



CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE APPLICATIONS

1st INTERNATIONAL MODEL UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE 20-26 OCTOBER 2013 BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

Deadline for submission of applications: Saturday, 31st August 2013

UNDP Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan are organizing the country's first International Model UN Security Council Conference to be held in October 2013 in Baku. The theme of the Conference will be **"Cyber Security"**.

The Conference will bring together 45 university students and graduates from Azerbaijan and fourteen other states currently serving as members of the UN Security Council. Selected candidates will participate in a two-day pre-conference training workshop to be organised in collaboration with the UN DPI HQ and followed by a simulated session of the UN Security Council.

As participants in this Model UN Conference, students will be required to step into the shoes of ambassadors to the UN, representing the foreign policy of Security Council member states as accurately as possible. Preparation for and participation in this simulation of the UN Security Council will help students develop research, writing, public speaking and analytical skills, which will prove invaluable throughout their lives. Furthermore, students will learn the value of consensus building, conflict resolution and cooperation and enhance their leadership and inter-personal skills.

BACKGROUND

In order to respond to national and international calls for youth empowerment, on March 12, 2012, UNDP and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) launching the first ever partnership between these two organizations aimed at youth empowerment in the country. One of the areas of cooperation under this MoU calls for giving youth "ample opportunity to prepare for international events through critical/analytical research, assessment and the formulation of national positions in relation to global policy issues" through a set of different activities and simulation exercises.

In order to keep up the momentum and continue providing youth with various platforms through which to discuss the range of issues on the national and international development agendas, Model UN will be used as an instrument to broaden the scope and scale of youth dialogues. To this end, one of the project components is to nurture young leaders who are suited to represent Azerbaijan on the international stage through a Model UN Security Council Conference.

Bringing together youth delegates from the 15 states currently serving as members of the UN Security Council, this Model UN Conference will expose the Azerbaijani youth to the exchange of information with their international counterparts and showcase the country's performance as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2012-2013.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Only university students and graduates between 18 and 26 years of age are eligible to apply.
- Only candidates who are **nationals of one of the 15 states currently serving as members of the UN Security Council** are eligible to apply. The Council is currently composed of the following 15 member states:
 - *Five Permanent Members*: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America
 - *Ten Non-Permanent Members*: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Australia, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Morocco, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda and Togo.
- Only candidates with a minimum of one-to-two years of university-level Model UN experience (full participation in a MUN conference as a delegate or a member of the secretariat) are eligible to apply.
 - Prior experience as a delegate or staff member on the UN Security Council or another Crisis Committee would be an asset
 - Membership (current or past) in a university-level Model UN Club/Association would be an asset.
- **Language requirement**: The official working language of the International Model UN Conference as well as all Conference-related activities will be English. Therefore, candidates are required to be **fluent in English**.
- **Availability** for the entire pre-conference training and conference period. Each participant is required to take active part in the Model UN trainings and activities organized before and during the Conference.

Applicants must also have the following knowledge and skills:

- Keen interest in international affairs and the work of the UN
- Working knowledge of the UN Security Council
- Experience working effectively in a team
- Strong research, writing, problem solving and communication skills. Prior to the Conference, participants will be required to write position papers (a document that succinctly summarises a country's policies on the topic to be discussed during the simulation); during the Conference, participants will be required to make opening and closing statements, and actively participate in formal and informal debates, as well as in the drafting of final resolutions.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

All travel, board and lodging expenses for the selected participants will be covered by the organisers.

HOW TO APPLY

Those interested in and qualified to apply for participation in the 1st International Model UN Security Council Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, must send a completed application package to **mun.azerbaijan@gmail.com** by **Saturday, 31st August 2013**.

Completing your application package – what to submit:

- ✓ (1) **Completed application form** (Attached to this Call for Applications)
 - ❖ The application form must be saved in this format: COUNTRY_FAMILY NAME_Application form (e.g. ARGENTINA_SMITH_Application Form)
- ✓ (2) **Resume/CV in English** (maximum 3 pages)

- ❖ The resume/CV must be saved in this format: COUNTRY_FAMILY NAME_Resume/CV
- ✓ (3) **Writing sample in English**, with footnoted citations, (maximum 2 pages)
 - ❖ The writing sample should demonstrate the applicant's research and analytical skills, and proficiency in written English
 - E.g. part of a research paper for a university course or a portion of a policy brief or other research document authored by the applicant can be submitted as a writing sample.
 - For all writing samples, please indicate at the top of the sample, the purpose for which it was written, and the date (mm/yyyy) on which it was written.
 - The writing sample must be saved in this format: COUNTRY_FAMILY NAME_ WritingSample.
- ✓ Documents must be submitted either in Word or PDF Format.

Submitting your application package

- ✓ submit your application package by email to **mun.azerbaijan@gmail.com**
- ✓ Email subject line in this format: COUNTRY_FAMILY NAME_Application for 2013 Azerbaijan International MUN
- ✓ Send only ONE email with all attachments. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadline for submission of application package: Saturday, 31st August 2013.

Note: Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted by September 10th, 2013.