Law.

April 22nd, 2015.

Conference Series MEI 14-15. "Hunger".
Mr. Martín Caparrós, historian, writer and journalist. 18:30h. Graduate Hall, School of Law.

May 11th, 2015.

MEI's XXV Anniversary. Commemoration Act presided by the Rector of the University of Barcelona, Dr. Dídac Ramírez.
Lecture by Dr. Fernando Mariño, member of the *Committee against Torture* (CAT) and Chair Professor of International Public Law, University Carlos III, Madrid. 18:00h. Graduate Hall, School of Law.

May 15th, 2015.

Conference Series MEI 14-15. "Integrating the UN system's operations for improved programmatic delivery in the Field: the *Delivering as One* Programme".
Sr. Remo Lalli, Secretary of the High Level Committee on Management (HLCM) and Director of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), United Nations, Geneva. 18:30h. Room 34, School of Law. *Please send an email to mej@ub.edu*

MILLENNIUM MILESTONE MAKERS

In recognition of the

*70th Anniversary of the United Nations,
15th Anniversary of the United Nations Millennium
Development Goals, and the
30th Anniversary of Global Interactions*

"Global Interactions and the World Academy for the Future of Women (WAFW) are seeking Millennium Milestone Makers - women and men whose international leadership and work have made a significant contribution to achieving outcomes, improving the lives of women, and promoting the advancement of the UN Mission and Millennium Development Goals. In recognition of the thousands of these remarkable global citizens, each working for a safe, secure world for all people, we invite you to nominate a change maker, a person you know has made a meaningful contribution towards securing a world in which women will thrive and everyone will be safer, healthier and valued.

Global Interactions and the WAFW will begin the process of honoring applicants with a prestigious award to be presented May 15 – 17, 2015, at the 9th Annual Women's Symposium, Sias International University, Xinzheng, Henan Province, CHINA. The recognition process will continue through the 2015 Anniversary Year. Nominees will be reviewed monthly and award announcements will be made quarterly in the World Academy newsletter and on our website at www.wafw.org

Eligible nominees must have shown significant leadership for change related to the UN Mission or Millennium Development Goals. They can come from villages or large urban areas but must have achieved measureable results that benefit and advance women, and have engaged others in a shared effort to accelerate the equality and advancement of women.

HOW TO NOMINATE

The Application for Millennium Milestone Makers is available on our website at www.wafw.org.

Submission may begin immediately and will continue throughout the 2015 Anniversary Year.

For more information: e-mail: info@globalinteractions.org, phone: (602) 505.7888 or go to www.wafw.org

UNAI activity reports

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