

Student Leadership Conference on Development at UN (SLCD@UN)

Student Leadership Roles for February 18th **International Videoconference**

Leadership Preparation Days: Friday, February 15th & Saturday, February 16th UN Church Center
UN Conference Day: Monday, February 18th/United Nations (9:30 - 3:30PM)

Role Descriptions

SLCD@UN2019 is a student-led conference. You will be researching, discussing, writing, editing, and leading the conference. Therefore, there are many opportunities for you to be involved in leadership roles during the growth and development of the conference. Below are the leadership positions connected to running the all-day conference on Monday, February 18 as well as the pre-conference preparations on February 15 & 16. We welcome any questions you may have about these positions.

Selected leaders must be in NYC for final preparations February 15 & 16. They all will be part of the process of (1) completing the final draft of the 2018 Youth Plan of Action, (2) determining roles and responsibilities at the UN conference on February 19.

Pre-Conference Roles

All potential leaders need an orientation to the conference by GEM staff. This is easily done via Skype through a small group, classroom, or even individual orientation to get questions answered and an understanding of what a delegate or student leader could do. All participants register at GEM website and start by selecting an area of expertise from the three subthemes for the conference. Students begin by selecting a subtheme and requesting to join one of the 3 conference Facebook Groups. Participants start conversations in their Facebook groups with other participants around the world.

Access this year Facebook pages below:

Subtheme A (Education)-

https://www.facebook.com/groups/567271520409965/?source_id=128500347176513

Subtheme B (Scientific Solutions) -

https://www.facebook.com/groups/575459839575524/?source_id=128500347176513

Subtheme C (Migration)-

https://www.facebook.com/groups/777098625970688/?source_id=128500347176513

Via Google Docs, a draft of a Plan of Action is developed for each sub theme. All three subthemes are finalized by the leadership team via their subtheme in NYC on Friday, February 15.

Conference Roles

Getting conference leadership roles occurs during the leadership program on Friday, February 15. After the leadership orientation is complete on Friday, the student leaders will elect two Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons from the student group based on the individual's participation and willingness to lead. The Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons will then be responsible for facilitating decisions on the election of the other leadership roles listed on the next page.

On Monday, student leaders will work under the direction and facilitation of the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons within their specific subtheme group and develop the final draft of their sustainable solutions through recommendations received from the other videoconferencing and web cast sites. At the end of the conference the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons will then report on the draft to all participants in the conference before the final vote on the drafted Youth Plan of Action 2018.

Conference Positions

Student Chairpersons (2): The Chairpersons are central to the day and opens and closes his/her session. He/She is the key person who stays on top of all happenings at SLCD and has final say on delegate issues.

There is one Student Chairperson for the Morning Session and one for the Afternoon Session. Both Chairpersons are involved in the closing of the conference in the afternoon.

Student Vice Chairpersons (2): The Vice Chairpersons provides advice and related support the Chairman and works under the Chairperson's direction.

There is one Student Vice Chairperson for the Morning Session and one for the Afternoon Session.

Vice chairs provide needed support/advice to the Chairperson for all decisions and facilitations during the formal sessions of SLCD.

Facilitators: Facilitators will be responsible for all interactions during the day between the conference participants. One to three facilitators will be needed for each session.

- I. Session One:** Facilitates the opening remarks with all videoconferencing
- II. Session Two:** Facilitates the Q&A session for the UN speaker as outlined in the program.
- III. Session Three:** Facilitates the subtheme discussion and recognizes various sites to speak.
- IV. Session Four:** facilitates the continuing subtheme discussion and recognizes various sites to speak.
- V. Session Five:** Facilitates the final comments from each site.

Social Media Team (SMT): The social media team will be responsible for monitoring and posting across social media platforms including - Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Tumblr on the coming and goings of the conference. SMT will select comments and questions from social media to be used

throughout the course of the day. Monitors will also post on their Facebook subtheme pages with updates on the discussion pertaining to each subtheme. One monitor from each subtheme will be needed.

Web Cast Support Staff: Depending on the webcast registrations, support staff are needed to monitor and report delegate comments, questions and voting of official delegates who are participating via the webcast.

Draft Plan Editors: The draft plan editors will be responsible for the final editing process of the formal plan of action. There will be a maximum of 12 editors.