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GUIDELINES & APPLICATION FOR THE 2023

“TOMORROW’S LEADERS SPEAK TODAY” SERIES

In collaboration with:

**NELSON MANDELA LEARNING CENTRE,
SHEPPARTON AUSTRALIA FOR LEADERSHIP,
WORK AND SOCIETY**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Throughout the vast majority of international fora, experts from all sectors of society and industries discuss international issues and their solutions through a variety of perspectives. Increased efforts have been taken to enrich the dialogues through promoting inclusion on the fora; however, youth, especially from the global south, are rarely provided with a platform to interact with these global decision-makers, and participate in an exchange of ideas. Previous youth forums, youth-centered projects, and other youth-related international activities have shown us that that age is not a barrier for your opinions to be listened, your capacity to be shown, and your creativity to be seen.

The leaders of the future play an essential role in training the society for future generations. Therefore, it is required that their voices be heard, their opinions be discussed, their doubts be clarified, and their ideas be distributed.

Therefore, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with Future Voices Inc., has created this webinar series, with the aim that youths’ voices reach those who are in a decision-making position to effectuate real changes, and in return inspire and motivate these young changemakers on coherent and effective approaches that maximise their contributions to what the world needs. This 10-month interactive learning aims to empower, upskill, and connect participants by providing up to 15 participants with the necessary knowledge and skills that would permit them to become influential leaders of the future.

Conducted jointly between UNITAR and Future Voices Inc. Nelson Mandela Learning Centre, the programme will

consist of nine virtual sessions, held once a month, in which students from various countries selected by Future Voices Inc. will have the opportunity to learn from, and discuss with, some of the world’s most prominent international leaders in the fields of Human Rights, Sustainable Development, Multilateral Diplomacy, International Law, Peace and Justice, and others. Each session will be held on a different theme, which will be directly connected to the area of expertise of each speaker.

The series of 9 online events will conclude with a two-day immersive field visit to Geneva and its international institutions. Geneva is host to 39 international institutions, organizations, and bodies; approximately 750 NGOs; and 178 Permanent Missions. There is a plethora of experts that reside in Geneva, making this city the ideal destination for a UN-related field visit. These experts range from diplomats, special rapporteurs, UN dignitaries, International Law experts, private sector leaders, civil society representatives and activists, and, on occasion, foreign ministers and heads of state.

The online elements of the programme will be hosted on Zoom and will be uploaded on UNITAR’s social media platforms, as well as UNITAR’s website. At the end of the programme, participants who have attended at least 80% of the programme excluding the 2-day field visit, will receive a UNITAR-Future Voices Inc. Certificate of Completion.

In the case that an in-person event in Geneva will not be possible, the immersion programme will be held virtually, using UNITAR’s recognised expertise in virtual immersion programmes.



	<p>EVENT TYPE • 9 e-workshops • 1 two-day field visit to Geneva</p>		<p>DURATION 10 Months</p>
	<p>LOCATION Online + Geneva</p>		<p>LANGUAGE(S) English</p>
	<p>DATES January 2023–October 2023</p>		<p>PRICE TBD</p>

The program will bring together 15 emerging leaders from Australia and Africa in monthly sessions that include:

- Practical tools and training for deepening values-based leadership and passion
- Community groups
- Leadership and governance
- Diplomacy
- Public Health
- Human Rights, equality and diversity, climate change, peace, and international relations.

• The series will raise awareness of, and encourage action on, the achievement of the SDGs by 2030, by empowering youth around the globe.

• It will promote a global discourse and narrative on stakeholders’ efforts stakeholders to achieve the SDGs in order to illustrate how innovative practices contribute to achieving Agenda 2030.

OUTCOMES

- This series will give global youth exclusive insights on the latest policies, practices, and approaches to global challenges
- This series will offer participants different perspectives and ideas that will contribute to a holistic discussion on sustainable development, human rights, international cooperation and global challenges, etc.
- Experts will hear the opinions and ideas of students and global youth, thereby creating an inter-generational discussion on global challenges with the aim of developing leadership skills to effectively contribute to real and lasting changes.



DAY 1

11h00 | Welcome Ceremony at UNITAR offices

11h30 | Tour of the UNITAR offices

12h00 | Lunch

13h00 | Tour of Diplomatic Geneva

15h30 | Group Exercise

16h30 | Free time

19h00 | Dinner



DAY 2

10h00 | Tour at the Palais des Nations

12h00 | Lunch break

13h30 | Final session delivered by Ms. Tatiana Valovaya

14h15 | Visit to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

16h00 | Delivery of diplomas



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TIMELINE*

FEBRUARY



H.E. Amb. Khalid Walid Obeidat
Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations Office at Geneva

TOPIC

The role of interfaith dialogue in peacebuilding and sustainable development

MARCH



Mr. Michel Jarraud
Secretary General Emeritus, World Meteorological Organization

TOPIC

Water as the core of sustainable development

APRIL



Ms. Christine Löw
Deputy Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs/
Former Director of UN Women Office in Geneva

TOPIC

Gender considerations in leadership

MAY



Mr. Alfred-Maurice de Zayas
First UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

TOPIC

Harmonising International Law and International Security

JUNE

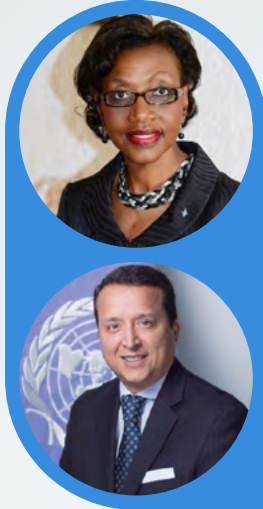


H.E. Amb. Luis Gallegos
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

TOPIC

Building an ageist-free society

JULY



H.E. Amb. Rhoda Jackson

Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Mr. Alex Mejia

Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR

TOPIC

The key role of education in advancing policy and sustainable development

SEPTEMBER



Ms. Corinne Momal-Vanien

Executive Director, Kofi Annan Foundation

TOPIC

The Legacy of Kofi Annan

OCTOBER



H.E. Amb. Galib Israfilov

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office at Geneva

TOPIC

Diplomatic representation, negotiation insights, crisis management

NOVEMBER



H.E. Amb. David Fernandez Puyana

Permanent Observer, UN University for Peace (UPEACE) to the United Nations in Geneva, Permanent Delegate, UPEACE to the UNESCO in Paris

TOPIC

Building Lasting Peace

DECEMBER



**Ms. Tatiana Valovaya
(In-Person)**

Director-General, United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG)

TOPIC

Leadership of the Future

***Subject to modification**



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
To be discussed between UNITAR
and FutureVoices Inc.

COHORT SELECTION

We are looking to invite the next cohort of 15 participants who have:

- A track record of developing or being involved in communication campaigns
- The ability to lead and demonstrate capacity in leading
- The ability to work autonomously with strong analytical skills
- The ability to gather information
- The ability to love learning about people and their cultures
- A strong interest in politics, social justice, diplomacy, and community affairs
- The desire to challenge yourself out of your comfort zone
- A willingness to learn and adapt to change
- An understanding of the challenges our region and the world faces today
- A willingness to learn strategies that can be used in your life’s journey.
- Having ability to work and welcome Leaders across lines of race, ethnicity, spiritual beliefs, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, and ability.
- Ideally, candidates must have the ability to travel outside of their country of residence.
- **Age:** You will be between 20 and 35 years old on July 15, 2023.
- **Language Proficiency:** You are professionally proficient in English (spoken and written).
- **Citizenship/Residency:** You must meet be
 - (1) a citizen of an eligible nation or territory OR
 - (2) a permanent resident of an eligible nation or territory OR
 - (3) a refugee or asylum seeker in an eligible nation or territory OR
 - (4) You have lived in an eligible nation or territory for at least the last 4 years, regardless of documentation status

Selection Process: The “2023 Tomorrow’s Leaders Speak Today” selection process will take place from November 2022 to early January 2023. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a virtual interview. Those who are not selected for interviews will be notified and will remain eligible for future opportunities.

In order to apply, candidates must provide FutureVoices Inc. and UNITAR with the following documents:

1. The filled-in application form, found at the end of this document
2. Copy of Passport or equivalent identification and travel document
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. A 2-page motivation letter
5. Any other supporting documentation

Timely Limit for Submissions: We strongly recommend that you submit your application as early as possible. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. All candidates will be informed of their results via email by January 16, 2023.

Technical Requirements and Accessibility: The first nine months of the “2023 Tomorrow’s Leaders Speak Today” program will be virtual. You will need access to a computer with a camera, a microphone, and a reliable internet connection to fully participate in the program. We can accommodate certain technical accessibility needs throughout the program.

Application Form

PARTICIPANT DETAILS:

SURNAME:

GIVEN NAMES:

ADDRESS:

AGE:

GENDER:

HOME PHONE NUMBER:

MOBILE NUMBER:

NATIONALITY:

PASSPORT NO. AND EXPIRY DATE:

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

SCHOOL:

NAME OF SCHOOL AND ADDRESS:

SCHOOL EMAIL:

SCHOOL PHONE:

YEAR:

School Emergency Contact:

NAME:

CONTACT PHONE #:

NAME:

CONTACT PHONE #:

PARTICIPANT'S EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

Please list the seminars, programs, leadership and training you have participated in or that you may be undertaking this year:

NAME OF SEMINAR OR PROGRAM:

LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE PROGRAM, TRAINING, OR SEMINAR:

THE NAME OF SCHOOL (UNIVERSITY) YOU ATTENDED AT THAT TIME:

PLEASE LIST ALL PREFERENCES OR MAJOR SUBJECTS YOU ARE UNDERTAKING THIS YEAR:

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES:

Please list all your previous and current work experience.

NAME OF EMPLOYER:

YOUR POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION:

PERSONAL INSPIRATION:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL INSPIRATION OR VISION?

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE IN FIVE YEARS?

WHAT BENEFIT DO YOU HOPE TO GET FROM THE PROGRAM?

How did you know or find out about the program?

- Past and Present participants
- School
- Local paper Shepparton News and advertisement
- Social media or mass mail
- 'Word of Mouth' (Friend or family member)
- Other (please specify)

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS, AND IF YES, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR TRACK RECORD OR EXPERIENCE?

DESCRIBE ANY LEADERSHIP POSITION YOU HAVE TAKEN AND WHAT DID YOU DO IN ORDER MAKE LEADERSHIP VALUABLE AND HELP THE GROUP TO WORK?

HAVE YOU WORKED WITH PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES AND WHAT DID LEARN FROM THOSE PARTICULAR EXPERIENCES?

LIST 3 OPPORTUNITIES THAT YOU SEE IN THE REGION AND HOW IT MAY IMPACT ON YOUR PERSONAL LIFE. (E.G. THESE COULD INCLUDE INVESTING IN A NATIONAL AND GLOBAL CONTEXT OR ENGAGING WITH PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS)

List two people who know you well and can testify that you are a worthy candidate.

REFERENCES:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

EMAIL:

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:

SIGN:

NAME:

ORGANISATION (SCHOOL):

POSITION:

TEL:

EMAIL:

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:

SIGN:

APPLICATION DECLARATION:

- I agree to participate in the program with a minimum 80% attendance rate
- I understand that I will obey any Australian local, state and federal and international laws, and I will be responsible for my own actions.
- I agree with, and understand the vision, of Future Voices- Nelson Mandela Learning Centre and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the time commitment involved in the program.
- I agree that I will be responsible for my own transport.
- I agree that during and after the program I am not allowed to use or disclose any of the confidential information of the two organisations and programs, except as directed by Future Voices and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), or as is necessary for the proper discharge of applicant duties.
- I agree that any intellectual property created by the applicant as a result of participating in the program, including photos, may stay or remain the property of Future Voices and UNITAR, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Future Voices, UNITAR and applicant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

DATE:



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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