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# MUN SUMMIT 2025

# PARTICIPANT PACK

AFTER THE PACT: RECOMMITTING TO GLOBAL  
DIPLOMACY AND YOUTH FIGHTING FOR A BETTER  
FUTURE

**DATE:**

April 13th 2025

**LOCATION:**

Hilton Midtown, NY, USA. and  
Online

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# LETTER FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Participants,

It is my absolute privilege and honour as Managing Director to invite you all to the fifth edition of the Model United Nations Summit - this year held in collaboration with National Model United Nations. I could not be more thrilled to invite you to this year's conference with over 1'000 of you having registered to take part both in-person and online. Having celebrated the 80th Anniversary of Model UN last year and the passing of Resolution 77/336 (the first ever UN resolution on Model UN) we are going from strength to strength in promoting the role of Model UN and in celebrating Model UN's achievements on the world stage.

In this year's edition, we have carefully aligned ourselves with one of the most important evolving processes that will define the next decades of international relations, the Pact for the Future. These documents, including the Declaration on Future Generations and the Global Digital Compact, will help shape the way in which the United Nations and global cooperation will function for the decades to follow the post-2030 Agenda. In this effort, young people and especially civil society generated by young people have a huge part to play. Especially Model UN. It is for that reason we have titled this year After the pact: Recommitting to global diplomacy and youth fighting for a better future and I hope you can share with me these important values and activities.

This year, we are also ranging further afield than just simulations of the United Nations, by hosting crucial discussions on Model European Union and on youth engagement in Africa. The ability for simulations to expand across all areas of international relations is vital, and I look forward to these discussions as well as supporting the vital educational link that these simulations provide with young people and their organisations.

Lastly, I want to give thanks to all of those who have supported us throughout the years. Firstly that's our amazing team of volunteers, and secondly our supporters, notably the Jamaican and Portuguese Permanent Representations to the UN, NMUN for their tireless cooperation, UNA-USA, Youth MUN, and WFUNA for their engagement, and our host of partners of conferences and NGOs who support the work we do. We would do it without them.

And of course, we couldn't do it without you! Thank you for attending this day, and we hope that you have an enjoyable and educational time!

Yours,  
Philippe Lefevre  
Founder and Managing Director  
MUNers Across Borders



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# Summit Overview

The 2025 Summit aims to empower young leaders by fostering cross-border cooperation and enhancing understanding of UN processes through Model United Nations simulations. Our key objectives are creating a platform for youth to express their views, building robust networks among participants and organizations. From this we expect that all participants will strengthen connections, increase their awareness of global issues, and focus on the development of actionable initiatives that can better our communities. Our summit seeks to unite young leaders in their pursuit of diplomacy.

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## Special Thanks to our Sponsors

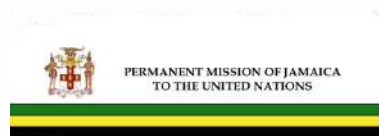
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# SUMMIT SCHEDULE

## Saturday, April 13

## Location

9:00am-10:00am	Registration.....	East Coat Check Room
10:00am-11:00am	Opening Ceremony.....	Beekman & S.N.
11:00am-11:30am	Ice-Breaking Quiz and Global Resolution .....	Beekman & S.N.

### Morning Panels

11:30am-1:00pm	Making the Future Real: Turning the Pact for the Future into Action.....	Regent
11:30am-1:00pm	Future-Ready: Youth the Global Digital Compact.....	Sutton South
11:30am-1:00pm	Action-Driven Advocacy: The Declaration for Future Generations..	Beekman & S.N.
11:30am-1:00pm	Making Online Shine: How Online MUNs are Thriving <a href="#">[Online]</a> .....	AirMeet

### Trainings

11:30am-12:15pm	Mobilising, Organising, and Collaborating in your Community.....	Sutton Centre
12:15pm-1:00pm	Next-Level Leadership: Skills for Organisers and SGs.....	Sutton Centre
11:30am-1:00pm	Command the Stage: Public Speaking Training <a href="#">[Online]</a> .....	Airmeet

### Lunch Break

1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch Break .....	(Individual)
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### Afternoon Panels

2:00pm-3:30pm	Europe for Everyone: Connecting Citizens through Model EU.....	Sutton South
2:00pm-3:30pm	Africa Rising: From Passion to Progress in Youth Engagement .....	Regent
2:00pm-3:30pm	The MUN Revolution: Resolution 77/336 - Progress & Next Steps.....	Beekman & S.N.

### Workshop

2:00pm-3:30pm	Mobilizing for the Pact - Youth Driving Global Change.....	Sutton Centre
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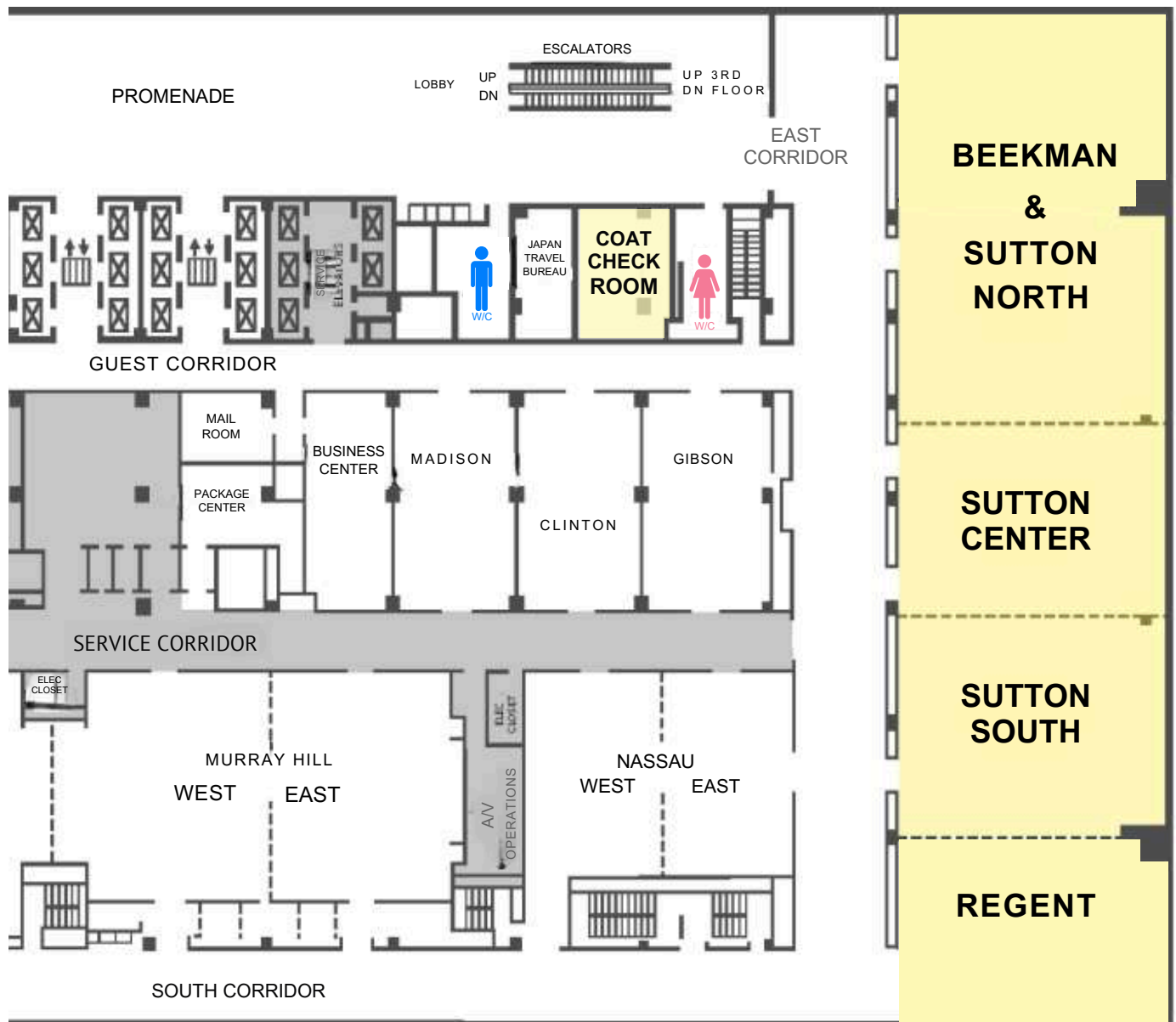
### Closing Ceremony

3:30pm-4:00pm	Closing Ceremony: Celebrating Success, the Case for Positivity.....	Beekman & S.N.
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### Networking Sessions

4:00pm-5:30pm	Afternoon Buzz: Careers, Coffee, and Connections.....	Sutton Centre
4:00pm-5:30pm	Virtual Vibes: Online Networking and Global Collab <a href="#">[Online]</a> .....	Airmeet

# CONFERENCE VENUE MAP



## ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

- Accessible guest rooms with mobility features, including entry or passage doors providing 32" of clear width
- Accessible parking
- Accessible registration desk
- Accessible route from the public entrance to the registration area
- Public areas/facilities accessible for physically challenged individuals
- Strobe alarms
- Valet-only parking
- Accessible hotel restaurant and public entrance
- Accessible route from the public entrance to the accessible guestrooms
- Emergency pull cords in bathrooms
- Service animals welcome
- Visual alarms for the hearing impaired

## WI-FI

**Network:**  
NMUN

**Password:**  
NMUN2025

# REGISTRATION

## Event Registration

**Location:** Second Floor, Hilton Midtown, East Coat Check Room. (See Guide)

**Entry Requirements:**

- Present a valid ID.
- Have your ticket confirmation (printed or digital).

**Age Requirement:**

- If under 18, proof of parental consent is required

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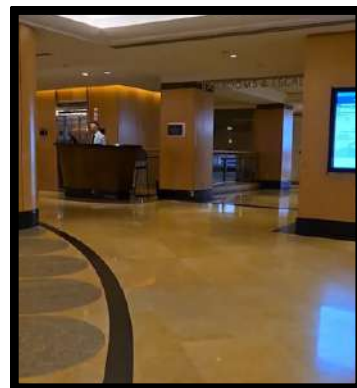
- **Blue:** Participants
- **Red:** Speakers
- **Green:** Organizers
- **Yellow:** Supporters (Supporter ticket holders will receive a tote bag at the event.)

You may exit and re-enter throughout the day, as long as you have your badge with you.

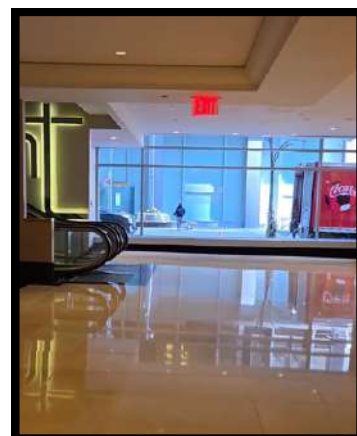
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## Guide

1. When entering the Hilton, Turn Right towards the "Ballrooms & Escalators" sign.



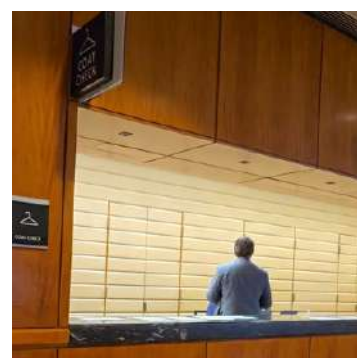
2. Go up the escalators.



3. Go all the way down the main hall towards the end.



4. Coat Check Room will be on the left-hand side



## Event Location

**Hilton Midtown, New York**

**Address:** 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Getting There

### By Train:

Amtrak: Arrive at Penn Station, which is a short walk from the venue.

Long Island Rail Road (LIRR): Also arrives at Penn Station.

### By Bus:

Various intercity bus services operate to and from New York City, arriving at locations like Port Authority Bus Terminal, which is nearby.

### By Subway:

The New York City subway is an efficient way to navigate the city. The closest subway stations to the Hilton Midtown are:

47-50th Streets – Rockefeller Center (B, D, F, M lines)  
49th Street (N, Q, R, W lines)

## Local Attractions

### Times Square

Location: Manhattan, NY 10036

### Central Park

Location: W 59th St, New York, NY 10019

### Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Location: 11 W 53rd St, New York, NY 10019, United States

### Broadway Shows

Location: Various Broadway and off-Broadway Shows around the City Theaters, including but not limited to:

- The Book of Mormon
- Gypsy
- Rosewood
- Hamilton
- Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

## Dining Options

**Note** - Lunch is not covered by your participation in the summit

### 1. Melt Shop:

**Cuisine:** American comfort food, specializing in grilled cheese sandwiches and gourmet melts.

**Location:** 1001 Avenue of the Americas

### 2. The Halal Guys

**Cuisine:** Middle Eastern street food, famous for their gyros and chicken over rice.

**Location:** 720 Amsterdam Ave (with a food cart nearby)

### 3. Joe's Pizza

**Cuisine:** Classic New York-style pizza.

**Location:** 7 Carmine St

### 4. Dig Inn

**Cuisine:** Farm-to-table, healthy bowls and seasonal dishes.

**Location:** 200 W 40th St

### 5. Ess-a-Bagel

**Cuisine:** New York-style bagels and sandwiches.

**Location:** 831 3rd Ave

### 6. Num Pang Kitchen

**Cuisine:** Cambodian sandwiches and bowls.

**Location:** 21 E 12th St

### 7. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

**Cuisine:** Seafood and American fare.

**Location:** 1501 Broadway

### 8. Café Zaiya

**Cuisine:** Japanese bakery and café.

**Location:** 20 W 32nd St

## Emergency Contacts

**Emergency Situations:** 911

**Non-Emergency Situations:** 311

**Hotel Phone:** +1 (212) 586-7000

**Nearest Hospital:** Northwell Health

**Location:** 641 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10022

**Phone:** +1 (212) 371-7230

We look forward to welcoming you to the Model UN Summit 2025! Please plan your travel accordingly and enjoy your time in New York City. For any further inquiries, feel free to reach out to the event organizers.



# CODE OF CONDUCT

## Expected Behavior

### Respect and Courtesy

- Treat all participants, staff, and speakers with respect and courtesy.
- Acknowledge and appreciate diverse perspectives and backgrounds.

### Professionalism

- Maintain a professional demeanor at all times, including appropriate attire.
- Avoid disruptive behavior that may interfere with the event experience of others.

### Integrity

- Engage honestly and transparently in all interactions.
- Do not engage in any form of dishonesty, including plagiarism, misrepresentation, or fraud.

## Participation Guidelines

### Active Engagement

- Participate actively and constructively in discussions and activities.
- Listen attentively and respect the contributions of others, refraining from interrupting.

### Conflict Resolution

- Address conflicts directly and promptly with the involved parties in a respectful manner.
- If a resolution cannot be reached, report the issue to event staff immediately for mediation.
- Participants engaging in disruptive or aggressive behavior will be warned and may face removal from the event if the behavior continues.

## Communication Standards

### Respectful Dialogue

- Engage in respectful and constructive conversations, avoiding offensive language or personal attacks.
- Disparaging remarks or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the event.

### Social Media Responsibility

- Use social media responsibly when discussing the event, ensuring that posts are respectful and constructive.
- Obtain explicit permission before sharing images or personal information of others.

## Safety and Well-being

### Safety Compliance

- Report any unsafe conditions, inappropriate behavior, or violations of this Code of Conduct to event staff immediately.

### Support and Well-being

- Be considerate of the well-being of yourself and others, and seek help if you feel uncomfortable or overwhelmed.
- Participants are encouraged to support one another and speak up if they witness any inappropriate behavior.

## Consequences of Misconduct

### Enforcement of Conduct

- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in immediate consequences, including removal from the event.
- Summit staff will investigate reported breaches and take appropriate action based on the severity of the misconduct.

By registering for this event, you agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Together, we can create a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

# PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA NOTICE

By registering for the Model UN Summit 2025, you acknowledged and agreed to the following Photography & Media Notice regarding the use of images and recordings taken during the event.

## Consent to Use of Images

### 1. Photography and Videography

- The event organizers will be capturing photographs and video footage throughout the Summit for promotional and educational purposes.
- By participating in the event, you consent to being photographed and recorded.

### 2. Use of Images

- The images and recordings may be used in various media, including but not limited to; Event promotional materials, Social media platforms, News articles, press releases, Educational materials and presentations

### 3. No Compensation

- Participants will not receive any compensation for the use of their images or recordings.

## Opting Out

### 4. If You Do Not Wish to Be Photographed

- If you prefer not to be photographed or recorded, please inform the summit staff at registration.
- Event photographers will do their best to avoid participants who do not wish to be photographed, however due to the hybrid nature of the event it is possible that the participant's image may be captured in the video recordings.

## Summit Contact Information

### Questions or Concerns

For any questions or concerns regarding this notice or anything else, please contact the event organizers at:

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Your registration in the Model UN Summit 2025 signifies your acceptance of this Photography & Media Notice. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

# MEET THE TEAM

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# MEET THE REST OF THE TEAM

## MUNers Across Borders



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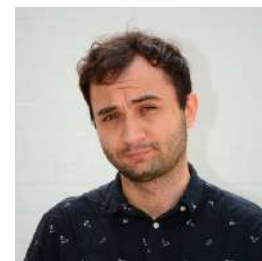
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Legal Officer



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# IGNITING THE FUTURE

Youth at the Heart of Global Change



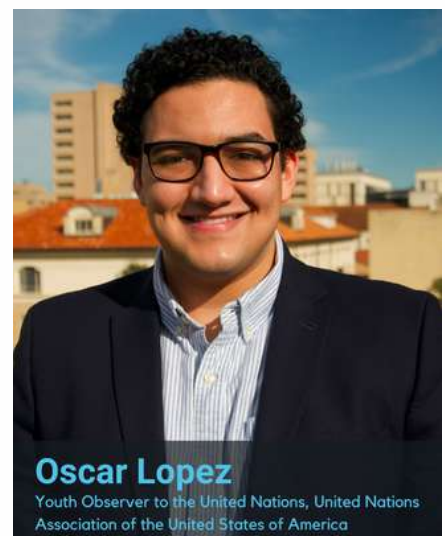
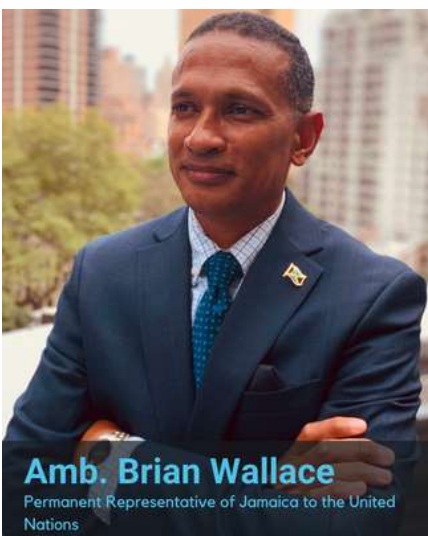
**Sutton North and Beekman**

**10:00am-11:00am**



The opening session kicks off the Model UN Summit 2025 with a focus on youth as drivers of global change. Featuring keynote speeches from diplomats, youth leaders, and policymakers, the ceremony highlights the power of collaboration and innovation. The session sets the tone for the Summit, emphasizing youth leadership in advancing sustainability, equality, and global cooperation.

## SPEAKERS



# S P E A K E R B I O S

## Clarissa Estep



Crissy is a Teaching Professor of Political Science at West Virginia University (WVU), directing the Model United Nations and International Studies programs. She holds a doctorate in Political Science, focusing on International Relations and Political Economy. Since 2006, she has served in various roles at WVU, including assistant director of Multidisciplinary Studies and director of the Honors College's Experiential Learning Program. Crissy teaches courses like Introduction to International Relations and is currently researching experiential education and innovative teaching methods.

## Amb. Hedda Samson



Amb. Samson is a career diplomat, serving as the Deputy Head of the Delegation of the EU to the UN. She holds a Master's degree in International Studies and Legal & Political Science from the University of Leiden. Fluent in Dutch, English, and Italian, she has held significant positions, including Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, Head of the Political Section at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN, and Deputy Head of the Social and Economic UN Affairs Department in The Hague. Her experience also includes roles as First Secretary for Human Rights and Social Affairs and Senior Policy Officer for Non-Proliferation.

## Philippe Lefevre



Philippe is the founder and Managing Director of MUNers Across Borders. A young Franco-British professional in London, he has extensive MUN experience spanning multiple countries, he's excited to work with a fantastic team to celebrate Model UN. He's academically rooted in international politics and diplomacy and aims to establish World Model UN Day while empowering global youth voices.

## Amb. Brian Wallace



Amb. Wallace holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the West Indies, a Certificate of Legal Education from Norman Manley Law School, and a Master of Laws in Public International Law from the London School of Economics. He has served as a Senator in the Jamaican Parliament and has held positions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and within the UN's internal justice system in New York. Since September 2021, he has been the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, continuing to serve his country and the interests of humanity.

## Oscar Lopez



Oscar Armando Lopez III is a U.S.-Mexico border-based researcher, writer, and artist focused on youth advocacy, climate action, and inclusive policymaking. As the 2024–25 UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN, he represents American youth in global forums. A Y20 Summit delegate and member of multiple youth councils, Oscar has held roles at the White House and Goldman Sachs. He co-founded the El Río Es Vida Coalition and served on boards including the Born This Way Foundation. His work spans public policy, storytelling, and digital equity, and has been featured by the UN, Clinton Global Initiative, and other international platforms.

## Jorge Aranda



Mr. Jorge Aranda has been a Portuguese diplomat since 1998. He is currently the Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal at the UN in New York. Previously he was Security Policy Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lisbon. He had been posted before to Copenhagen, Berlin, Warsaw, Helsinki and NATO in Brussels. He was appointed Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister, to the Secretary of State for European Affairs and to the Secretary of State for National Defence in different Portuguese Governments.

# KICKING OFF WITH CREATIVITY

Introduction of 'The Global Resolution'



**Sutton North and Beekman**

**11:00am-11:30am**



This engaging session will introduce participants to "The Global Resolution," a key initiative for the Model UN Summit 2025. Attendees will take part in interactive ice-breaking activities aimed at fostering connections, igniting creativity, and cultivating a sense of community. Additionally, we are excited to unveil the 'MUNers Digest,' the world's first magazine and journal dedicated to the simulation community.

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### CIARA CAMPBELL

Ciara Campbell is an IR working professional, based in Ireland. She holds a BA in Politics from QUB and an MA from College of Europe, Bruges. She has worked in policy ranging from regional to international across various issues including trade, human rights and digital.



### SOUMYA ARORA

Soumya is a final year Law and politics student in Ireland. Her passion for making a positive impact has found its truest expression through her exceptional involvement in the MUN community. Soumya's has chaired conferences in Marrakech, New York, Rome, and Dubai, shaping young minds. She has been a part of MAB community since 2021 it has been a fulfilling experience for her.



# ACTION DRIVEN ADVOCACY

The Declaration for Future Generations



**Sutton North and Beekman**

**11:30am-1:00pm**



The "Declaration for Future Generations" emphasizes the need for sustainable and equitable decision-making today to benefit tomorrow. It calls for intergenerational dialogue and policies that prioritize long-term well-being and planetary health. This session will explore advocacy strategies to promote the Declaration's principles. Panelists will discuss fostering youth leadership, building cross-sector alliances, and creating actionable frameworks for sustainability. The focus will be on inspiring accountability and collective action to safeguard the future.

## SPEAKERS





# S P E A K E R B I O S



## Jadayah Spencer

The Executive Director of the International Youth Leadership Institute (IYLI) and a dedicated advocate for youth, people of African descent, and Indigenous communities worldwide. An NYU alumna and proud Brooklyn native, Jadayah is a Co-Chair of the Youth Sub-Committee of the International Civil Society Working Group for the United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent and served on the New York City Young Women's Advisory Council, addressing local policy issues affecting young women of color. New York Nonprofit Media also named her one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in the NYC Nonprofit Sector.



## Ishaan Shah

Ishaan Shah advises several UN agencies with a focus on movement building, localisation, and monitoring, supporting, and strengthening intergovernmental processes. Through this work he is ensuring human rights, gender equality, and the meaningful engagement of young people are centered.



## Oscar Lopez

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## Iyeeka Walters

Ms. Iyeeka Walters assumed duties as Counsellor for Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations in February 2025. Her responsibilities include representing Jamaica's interests on issues related to the United Nations General Assembly Third Committee and serving as Jamaica's focal point on the Declaration on Future Generations. She previously served as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations, covering issues related to the UN's Fifth Committee and successfully led Jamaica's candidatures to multilateral bodies. She has held various positions within the Jamaican Foreign Service since 2019.



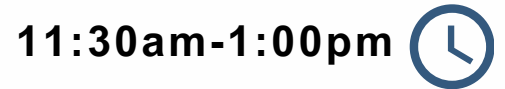
## Cathleen Jeanty

Cathleen Jeanty is a policy researcher and advocate specializing in human rights and youth empowerment. As Deputy International Affairs Officer at Young Democrats of America and a Global Goals Ambassador at UNA-USA, she amplifies youth voices in global governance. A former fellow at UNHCR and current researcher at The Haiti Policy House, she has presented research to The White House, State Department, and Congress. In 2024, Cathleen won the Women's Foreign Policy Group's international essay contest and the President's Volunteer Service Award from President Joe Biden. Her work has been featured in Devex and Transatlantic Policy Quarterly.

Panel Discussion

# FUTURE-READY

## Youth & the Global Digital Compact



The Global Digital Compact is a landmark document that will define how our modern society interacts with the questions of our time – how to globally govern digital technologies and artificial intelligence? Digital technologies hoped to bring populations together by sharing knowledge and a common humanity, but have instead led to a rise in polarisation. The impact of AI on digital natives in areas such as education and employment are considerable and novel. The Global Digital Compact is a state-led response to the unregulated domain of global digital policy, but what impact will it have on future generations? In this session, we will analyse the effectiveness of the GDC in tackling digital divides and youth engagement.

## SPEAKERS



# S P E A K E R B I O S



## Georg Poensgen

Georg Poensgen is a Luxembourgish-German-Swedish global education and youth well-being advocate. As a former UN Youth Delegate of Luxembourg to the 79th UN General Assembly, he championed mental health, education, and Children's rights in the digital era. He co-founded Well-Being Week, an award-winning mental health initiative, and edYOUcation, a peer-tutoring program for equal learning access. Georg is a Global Youth Ambassador for TheirWorld (education-focused charity) and a member of the Child & Youth Working Group of the Global Mental Health Action Network. Currently, studying Economics and Political Science at McGill University, he will represent UN-MGCY at the ECOSOC Youth Forum.



## Fiona Alexander

Ms. Fiona M. Alexander is Distinguished Policy Strategist in Residence in the School of International Service at American University and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow with the Tech Policy Initiative at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA). She is also co-founder of Salt Point Strategies, a consulting group that provides public affairs advice, strategy, and advocacy to clients navigating the emerging high-tech economy. Prior to this, Fiona served for nearly twenty years across four Administrations in the US government where she was the principal official responsible for the analysis, development, and execution of international Internet, cyber and communications policy.



## Ciara Campbell

Ciara Campbell is an IR working professional, based in Ireland. She holds a BA in Politics from QUB and an MA from College of Europe, Bruges. She has worked in policy ranging from regional to international across various issues including trade, human rights and digital.



## Lennart Schulze

Lennart Schulze is a doctoral researcher at Columbia University in New York, focusing on machine learning and robotics. He is a policy advocate for trustworthy AI, digital sustainability, and the open internet. Prior to coming to the U.S., he was the Carlo-Schmid-Fellow for circular economy at the United Nations' technology agency, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). At ITU, he also served as an appointed European Youth Envoy. He is a member of the German Commission for UNESCO, where he serves on the information committee and co-founded its Youth Forum. He was a member of the German Youth IGF steering committee, an Internet Society Youth Ambassador, and a multi-year delegate to the UN Internet Governance Forum.



# MAKING THE FUTURE REAL

Turning the Pact for the Future into Action



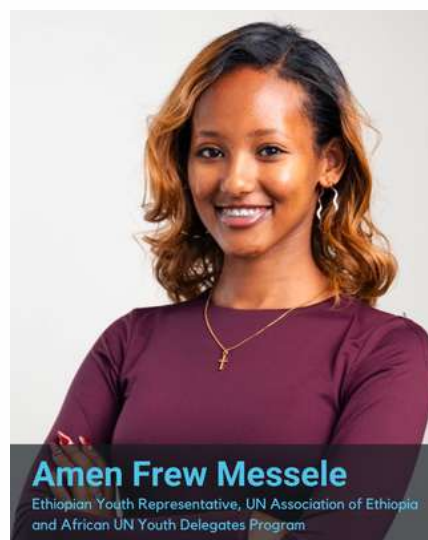
**Sutton South**

**11:30am-1:00pm**



The “Pact for the Future” outlines a vision to address global challenges through solidarity and action. Focused on sustainability, equity, and resilience, it offers a roadmap for tackling issues like climate change and inequality. Realizing these goals requires practical steps. This session will explore strategies to implement the Pact, emphasizing governance, inclusivity, and innovation. Panelists will discuss collaboration, resource mobilization, and amplifying marginalized voices to ensure no one is left behind. Technology’s role in driving progress and the importance of monitoring outcomes will also be key themes.

## SPEAKERS





# S P E A K E R B I O S



## Dr. Maha Hosain Aziz

Dr Maha Hosain Aziz is a professor and author in global risk and future trends at NYU's MA IR Program; she is a risk expert at the World Economic Forum, co-chair in policy (AI) at Digital Economist and senior advisor (geopolitics) at Enlighten Advisory. She has written a trilogy of books: Future World Order (2020), Global Spring and 10 Shock Events By 2030. She also created the VR/AR comic Global Kid (2021). She is a global citizen with Pakistani Muslim roots growing up in the Middle East, SE Asia, Europe and the US, studying at Brown, Columbia and LSE.



## Virgil Parker

Parker is an activist and proud graduate of Howard University. He currently serves as a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador and a Global Goals Ambassador for the United Nations Association of the USA. Previously, he worked as a television producer for News 10 NBC in Rochester, New York, and was a HBCU Competitiveness Scholar for the White House Initiative on HBCUs, as well as a William Randolph Hearst Fellow at the Aspen Institute. His insights have been featured in media outlets such as Forbes, CBS News, The Hill, and Blavity.



## Ali Mustafa

Ali Mustafa is the CEO of the International Organization of Youth (IOY) and a Representative to the United Nations for AFS Intercultural Programs. A former Co-Chair of the UNDGC Youth Steering Committee, he has served as an Expert Consultant to UNITAR and advises UN-Habitat Youth and the World Bank. With 14+ years in youth development and human rights, he has led global initiatives, reaching over half a million young people. A PhD Candidate in Political Science, his research focuses on youth engagement in politics.



## Yugratna Srivastava

Yugratna Srivastava is a Master of Public Administration candidate at Columbia SIPA (2024), focusing on Environmental and Public Policy, ESG research, and international development. With extensive experience in youth engagement and policy advocacy, she currently serves as an Analyst at Capital for Climate and is an Organizing Partner for the Major Group for Children and Youth. Previously, she worked as a Graduate Consultant at the World Resources Institute and held various roles in youth-focused organizations, including the UN Environment Programme and Plant-for-the-Planet. Yugratna's work emphasizes climate finance, environmental protection, and empowering young leaders globally.




## Amen Frew Messele

Amen Frew Messele is a youth advocate passionate about international relations, human rights, and peace and security. She is actively engaged in youth empowerment initiatives and serves as the UN Youth Representative for Ethiopia under AUNYD. In this role, she works to advance meaningful youth engagement in UN processes, advocate for the implementation of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda, and strengthen collaboration between Ethiopian youth and regional and global platforms. With expertise in public speaking, policy dialogue, and leadership, she is committed to fostering inclusive and impactful youth and women's participation in local and global peace processes.

# Online Panel Discussion

# MAKING ONLINE SHINE

How Online MUNs are Thriving

11:30am-12:15pm 

Online Model United Nations (MUNs) have evolved into dynamic platforms for global engagement, enabling young leaders to collaborate across borders. These virtual spaces highlight resilience and innovation in global diplomacy education. This session will examine the success of online MUNs, focusing on their ability to foster inclusivity and accessibility. Panelists will discuss how technology has enhanced participation, the role of creative formats in maintaining engagement, and the future potential of digital diplomacy in shaping global dialogue.

## SPEAKERS

### Jonas Bruns



Jonas Bruns is a German MUN enthusiast living in Austria and working as a strategy consultant. Since high school, he has participated in MUNs worldwide as a delegate, chair, organizer, and secretary-general. During the pandemic, he combined his engineering background with his passion for MUN to develop software. He now runs mymun, the world's largest MUN platform, and MUN Command, which helps committees manage debates efficiently.

### Jaewon Choi



Mr. Jaewon Choi is a seasoned youth advocate and a non-profit leader. He serves as the Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation, the world's largest youth-led INGO on stakeholder engagement and advocacy in the UN System. He has extensive experience operating education programs for young people on political participation and advocacy. His Foundation operates the world's largest virtual Model United Nations conference, Discover Model United Nations. He also serves as the President of the Katija Hyungjoo Neuber Institute, a policy think-tank on youth policy in the United Nations.

### Lojien Altageb



Lojien is an event management enthusiast and communications specialist with experience in organizing international programs, corporate events, and cultural initiatives. Through roles in both nonprofit and corporate settings, Lojien has worked closely with stakeholders to create meaningful and well-executed events, always striving to foster engagement and connection. Her journey with MUNs all the years have had huge impacts on both professional and personal aspects of her life, and this is her driving force behind her passion for promoting MUN.

# Training Mobilising, Organising, and Collaborating in your Community



**Sutton Centre**

**11:30am-12:15pm**



This hands-on training session is designed for young leaders and organisers who want to grow the impact of their MUN clubs, civic groups, or local campaigns. It focuses on how to turn ideas into action using grassroots tools, digital platforms, and community partnerships. Participants will explore how to build teams, mobilise supporters, and sustain momentum around issues that matter most to them. Whether you're just getting started or looking to sharpen your skills, this is a practical space to learn and share.

## SPEAKERS

### Isabella Liu

Bella Liu joined Best Delegate as a Diplomacy Fellow for the MUN Institute in 2022, and has led Best Delegate's partnerships with schools in New York City since 2023. A senior at New York University studying Cello Performance, Bella began competing in MUN in 5th grade, attending over 30 conferences before college. She was elected Deputy Head Delegate of NYU's Travel Team in 2023, where she maintained a consistent award streak. Bella's passion for using MUN, leadership, and global affairs to promote youth positive change embodies her work in and out of the classroom.



### Juni Victoria Moe Moltubak

Juni Moltubak is a Political Science graduate (Leiden University) studying MSc Global Environment and Development (University of Copenhagen/University of Warsaw). Currently conducting research for the UNDP as part of the Regional Academy on the United Nations, she applies her academic knowledge of International Relations and Sustainable Development with her passion for climate policy and research.



# NEXT-LEVEL LEADERSHIP

Skills for Organizers and Secretary Generals



**Sutton Centre**

**12:15pm-1pm**



This session empowers organizers and Secretaries-General with advanced leadership skills for successful events. Participants will learn strategies for effective team coordination, decision-making under pressure, and fostering a positive and productive environment. The session will focus on practical tools and techniques to enhance leadership capabilities and drive impactful outcomes.

## SPEAKERS

### Jackie Schiffer



Jackie Schiffer is a nonprofit professional and public advocate with expertise in community engagement, arts/culture, education and food security. As a UNA-USA Global Goals Ambassador for SDG 2- Zero Hunger, Jackie is passionate about food security. Jackie also served as the food security task force leader for the NJ Junior Leagues State and Public Affairs Committee and is the current Community Manager for the Junior League of Greater Princeton. Jackie holds a BM in Voice from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an MEd in Educational Theatre from City College of New York, and MA in Diplomacy/Development Studies from UNITAR/University for Peace.

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Online Training

# COMMAND THE STAGE

Public Speaking

12:15pm-1pm 

A session on mastering public speaking and negotiation skills in high-pressure settings. Led by experts in public speaking and negotiation, delegates will learn techniques to captivate audiences, project confidence, and convey ideas effectively. Through interactive exercises and tailored feedback, attendees will enhance their ability to communicate persuasively and respond dynamically in debates. Whether addressing a large audience or engaging in diplomatic dialogue, this training empowers participants to take center stage with poise and impact.


## SPEAKERS

### David M. miles



David M. Miles is the CEO and co-visionary force behind WiseMee.com, a leading global education platform. With a background in business strategy and digital marketing, David helped grow WiseMee.com from an idea into a thriving community of over 500,000 users across 50+ countries. His leadership focuses on making high-quality, accessible content for students and young professionals worldwide. David believes in the power of technology to unlock learning opportunities and is dedicated to helping the next generation build skills in leadership, communication, and global awareness.

### Daniel Gindis



Daniel Gindis is a Model UN leader and co-founder of WiseMee.com, a global education platform inspired by his passion for diplomacy and learning. After years of success as an award-winning delegate and chair in Model UN, Daniel launched WiseMee.com to make knowledge accessible to all. Since its founding, the website has reached over 500,000 users in more than 50 countries, offering resources on public speaking, leadership, and global affairs. Through WiseMee, Daniel continues to empower young leaders worldwide, combining his experience in international debate with innovative, online learning tools.

# THE MUN REVOLUTION

## Resolution 77/336: Progress & Next Steps



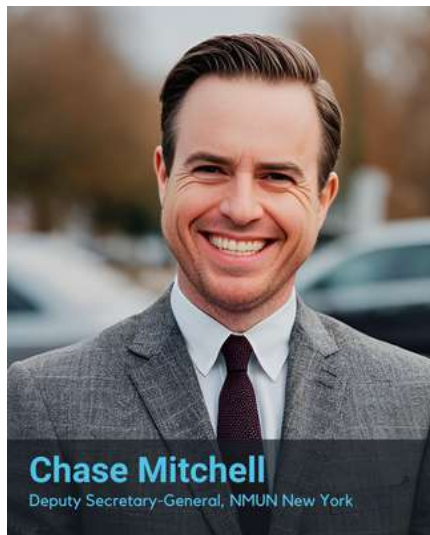
**Sutton North and Beekman**

**2:00pm-3:30pm**



Model United Nations has long been recognized as a valuable educational tool for developing diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking skills. However, with the passing of UN General Assembly Resolution 77/336, the international community formally acknowledged its role in promoting meaningful youth engagement in global affairs. This panel will explore the progress made since the resolution's adoption and discuss the next steps needed to solidify MUN's place as a platform for empowering young leaders. Panelists will examine how MUN can evolve to become more inclusive, how it can influence real-world policymaking, and how different organizations can work together to strengthen its educational impact.

## SPEAKERS



## Feifei (Shiyun) Hua



Feifei is the co-founder of the Youth Model United Nations Conference. She holds a Bachelor's degree in International Development Studies from McGill University and a Master's in Education from Harvard University. She is committed to help young people develop essential 21st century skills by designing meaningful and relevant learning experiences. Furthermore, she has led her team in organizing multiple national conferences and global competency programs for teenagers. Feifei is also the lead designer of China's first integrated future readiness curriculum for primary to high school students.

## Vitorino Mello Oliveira



Portuguese diplomat at the United Nations in New York. Former diplomatic advisor to the Portuguese Minister of State and Finance and President of the Eurogroup. PhD candidate in Economics and Finance. Assistant Professor (Adjunct) of Sustainable International Business, Geoeconomics and International Relations, The Global Impact Mindset: UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the Field Lab in Partnerships for Sustainable Development at Nova School of Business & Economics, with research and teaching projects in other institutions, including Columbia, INSEAD and UNITAR. Member of the Advisory Board at the Estoril Conferences.

## Andrew About Mourad



Andrew About Mourad is the cofounder of United Nations Youth of Canada, established in 2017. He has taught Model UN at various colleges and universities and has led numerous community-based projects empowering youth in leadership and experiential learning. Andrew grew the Quebec Model United Nations into the largest Model UN event in Canada and coordinates a large team of volunteers for these events. Professionally, he serves as a senior program officer at the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the federal agency responsible for grants and scholarships in the social sciences.

## Chase Mitchell



Chase has worked as a finance professional supporting the development and implementation of USAID-funded programs since 2017. He is also a longtime volunteer and advocate for model United Nations, having served in numerous roles at several conferences, including senior leadership for National Model United Nations.

## Finn Carlson




Finn Carlson is WFUNA's Senior Program Officer. In this capacity, he is in charge of managing WFUNA's educational programs focused on bridging the gap between the United Nations and civil society, especially young people. Finn has been with WFUNA for 7.5 years, serving in various roles and capacities. Prior to joining WFUNA, Finn worked at the United Nations and the European Union. Finn holds a BA in International Studies and a Msc in Political Science from Leiden University.

# Panel Discussion AFRICA RISING

## From Passion to Progress in Youth Engagement


 **Regent**

**2:00pm-3:30pm** 

Africa's youth are at the forefront of change, driving political, economic, and social transformations across the continent. However, despite their passion and activism, young people often face challenges in turning ideas into tangible policy change. This discussion will focus on how African youth can bridge the gap between ambition and action, exploring the role of digital tools, leadership programs, and international cooperation in advancing youth-led initiatives. Panelists will share their experiences and insights on how young leaders can maximize their impact, influence decision-making, and contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable future.

## SPEAKERS

### Chido Cleopatra Mpemba




Ms Chido Cleopatra Mpemba is an advocate for youth empowerment and development. She is currently serving as the African Union Chairperson's Special Envoy on Youth. In this capacity, Ms Mpemba serves as a critical link between African youth, both on the continent and in the diaspora, and the highest levels of policymaking within the African Union. Her mandate is to ensure that the aspirations and needs of Africa's youth are effectively communicated and included at the highest levels of decision-making. Through her leadership, her office engages with youth across Africa and the diaspora, fostering an environment conducive to intergenerational dialogue and concrete actions for sustainable development.

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### Cathleen Jeanty



Cathleen Jeanty is a policy researcher and advocate specializing in human rights and youth empowerment. As Deputy International Affairs Officer at Young Democrats of America and a Global Goals Ambassador at UNA-USA, she amplifies youth voices in global governance. A former fellow at UNHCR and current researcher at The Haiti Policy House, she has presented research to The White House, State Department, and Congress. In 2024, Cathleen won the Women's Foreign Policy Group's international essay contest and the President's Volunteer Service Award from President Joe Biden. Her work has been featured in Devex and Transatlantic Policy Quarterly.

### Loretta Ching'andu



Loretta Ching'andu is a young gender activist from Zambia passionate about gender equality, sustainable development, and youth engagement. A member of Educating Girls and Young Women for Development and Center For Young Leaders in Africa, her advocacy journey has centered on bridging the education and opportunity gap for marginalized girls and young women in Zambia and across the African continent. She has actively represented youth voices in various spaces, including speaking at high level UN events such as the ECOSOC partnership forum. She was recently recognized as a Rising Star Leader by the Mwape Peer for her work on SDG5.



# EUROPE FOR EVERYONE

Connecting Citizens through Model EU



**Sutton South**


**2:00pm-3:30pm**



Model European Union (Model EU) simulations provide a unique opportunity for young people to better understand the workings of the European Union and actively engage with key policy debates. As the EU faces challenges related to democratic participation, digital transformation, and global leadership, Model EU serves as a space where young citizens can debate the future of the continent. This panel will explore the role of Model EU in fostering civic engagement, strengthening European identity, and equipping future policymakers with the skills to navigate complex international negotiations. Panelists will discuss best practices, the future of Model EU initiatives, and how they can be leveraged to promote democratic participation and cross-border dialogue.

## SPEAKERS

### Cara Borg Aquilina




Cara is a 20-year-old law student and Malta's United Nations Youth Delegate. She has engaged in high-level forums, including the UNGA Third Committee Meetings (2023), CSW68, HLPF24, the Summit of the Future, UNGA79, COP29, and HRC58. Passionate about human rights, gender equality, and sustainability, she is committed to multilateralism and the representation of Maltese culture. Recognized with the FreeHour Malta International Impact Youth Award and JCI Malta's Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award, she has also delivered a TEDx Youth Talk on her experiences. Cara continues to amplify youth voices while pursuing her law degree at the University of Malta.

### Quentin Weiler

Quentin Weiler is Head of the Political Affairs and UN Security Council Division at the EU Delegation to the UN in New York. Quentin Weiler is visiting Professor at the International Relations Department of the College of Europe in Bruges and at the European Diplomatic Academy, where he teaches an EU model course. He holds an MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges, an MA in European Studies from the Faculty of Law of Lille 2 and a diploma in International Relations from the Institute of Political Science of Lille.



### Bartosz Dawidczyk



Bartosz Dawidczyk is a career diplomat with expertise in geopolitics, development policy, and transatlantic affairs. He currently serves at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations in New York, where he coordinates Poland's engagement in the UN Peacebuilding Commission and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the Universidad de Guadalajara in Mexico, and has enriched his academic background through studies at Texas A&M International University, the Universidad de Lleida in Spain, the University of Warsaw, and the Polish Diplomatic Academy. In 2017, he participated in a research project at Harvard University in Boston, further deepening his expertise in international relations.

### Ciara Campbell

Ciara Campbell is an IR working professional, based in Ireland. She holds a BA in Politics from QUB and an MA from College of Europe, Bruges. She has worked in policy ranging from regional to international across various issues including trade, human rights and digital.



# MOBILIZING FOR THE PACT

Mobilizing for the Pact – Youth Driving Global Change



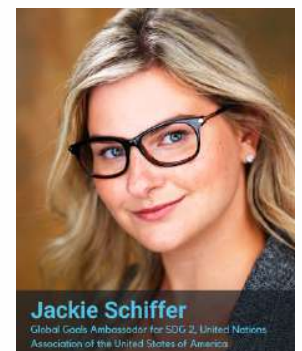
**Sutton Centre**

**2:00pm-3:30pm**



Youth activism has become a powerful force for change, influencing policies on climate action, human rights, and sustainable development. However, mobilizing for real impact requires strategic planning, collaboration, and a deep understanding of policy processes. This interactive workshop will equip participants with practical skills to organize campaigns, engage with decision-makers, and advocate for the implementation of the UN's Pact for the Future. Through hands-on exercises, participants will develop strategies to build coalitions, communicate their messages effectively, and translate their activism into meaningful action.

## SPEAKERS



# MOBILIZING FOR THE PACT

## Workshop Topics

#	Facilitator	Topic	Description
1	Soumya Arora (MUNers Across Borders)	Sustainable Development and Financing for Development	How can young people advocate for fair financing systems and hold institutions accountable for delivering on development goals? By leading local projects and global campaigns, can they push for inclusive, youth-focused investment in sustainable solutions?
2	Sharon Low (MUNers Across Borders)	International Peace and Security	How can youth contribute to peacebuilding by promoting dialogue, countering hate speech, and supporting reconciliation in their communities? Through education and activism, can they elevate their role in conflict prevention and diplomacy?
3	Georg Poensgen (79 <sup>th</sup> GA UN Youth Delegate of Luxembourg)	Science, Technology and Innovation	How can young people shape the ethical development of emerging technologies and ensure that science serves the common good? What role can youth play in expanding access to innovation and influencing how technology is governed?
4	Caitlin Hopper (National Model UN)	Youth and Future Generations	What does meaningful youth inclusion in decision-making look like across different levels of governance? How can young people ensure their concerns — and those of future generations — are reflected in long-term policy?
5	Nadine Moussa (National Model UN)	Transforming Global Governance	What changes are needed in international institutions to reflect today's youth, diversity, and global challenges? How can young people participate in shaping a more equitable and responsive system of global cooperation?
6	Tasha Burhunduli (MUNers Across Borders)	Global Digital Compact	What values should guide how we govern the digital world? How can young people contribute to global conversations on internet access, online safety, digital rights, and the responsibilities of big tech?
7	Virgil Parker (UNA-USA Global Goals Ambassador)	Declaration on Future Generations	How can we ensure today's decisions consider the impact on future generations? What frameworks, laws, or cultural shifts are needed to embed intergenerational justice in policymaking?
8	Jackie Schiffer (UNA-USA Global Goals Ambassador)	Completing the SDGs	As 2030 approaches, what are the biggest gaps in SDG implementation — and why do they persist? What role can young people play in renewing global energy and accountability toward these goals?

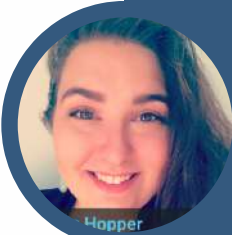
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## Sharon Low



Sharon is a Master of Global Affairs graduate from the University of Toronto's Munk School, and specialises in markets and innovation. She's a Lupina fellow and Ontario graduate scholar, currently working at Deloitte in public sector consulting. Sharon's MUN involvement spans over 25 conferences, and she enjoys coaching high school MUN and exploring farmer's markets.

## Caitlin Hopper



Caitlin Hopper is the Global Board Affairs Manager at the World Resources Institute (WRI), where she oversees governance activities for the Global Board of Directors and streamlines practices across WRI's global network. Previously, she was part of the Board Secretariat team at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), handling Board meeting preparations and serving as Secretary to the Senior Management Team. Caitlin holds a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University.

## Tasha Burhunduli



Tasha is a first-year medical student at the University of Ottawa. She has been actively engaged in Model UN since 2020 and passionately believes in the power of youth voices and the importance of empowering young leaders through Model UN.

## Nadine Moussa



Nadine lives and works in Ottawa, Canada as an advisor to the Director-General for International Affairs at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. She is a graduate of the University of Ottawa, where she earned a Bachelors degree in political science and an MA in Public and International Affairs. Nadine has been involved with NMUN for over 10 years, serving as a member of the Advisory Group and previously the Secretary-General for NMUN New York 2024.



# MOBILIZING FOR THE PACT

Youth Driving Global Change

2:00pm-3:30pm



For those unable to attend in person, this online workshop offers a platform for young leaders around the world to collaborate on advancing the goals of the Pact for the Future. Participants will engage in discussions on best practices for advocacy, share success stories from their regions, and develop innovative solutions to address global challenges. The session will focus on how digital tools can enhance youth-led movements and strengthen international solidarity in achieving sustainable development goals.

## SPEAKERS

### Sophie Kim



Sophie Kim is a passionate environmentalist who represents SDG #14, Life Below Water, as a Global Goals Ambassador of the United Nations Association of the United States. She is also a student at Huntington Beach High School and represents HBHS as a delegate in their Model UN program; Sophie is the first junior to serve on HBHS MUN's senior staff in over a decade. MUN has always held a special place in her heart because of how it has influenced her activism and understanding of world events, and she is honored to be a speaker for World MUN Day's 2025 Summit!

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# Closing Ceremony

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

## The Case for Positivity



**Sutton North and Beekman**

**3:30pm-4pm**



As the Model UN Summit 2025 comes to a close, this session will reflect on the key insights and takeaways from the event. The ceremony will celebrate the successes of youth leaders, highlight the impact of Model UN in shaping global discourse, and inspire attendees to continue their work in diplomacy, advocacy, and leadership. With messages from distinguished speakers, this final session will leave participants motivated to drive positive change in their communities and beyond.

## SPEAKERS



### PHILIPPE LEFEVRE

Philippe is the founder and Managing Director of MUNers Across Borders. A young Franco-British professional in London, he has extensive MUN experience spanning multiple countries, he's excited to work with a fantastic team to celebrate Model UN. He's academically rooted in international politics and diplomacy and aims to establish World Model UN Day while empowering global youth voices.



### NUDHARA YUSUF

The Stimson Center. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Coalition for the UN We Need, a platform of over 650 civil society organizations advocating for UN reform. Nudhara previously served as Co-Chair of the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Support of the Summit of the Future, she has also worked with UNDP's SDG Integration Team, the Asia Pacific Bureau's Strategic Foresight Unit, WFUNA, and supported Members of British and Indian Parliaments. A founder of several grassroots NGOs, her research focuses on inclusive multilateral systems and implementing the UN Pact for the Future.



### JAEWON CHOI

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In-Person

# AFTERNOON BUZZ

Careers, Coffee, Tea, and Connections



**Sutton Centre**

**4:00pm-5:30pm**



This informal networking session provides an opportunity for summit participants, distinguished speakers, and event sponsors to connect in a relaxed setting. Over coffee and tea, attendees can engage in meaningful conversations, explore potential collaborations, and expand their professional networks. Whether seeking career advice, mentorship, or insights into global policymaking, this session is designed to foster valuable connections that extend beyond the Summit.

**NOTE: THE BAR IS CASH ONLY.**

## SPEAKERS



# S P E A K E R B I O S



## Michael Eaton

Michael has served as full-time Executive Director of NMUN since 2004 helping expand its annual programming to include more than 5,000 college participants. He attended NMUN as a delegate while studying at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He ultimately received his B.A. in Economics, summa cum laude, from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN an M.A. in Nonprofit Management and the coursework for a doctorate in international education (ABD) at the University of Minnesota. Additional honors include the Hamline scholar award and being named a Truman Scholar. He is a board member and past-President of the United Nations Association of Minnesota and a member of the National Council of UNA-USA.



## Vernoika Novotná

Veronika Novotná currently serves as the UN Youth Delegate for the Czech Republic. She represents Czech youth at the highest international level, where she also cooperates with the UN Youth Office and UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Her main agenda is tackling the problem of unpaid internships and making opportunities for youth in Czechia more accessible, particularly by overcoming informational barriers in regional areas. She is also a student of international relations and law at Charles University in Prague, where she specializes on the regionalism within the UN, Africa and geopolitics.



## Chiara Gisinti

Chiara Gisinti is one of the two Youth Delegates of Italy to the United Nations. She is finalizing her Master's degree in Law, after graduating in Legal Interpreting and Translation and having completed an executive master in Leadership for International Relations. She previously worked as a legal trainee at the Council of Europe Liaison Office to the European Union, and was also involved in the Excellence Italian Academy on Diplomacy, in the European Students Assembly at the European Parliament, and in the European Solidarity Corps.



## Andrea Granata


Andrea Granata is one of the two Youth Delegates of Italy to the United Nations. He has a Master's Degree in International Relations, with a Major in Diplomacy. He is a youth worker in the fields of youth empowerment and international affairs as Board of Director Member of an NGO with ECOSOC consultative status and as Young European Ambassador for the EU Neighbours East program, and was a Member of the Youth Delegation of the Council of Europe at its 10th World Forum for Democracy.



Online

# VIRTUAL HANGOUT

Online Collaboration

4:00pm-5:30pm 

For those joining remotely, this virtual networking session offers a space to connect with like-minded individuals, discuss key takeaways from the Summit, and explore potential partnerships. Attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, learn from experts, and build relationships with fellow young leaders from around the world. Whether discussing MUN initiatives, global diplomacy, or professional development, this session ensures that virtual participants remain an integral part of the conversation.

## SPEAKERS

### LAUREN JONES BRENNAN



Lauren is Ireland's United Nations Youth Delegate, a legal consultant at a human rights NGO, and a final-year Law student at Trinity College Dublin. She has shaped global policy, helping to secure funding for Global South youth delegates and influencing Ireland's Women, Peace, and Security National Action Plan. A co-drafter of UN youth resolutions, she has represented Ireland at UNGA, COP 29, CSW, and numerous other UN conferences, delivering official statements on behalf of her country. She has led high-level consultations on youth engagement, climate action, and peacebuilding, ensuring young people influence key decisions, while leading national campaigns on human rights and gender equality.

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