

# THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTRE BANGKOK, THAILAND





# YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FOREFRONT OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

"A remarkable civil society organization that has a fine record of engaging young people in volunteer humanitarian work, thereby providing creative avenues for young people to develop good citizenship and leadership skills while benefiting disadvantaged communities."

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** 



Greenhouse gas concentrations are higher than they have ever been; sea levels are rising at the fastest rate in 3,000 years; biodiversity loss is happening all around us at unprecedented scales. These are statements you and your students have probably all heard countless times before.

As an educator and mentor for young people, you have likely felt the frustration and anxiety radiating from your students as they saw the Australian wildfires destroy habitats and claim lives, followed by a struggle for policy-makers to unite at COP26. Understandably, young people often feel they lack the resources and experience to tackle climate change themselves. They may look to youth activists like Greta Thunberg or Lilly Platt and wonder how they can make a difference as well. Not just in activism but through their future careers as the world continues to transition into a green economy where sustainable development becomes the priority of businesses, scientists, artists and more.

As the demand for graduates with green skills has increased, the supply has fallen short. Helping students to gain the confidence and knowledge to champion social change and have green careers can feel daunting. They seek your guidance and dedication to fuel their energy. At Humanitarian Affairs Asia we aim to help you with this huge responsibility. We believe youth have limitless potential to do good. With this in mind, we create youth empowerment events and programs to bring together like-minded individuals, organisations and communities.

There is no planet B. Together we strive to empower the lost generation and act now.

# THE JOURNEY

#### **THE INAUGURAL GREEN SUMMIT 2022**

We are looking for outstanding students from all backgrounds and areas of study to be delegates representing their country at the Green Summit held at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. Your students will gain the role of Humanitarian Affairs Green Ambassadors. It is our hope that they will go on to be future scientists, politicians, entrepreneurs, lawyers, artists, activists all contributing to a sustainable path for our earth, making your university and the United Nations proud.

#### WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Be between the ages of 17-32 years old.
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership experience and potential.
- Be passionate about sustainable development.
- Be willing to participate with an open mind when networking with persons from diverse cultural and social backgrounds, interests and ambitions.
- Be committed to be Humanitarian Affairs Green Ambassador for a one-year period.

#### WHAT WILL THE EVENT ENTAIL?

Delegates will have the opportunity to learn, be inspired and tackle the climate crisis head on. They will network with like-minded peers, world leading experts and event speakers. Then they can create their own sustainable projects through hands-on activities.

#### WHAT ARE THE FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

- The Green Summit allows students to approach studies from a more holistic, international perspective. Delegates will learn to draw connections, such as between climate change, poverty, inequalities and health. They will gain specific and subject-specific knowledge that will empower them when returning to their degree course or workplace. Delegates will also gain practical and transferable skills such as leadership, which will help to increase their future employability.
- The Green Summit offers an incredible opportunity for students to participate in a global forum where they will be representing their country, as
  well as their own views and perspectives. The Green Summit allows for students to create working relationships with other delegates, who will be
  the global leaders for tomorrow.
- Delegates will leave feeling empowered to take action and instigate change, challenging bad practices and collaborating to promote sustainable development both locally and internationally. Delegates will learn essential green skills which are valued by employers from a range of fields.

# **SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS**



DIRECTOR & SPECIAL ADVISOR OECD, PARIS

#### ANDREAS SCHLEICHER LAW, POLICY AND NET ZERO

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) work in support of climate action includes an multifaceted focus on the environmental, economic, financial and social dimensions of low-emission development pathways.

Delegates can learn more about critical thinking and putting climate action at the forefront of business decisions, policy-making, law and government.



FOUNDER & CEO GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK, ASIA

#### **STEPHANIE DICKSON**

#### SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

A leading voice on sustainability in Asia. Delegates will be inspired by Stephanie's story, seeing how she brings people together to connect and lead a more sustainable life, from shopping consciously to changing daily habits.

There will also be the opportunity to learn about using marketing and media to advocate social and behavioural changes; exploring the field of science communication.

# **SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS**



FOUNDER & CEO ABILLION, SINGAPORE

### VIKAS GARG TECHNOLOGY AND THE FOOD INDUSTRY

Vikas founded abillionVeg- a discovery and review platform- to build a movement of consumers who want to drive businesses to offer more sustainable, plant-based options.

Delegates will learn about sustainability in the intersection of the tech industry, food security and nature conservation. They will discover more about app creation and relevant career advice.



CLIMATE ACTIVIST &
DESIGNER
THE PUBLIC SOCIETY,
NEW YORK

## CHRISTIAN FLEMING DESIGN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

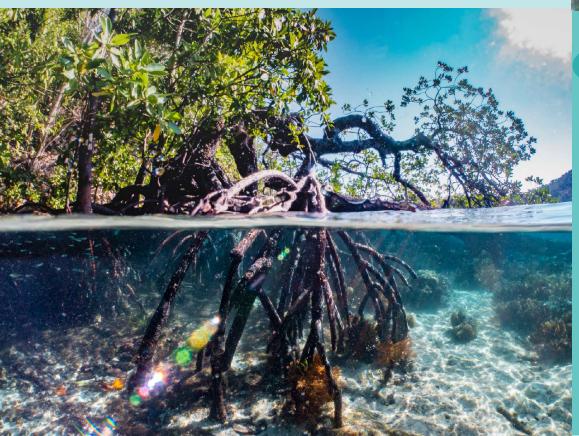
When interviewing Cristian, he told us that his key advice for students is "Do what you do... but do it with purpose." Delegates will therefore learn that contributing to shaping a more sustainable world is not just the responsibility of scientists, politicians and entrepreneurs but also artists.

They will learn about global finance models for funding renewables, as well as how to become an activist and encapsulate creative tactics to make positive change.

# **GREEN ACTIVITIES**

### **Reforestation of Indigenous Species**

The Australian Wildfires of 2019 and 2020 are the turning point for many in their global green movement journey. Many have come to the realisation that forests around the world are suffering from the ever-worsening climate crisis. Students will now get a chance to implement practical and proven methods of forest restoration to bring nature back to life.





### **Mangrove Island Conservation**

Who doesn't like themselves a cheeky monkey? As troops of monkeys swing through the most treasured Mangrove Forest Conservation Center in Samut Songkhram, delegates will plant mangroves on the island. With the vision of protecting the biodiversity of the forest, delegates will find the fruits of their labor come to fruition for years to come as monkeys live and reproduce better. As animal rescue has become a recurring theme for the environmentally conscious youth, this activity might be a dream come true for many avid animal lovers.

#### **Marine and Coastal Conservation**

This is a perfect opportunity for students to get their hands dirty and experience a career as an environmental conservationist. With the guidance of professionals, delegates will construct bamboo pipes that provide a stable habitat for corals, fishes and other organisms. These will then be placed on the sea bed by the Navy Seal Royal Thai Army. As delegates try to emulate and observe the laborious service of the naval force, this fulfilling activity comes as an opportunity for delegates to understand the importance of marine conservation as they plan for their careers of contribution in the years to come.



### **River Cleaning**

Imagine your students kayaking with purpose. As they kayak along the river, they will be able to take in the passing scenery. Having come to appreciate the natural habitat, your students will take on the solemn duty of removing manmade litter in an attempt to restore river wildlife. During the journey, students might be able to spot traditional Thai houses and locals meandering along the coastline, allowing them to see the importance of safeguarding the aquatic fauna and flora to local communities.

## THE PACKAGE

Venue: The Green Summit will be held at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. The UNCC serves as one of the headquarters for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The registration fee is USD 1,200 + 7% VAT (tax) and includes:

- 5-night Accommodation on a sharing basis
- 2-way local Transportation from Hotel to UN Conference Center
- Meals include 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 coffee breaks
- A full day of Outdoor Sustainable Activities
- An Enriching Interactive Experience
- Access to all Plenary Sessions
- Knowledge-based Workshop Discussions
- One Souvenir T-shirt
- An Electronic Copy of Certificate of Participation
- · Lots of Networking Opportunities

The deadline for international applications is the 31 October.

### **FUNDING**

It is not expected that delegates will finance the cost of attending the summit independently. As an educator leader, we ask you to support your students to attend the summit through guiding them through the process of applying for grants and scholarships that your university may offer. As well as university sources, funding may be available through government programmes. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Global Programme Associates who will be happy to support you with further information regarding this.



# BEYOND THE GREEN SUMMIT THE IMPACT

The Green Summit gives young people the tools and knowledge to succeed in fighting for climate action and contributing to a greener future at home and in their place of work. The role as a Humanitarian Affairs Green Ambassador is a unique opportunity offered to delegates following their attendance at the summit. This role is voluntary and a one-year self-directed initiative allowing delegates to serve in the promotion of sustainable development efforts in their own community. Delegates will have the opportunity to gain valuable insight from speakers who are experts in a range of disciplines, from entrepreneurs to activists, participate in conservation activities and network with like-minded peers and employers. They will leave feeling empowered to instigate change, lead the way forward for other young people to ensure a green future and gain an interdisciplinary way of thinking.



### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**STEP 1:** Request a copy of the Delegate Application form from our team. Please note applications through our website will incur an application fee of USD 12.00

STEP 2: Collate all the completed forms from nominated students

STEP 3: Send the forms directly to our team for processing

By nominating your students to attend the inaugural Green Summit 2022 you are making a huge contribution to a global effort to enact positive change for our planet.

The United Nations Conference Center has limited seating capacity so please register early to reserve a place for your students at the summit.

If you want to learn more about the amazing opportunities the Green Summit will afford your students please submit an **Expression of Interest** today! Our **Global Program Associate** will be there to assist you with the entire nomination and application process.

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"If we build a society based on honoring the earth, we build a society which is sustainable and has the capacity to support all life forms. Let us be the ancestors our descendants will thank."

Winona Laduke, First Nation American economist, environmentalist and writer.