SIDE EVENT SCHEDULE

WFUNA INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS ONLINE
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INTRODUCTION

It is our pleasure to welcome you to WIMUN Online 2020!

While we are sad that we cannot welcome you in person, we are excited to meet you online shortly for a WIMUN conference like never before. The ongoing pandemic has made it impossible for us to hold face-to-face conferences but an online conference brings many new opportunities with it that we are thrilled to offer to you and explore together.

One of the big changes to our usual conferences is the addition of a week of side events: from talks by UN staff, to skill building workshops, and MUN focused webinars – we have prepared a whole range of exciting events for you.

In this booklet, you can find an overview of all side events that we will offer during WIMUN Online 2020. We invite you to review the booklet and pick out the side events you wish to attend.

Before you dive into the side events, though, we need to share three important things with you:

1. All times in this booklet are in Central European Standard Time (used in large parts of Europe and Africa, such as Amsterdam, Geneva, Paris, and Lagos). Please make sure to convert the times to the time zone you are in. If you are not sure about the time difference between CET and your time zone, we invite you to use this converter.

2. We want to ask you to register for the side events you want to attend. While you are still welcome to join events spontaneously and without prior registration, it would help all speakers tremendously with preparing for each session if we can give them an estimate of how many participants to expect. You can register for each event you want to attend by clicking on “Register” below the events you want to attend. The link to join the session will be emailed to you after you completed registration. If a side event does not receive a minimum threshold of registrations, we reserve the right to cancel an event.

We also invite you to visit the WIMUN website for a schedule overview and updates to the program.

If you have any questions about the side events, please do not hesitate to contact us at wimun@wfuna.org!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2020

10 am – 11 am CET: UN Careers and Internships

Description: The work of the United Nations touches every corner of the globe and focuses on a broad range of fundamental issues, like sustainable development, protection of the environment and refugees, disaster relief and mitigation, counter terrorism, as well as disarmament and non-proliferation. This session will focus on the UN as an employer, what it looks for when hiring staff, and what sort of positions are usually available. It will also cover how selections are made and how to enter the UN as a professional staff or under non-staff contracts.

Speaker: UN Staff (More information coming soon)

Register
11 am – 12 pm CET: UN75 Dialogue – Climate Crisis

**Description:** Secretary-General Guterres launched the UN75 initiative this year to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. The aim was to start a conversation with civil society to see what ‘we the peoples’ of the United Nations want to see as we head towards the UN’s Centenary. In this UN75 Dialogue, we are joined by Nathan Metenier, youth advisory on climate change for the Secretary General, to have an open discussion with WIMUN delegates about addressing the imminent climate crisis.

**Moderator:** Nudhara Yusuf is a final year Philosophy, Politics and Economics student at University College London, a global top 10 University. Besides being on the education and training team at WFUNA, she works closely with UN75 consultants in Geneva to facilitate Dialogues in youth organizations across the world. Nudhara is founder and leader of several grassroots NGOs and CSOs in India and the UK. Focusing primarily on skills-based development of youth in civil society, she has actively worked to mobilize young people in the face of disaster relief and to shift to digital engagement during the pandemic. Having spent time at Yale studying the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, her interests lie in the intersection of skills-based empowerment and the policy environment which enables it.

**Speaker:** Nathan Méténier is a 21 years old student and climate and environmental activist. He is the spokesperson of Youth and Environment Europe, the largest European independent network of youth-led environmental NGOs and only youth board member of the European Environmental Bureau, the largest network of environmental NGOs in Europe. In September 2019, he co-founded Generation Climate Europe. He holds the position of Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia for Youth4Nature. Earlier in the year, he was nominated among five young Europeans to become the next Young European of the Year 2020. In August 2020, he was selected to become one of the 7 members of the United Nations Secretary General Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

**Register**

2 pm – 3 pm CET: UN Virtual Tour (only with purchase of additional ticket on MyMUN)

**Description:** The one-hour UN Virtual Tour offers an exciting opportunity to explore the United Nations from the comfort of your home. You will have a chance to meet live one of the UN’s multilingual tour guides who will take you on a virtual journey through the history of the United Nations and speak about the Organization’s work in addressing global challenges. Through an interactive experience, you will learn how the United Nations addresses issues such as disarmament, peace and security, and human rights, and how you can support the Sustainable Development Goals. To ignite your virtual journey, the UN has selected for you a collection of fascinating images of the famous General Assembly Hall and the Security Council Chamber while showing some of the works of art decorating the inside of the United Nations Headquarters. The beautifully designed presentation will provide you with an exclusive educational and engaging online experience.

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4 pm – 5 pm CET: Public Speaking Workshop

**Description:** Public speaking is the art of giving power to words— to influence, inspire and transform lives. Yet— even though everyone knows how to speak, did you know that— “Public speaking is the Number One fear— more than even
death itself.” Like we all learned how to walk, run, draw or sing - we all can learn how to be a good public speaker. It is very simple – part science and part art. Kudos to you! By stepping out to participate in a Model UN conference – you are already on the path to master your communication and public speaking skills. This session will highlight a few tips and tricks that could elevate your public speaking skills. We will also be sharing how Model UN conferences and public speaking can play a very important role to shape your personality.

**Speaker:** Ariyamala Sivakumar is a lover of public speaking, and finds language extremely fascinating. As a former president of the Gavel Club, she has learnt, practiced and evaluated speeches. She’s also won over 50 table topics speeches at her Toastmaster Club. She’s won high school debate accolades and trained her school’s Model UN and Debate teams. She credits her participation in multiple Model UN conferences and subsequently chairing many Model UN conferences for playing a very important role in building her confidence and also elevating her Public Speaking skills.

**Register**

**5 pm – 6 pm CET: WHO Workshop on Mental Health**

**Description:** Mental health is a topic that has been neglected in many countries, and limited resources for mental health have been invested poorly. Yet, mental health is increasingly on the public health, development and humanitarian agenda. This side event will explore the reasons for this and the barriers and facilitating factor for change. Participants to the event will be invited to make reflections.

**Speaker:** Mark van Ommeren, Coordinator, Mental Health, World Health Organization

**Register**

**8 pm – 9 pm CET: Project Spotlight – World Within**

**Description:** World Within is guided by the vision of a world shaped by moral leadership—one we would be happy to be born into at random—by building companies and nonprofits on the front lines of global challenges.

Their work centers on building access to affordable healthcare, quality education, healthy food, and economic opportunity for people in underserved communities in ways that honor, protect, and sustain life on Earth for ourselves and future generations.

**Speaker:** Mehul Bhagat is a humanitarian, poet, and founder. He is the founder of World Within—an institution committed to building a world we would choose to be born into at random—by investing capital and building capacity in underserved areas.

Mehul serves as Chair of the Emory Global Health Institute, which builds critical health infrastructure around the world. Flagship projects include IANPHI, the international network of public health institutes, and CHAMPS, a $271M project to identify causes of infant mortality.

Mehul’s writing appears in Narrative, The Adroit Journal, and the Southern Humanities Review, where it was shortlisted for the Jake Adam York Prize in poetry. Mehul received a BA in Economics from Emory University as a Woodruff Scholar and delivered the commencement address.

**Register**
9 pm – 10 pm CET: Network your way out of COVID-19

Description: What is the best way to begin building your network? How to introduce yourself to a complete stranger? What is your unique personal brand? How to remain relevant? Bonus question: networking is great, but what about now, in the times of COVID? These are all questions that we will be answering in this session. Get a pen, paper and your best self, and get ready to invent yourself!

Speaker: Chris Siakkas works as Business Development Executive in the investment fund administration industry covering the European and Middle East pipeline. Chris has worked in the financial services sector over the last 4 years and the tech startup space. Alongside these positions, Chris is developing a startup called ‘Silkxchange’ operating in the sustainable fashion domain and is a member of the London Board of Entrepreneurial Scotland and Saltire Foundation. Prior to these, Chris helped organize a number of WFUNA events across the globe between 2014-2017, starting with the first ever flagship WIMUN conference in Rome.

Register

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020

12 pm – 1 pm CET: WHO Workshop on Polio Eradication

Description: Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. The strategy to eradicate polio is therefore based on preventing infection by immunizing every child until transmission stops and the world is polio-free.

In 1988, the global community embarked on an ambitious quest: Member States at the World Health Assembly adopted a Resolution, for the global eradication of poliomyelitis (polio). At the time, more than 350,000 children were paralysed by polio every year in more than 125 endemic countries. Under the continued oversight and guidance of Member States and the World Health Assembly, national governments – supported by private and public sector partners – have reduced global polio incidence by 99 percent, and the world stands on the threshold of being polio-free. The key is now to complete the job of eradication, as per the mandate issued by the global community, and prevent global resurgence of this highly infectious disease.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners work all across the globe to ensure no child is paralyzed by polio ever again.

Speaker: Oliver Rosenbauer, Communication Officer, Polio Eradication Program, World Health Organization

Register

1 pm – 1.30 pm CET: Opportunities at WIMUN

Description: The WFUNA International Model United Nations (WIMUN) is the world’s most accurate simulation of the United Nations. With conferences in New York and Geneva, it brings together almost 2000 students from over 100 countries annually. To run these conferences, WIMUN is constantly looking for qualified staff. From content writers who prepare SG Reports, to Secretaries who run simulations and senior leadership who oversee the different planning stages of each conference – there is an opportunity for everyone! Join to learn more about how you can take the next step of your WIMUN journey and to hear more about what opportunities are available, what to look out for when applying, and more!
Speaker: Finn Carlson, Model UN Program Associate, WFUNA

Register

2 pm – 3 pm CET: Using UN Resources to be the best prepared MUN Delegate

Description: This session will give you detailed information on how to find and use UN resources to prepare for a conference. In particular, it will provide examples and exercises on how to locate statements made at UN meetings as well as resolutions and reports distributed to Member States on agenda items that you may be discussing.

Speaker: Bill Yotive, Model UN Coordinator, WFUNA

Register

3 pm – 4 pm CET: Social Event – Kahoot Quiz 1

Description: This session will test WIMUN delegates’ knowledge of the UN. Multiple choice questions will be generated on Kahoots. Points are awarded based on speed of answer. There will be three sessions offered between 2-6 November. The delegate with the most points after each session will be awarded a certificate. Join other delegates to see who knows the most!

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8 pm – 9 pm CET: Project Spotlight – Jefu

Description: Jefu is a digital bank for women. Around the world, there are over 1.3 billion unbanked women. And of the women who do have bank accounts, 73% express discontent with their financial institution. As a woman-led company, Jefu provides services such as savings, credit, payments, and insurance in an affordable, convenient and secure mobile solution. We create a paradigm-shift in how women understand, manage, spend, and save money. Jefu is starting in Latin America, a region where the majority of women are under or unbanked.

Speaker: Emma Smith is an entrepreneur dedicated to building last-mile solutions in financial services. Recognized by Forbes 30 Under 30 and Nasdaq, Emma previously ran a high-growth fintech company operating across East Africa. She has also worked with Bridgewater Associates, the United Nations, and National Geographic. She has a MSc from the London School of Economics and a Bachelors from Duke University. She is currently the CEO of Jefu, a digital bank for women and one of the top five companies this year at TechCrunch Disrupt.

Register

9 pm – 10 pm CET: Teach the UN – History of the UN

Description: A thorough history of the United Nations from its origins to present-day as we celebrate its 75th anniversary. Discussion will provide up-to-date information on how the UN strives to create a better, more peaceful world for everyone.

Speaker: Hadas Fischer-Rosenberg, Public Information Assistant, Visitors Services Section, Outreach Division/UN Department of Global Communications

Register

10 pm – 11 pm CET: ILO Workshop on the Future of the World of Work

Description: This session will explore the drivers of change in the world of work that include but are not limited to technological innovation, changes in the
organization of work and production, globalization, climate change, labour standards, and migration shifts. Against this background of unprecedented change, the main focus will be how to achieve a future of work that provides decent and sustainable work opportunities for all.

**Speaker:** Sarah Morgan, Senior Government Relations Officer at International Labour Organization, has over ten years of experience in providing expert policy analysis on international worker rights and labor standards, employment, and trade issues to senior U.S. officials. In her current position, she works with government representatives, workers' and employers' organizations, as well as relevant United States based international organizations to promote decent work and build partnerships for a sustainable and equitable future of work. Prior to joining the ILO, Ms. Morgan worked for the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) in the Office of International Labor Affairs.

[Register]

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2020**

10 am – 11 am CET: Social Event – Kahoot Quiz 2

**Description:** This session will test WIMUN delegates' knowledge of the UN. Multiple choice questions will be generated on Kahoots. Points are awarded based on speed of answer. There will be three sessions offered between 2-6 November. The delegate with the most points after each session will be awarded a certificate. Join other delegates to see who knows the most!

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1 pm – 2 pm CET: Project Spotlight – Adeso

**Description:** Adeso (African Development Solutions) is a pioneering African led and founded organization that strongly believes that development must come from within and not outside of African communities. Adeso deems that economic, social and environmental security is the bedrock of a healthy community, which drives the nature and intent of our programming. We work to prevent and overcome situations that adversely affect community well-being by reinvigorating the economy, developing skills for life and work, providing humanitarian aid, and influencing policy. For the past 28 years, Adeso has worked on community-driven programs in the areas of environmental rehabilitation, peacebuilding, livelihood and education, food security, WASH and emergency relief, supporting vulnerable groups in Somalia and Kenya on a grassroots level.

**Speaker:** Executive Director of Adeso, Degan Ali has more than 20 years of hands-on experience in the humanitarian and development field. Degan is a strong believer in transforming the current aid system to give more power and voice to local communities and civil society organizations. Following this belief, Degan continues to innovate and develop new solutions to build the infrastructure that will truly shift power and resources, including co-founding the Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR).

[Register]

2 pm – 3 pm CET: Careers at the World Health Organization

**Description:** While these days WHO is mentioned countless times a day around the world and currently is one of the most-often referred-to UN system Organization, many are not really very clear about the concrete mandate, the
tasks and the working methods of the World Health Organization, let alone have any specific ideas what it would mean – or make – to work for WHO and contribute towards the common goal of achieving health for all.

This session is providing a brief overview of the main aspects of working for WHO, typical pathways into the Organization, what recruitment criteria are applied, what is expected from applicants and future colleagues, which areas of academic backgrounds and work experience are particularly ‘in demand’ (not only now at the height of a global pandemic but far beyond, as WHO has to continue to focus on all other health challenges unabated).

A Q&A part after the short presentation will typically touch upon more specific questions (e.g. “how about required languages?”; “does WHO only employ Doctors or other health specialists?”; “would a PhD or an “MD” be a requirement or an asset for a further career?”; and others alike).

**Speaker:** Hans Willmann, Team Leader, Talent Acquisition and Management, World Health Organization

**Register**

**7 pm – 8 pm CET: MUN and Advocacy – How MUN helps make a change!**

**Description:** This event is for future leaders of change looking to learn about the world of advocacy and the skills necessary to making effective change. The workshop focuses on developing the connection between skills attained through MUN and professional advocacy at the United Nations. It aims to advance diplomatic speaking and negotiation skills. MUN is a fantastic space to build your confidence in speaking, no matter who you’re speaking to, as well as learn to deliver a strong point in agreeable terms to both sides.

**Speaker:** Martin Schunk, International Advocacy Director, Fair Internship Initiative

**Register**

**8 pm – 9 pm CET: Tips and Tricks for a successful MUN Conference**

**Description:** Do you want to start your own Model UN conference at your school/university or are you already involved with the organization of a conference? Do you want to learn more about event management?

This session will provide you insights on how to create a strong logistics plan for your conference, how to recruit staff, the best ways to market your conference, and how to select the agenda items participants will discuss. The discussion will pay particular attention to virtual Model UN conferences, and how to run a successful conference in times of COVID-19.

**Speakers:** Finn Carlson, Model UN Associate, WFUNA, and Sahil Buch, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, WIMUN Online

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more about what opportunities are available, what to look out for when applying, and more!

**Speaker:** Finn Carlson, Model UN Program Associate, WFUNA

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**10 pm – 11 pm CET: Verified/Pause Campaigns of the United Nations**

**Description:** As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, there has never been a greater need for accurate, verified information. Like the virus itself, misinformation spreads from person-to-person. The world cannot contain the disease and its impacts without access to trusted, accurate information that promotes science and real solutions - and builds solidarity within and between nations.

Verified is an initiative of the United Nations to deliver life-saving information and fact-based advice about the pandemic.

This session will provide information on how you can become a volunteer to help promote and share Verified content by spreading reliable information about COVID-19 to your friends, families and social networks, with the goal of saving lives and countering misinformation.

**Speaker:** Robb Skinner, Senior Special Advisor for the United Nations’ COVID-19 Communications Response

**Register**

**11 pm – 12 am CET: From Model UN to Success in the Workplace**

**Description:** Model UN not only teaches participants about the UN and diplomacy, but also offers the opportunity to develop skills that are relevant far beyond Model UN, be it in college or in the workplace. During this session, three former Model UNers will discuss how MUN has helped them be successful in their careers and what skills continue to be relevant to their everyday work life. After a short presentation by each panelist, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice during a Q&A.

**Moderator:** Finn Carlson, Model UN Associate, WFUNA

**Panelists:**

Hillary Saviello, an experienced analyst dedicated to social media for social good, joined The Rockefeller Foundation in 2019. She aims to understand, excite, and engage new and untapped strategic audiences, helping take the Foundation presence on social media and other digital platforms to the next level. Most recently, she has reported on the online impact of the Foundation initiatives through topics designed using the social listening tool, NetBase. In her last role, Hillary was responsible for live-tweeting from the International Peace Institute’s program of events and writing articles about the issue areas they covered: peace, security, and sustainable development. As Social Media Officer, she designed original graphics to promote events and publications, as well as, engaged with stakeholders on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat.

Natalie Palmer has been working in the UN Security Council team at the United Kingdom’s Mission to the UN, specifically on Africa and Peacekeeping since October 2018. She leads on Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes region. During her time at the UK Mission, Natalie has also served as a UNGA Coordinator and as Coordinator of the UK’s Security Council Presidency. Before to her posting in New York, Natalie was the Sudan Desk Officer and worked on Somalia in London. Prior to joining the Civil Service, Natalie worked at Independent Diplomat and the Hague Institute for Global Justice. During her MUN career, Natalie participated in many conferences,
including chairing at OxiMUN, ScotMUN, SaintMUN, TEIMUN and serving the Under Secretary-General of TEIMUN 2014.

Sam Cho was elected to the Port Commission of Seattle in 2019. He is the son of immigrants from South Korea, who came to the United States through the Port of Seattle and the only minority on the Commission.

Commissioner Cho was the Founder and CEO of Seven Seas Export, an international trading company that was headquartered in Seattle and exported to Asia.

Prior to his entrepreneurial endeavor, Commissioner Cho was a political appointee under President Barack Obama serving at the US General Services Administration. He served as a Legislative Assistant to a member of the United States Congress and managed a portfolio of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Small Business, and Financial Services. He also served as an analyst at the US Department of State and as staff to a member of the Washington State Senate.

His priorities as a commissioner include promoting trade, environmental sustainability and ensuring diversity and inclusion in all aspects of port operations, and in stopping human trafficking.

Register

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 05, 2020

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm CET: Teach the UN – Sustainable Development Goals

Description: The Sustainable Development Goals in detail. An outline of how everyone can participate to achieve these goals, with real-life success stories given.

Speaker: Esra Sergi, Associate Public Information Officer, Sustainable Development Campaigns Section, Strategic Communications Division/UN Department of Global Communications and Norman Muhwezi, Innovation Specialist, UNICEF Cote d’Ivoire

Register

3 pm – 4 pm CET: ILO Workshop on Social Protection

Description: Social security involves access to health care and income security, particularly in cases of old age, unemployment, sickness, invalidity, work injury, maternity or loss of a main income earner. Only 27 per cent of the world’s population has adequate social security coverage and more than half lack any coverage at all. This session will present what the ILO is doing to promote policies and provide assistance to countries to help extend adequate levels of social protection to all members of society.

Speaker: Kevin Cassidy is currently the Director and Representative to the Bretton Woods and Multilateral Organizations for the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United States. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Cassidy served as the Senior Communications and Economic and Social Affairs Officer for 11 years in the ILO Office for the United Nations with additional responsibility for partnerships in North America.

Register

6 pm – 7 pm CET: Project Spotlight – Labhya Foundation

Description: Is the mental health of students and children important? How can we prevent students from facing mental health issues and have social and emotional skills necessary to navigate the modern world? We hear from the creator of The Happiness Class, a daily 40-minute class during which students
and teachers of Delhi’s public schools practice emotion regulation, relationship building, action orientation and so much more.

Attend this session to know more about the creation of this unique program and how we can take some of the social and emotional skills from the programs and use them to improve our mental health and deal with issues in these difficult times.

**Speaker:** Richa Gupta is an educator and social entrepreneur. She is the co-founder of Labhya Foundation, a nonprofit that enables over 2.5 Million children from low socio-economic backgrounds with the necessary skills to cope with the ill-effects of poverty & become lifelong learners through Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programs, at scale.

Her passion for education stems from her lived experience as a child and her extensive work with children from refugee, migrant, and other at-risk communities, from the age of 16. During her journey, Richa has worked with education nonprofits like Teach For India and Teach For All.

Additionally, in 2019, Richa was chosen as the 2019 Country Ambassador (India) to the 10th G(irls)20 Summit in Japan and been recognized by the Takeda Foundation as the ‘Best Entrepreneur 2019’. She has also been nominated as a “Rising Talent 2020” by the prestigious Women’s Forum For the Economy & Society. Richa also serves as a member of the Young People’s Action Team (YPAT) for Yuwaah, UNICEF India.

Currently, Richa is a Master’s candidate at Harvard Graduate School of Education, where she also serves as an Equity & Inclusion fellow and a Harvard Ministerial Leadership Program Fellow.

**Register**

7 pm – 8 pm CET: WHO Workshop on COVID-19 and Climate Change

**Description:** Coming soon.

**Speaker:** David Nabarro, WHO Special Envoy on COVID-19 and Katherine Deland, Senior Health Adviser

**Register**

8 pm – 9 pm CET: From MUN to UN Intern - An Experience Panel

**Description:** This event is for aspiring UN delegates, staff, and ambassadors looking to orient themselves on how they fit into the UN system. This session provides you an experienced panel of former and current UN interns to learn from. It facilitates a mutual exchange of ideas and advice. This workshops is there to help you orient yourself and understand the career opportunities dynamics within the UN. Bring curiosity and questions!

**Moderators:**

Ildem Esin is a committed change advocate and former UNDESA intern. Advancing the SDGs is her everyday battle. At present, she is the General Director and Strategy Lead for the Fair Internship Initiative NYC. Ildem also sits on its Board of Directors. She spends her days strategizing on advocacy campaigns and moving her initiative forward to engender true economic equities. Besides her active advocacy work, Ildem is a passionate academic who holds an MA in Peace Studies, working towards a PhD. Especially her work on complementary peacebuilding reflects her commitment to SDG 16 and 17 – peace and partnerships.

Noël Coenraad is the Fundraising Director at Fair Internship Initiative NYC. Hailing from the Netherlands, Noël is a former UNDESA intern and holds an MA
in Climate and Society from Columbia University. He is passionate about working on sustainability and society’s grand challenges. He seeks to bridge the gap between society and technology in a harmonic way to make a tangible and lasting impact on the communities in which he interacts. Noël has previously organised a UN Interns Boat Cruise for the 4th of July that started at the HQ and ended at the Statue of Liberty.

Panelists:

Claire Hegemann is from Munich, Germany, and completed her IB diploma at a high school in Britain in 2015. She then studied Business Administration at Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich, and spent one of four years as an exchange student at Columbia University in New York. Claire graduated from her Bachelor’s degree in the summer of 2019. After graduation she interned at the Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein at the UNHQ in New York, where she worked on a diverse set of issues including international cybersecurity, the women, peace and security agenda and children and armed conflict. Following her time at the UNHQ she realised she wanted to gain more experience in the diplomatic field, and has been interning at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN since July 2020, while also serving as Program Administrator of the Fair Internship Initiative.

Cristina Mediero Palmeiro, a Master’s student in Human Rights, is a current intern for the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malta to the UN. Her interest in international affairs and diplomacy lead Cristina to study a double bachelor’s degree in International Relations and Economics. While studying, she participated in various MUN including the Catalonia MUN 2016. These experiences increased her interest in the UN System and triggered in her the ambition of actually working at such global forum one day. Currently, Cristina has achieved part of her goal as she is interning for the Mission of Malta to the UN and has previously collaborated with the Spanish Mission within the frame of her Master’s degree studies.

Nicola Lipari is from Rome and currently works on his thesis for his Economics and Social Sciences Master at Bocconi University. Throughout his studies he attended and organized several MUNs in cities such as Rome, New York, Oslo, and Milan. He has worked for a pool of different organizations such as the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, BRAC in Uganda, and UNDESA in New York. Nicola has also been a research assistant for professors from Igier and HBS. He currently collaborates with three economic Think Tanks.

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2020**

**2 pm – 3 pm CET:** Keynote Address – “The UN at 75: A History of Challenges”

**Speaker:** Since 1998, Thomas Weiss has been Presidential Professor at the Graduate Center, the City University of New York, and is Director Emeritus of the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies. He is “one of the leading experts on the theory and practice of humanitarian intervention,” and is recognized as an authority on international organizations and the United Nations system.

[Register](#)

**5 pm – 6 pm CET:** Act2Impact – Developing community projects to achieve the SDGs

**Description:** Learn about a new WIMUN initiative that provides training to delegates on how to develop community projects that will contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This side event will offer an overview of the stages of project development and tools that are covered in our training sessions. You should consider attending if you are looking for ways to turn your enthusiasm for international affairs into concrete actions that will help achieve the SDGs.

**Speaker:** Bill Yotive, Model UN Coordinator, WFUNA

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**6.30 pm – 7.30 pm CET:** UN75 Dialogue – Global Crisis and Cooperation

**Description:** Secretary General Guterres launched the UN75 initiative this year to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. The aim was to start a conversation with civil society to see what ‘we the peoples’ of the United Nations want to see as we head towards the UN’s Centenary. In this UN75 Dialogue, we welcome experts on global peace and cooperation to lead a dialogue with our audience on how to tackle the issues we face in the current changing global political framework.

**Moderator:** Nudhara Yusuf is a final year Philosophy, Politics and Economics student at University College London, a global top 10 University. Besides being on the education and training team at WFUNA, she works closely with UN75 consultants in Geneva to facilitate Dialogues in youth organizations across the world. Nudhara is founder and leader of several grassroots NGOs and CSOs in India and the UK. Focusing primarily on skills-based development of youth in civil society, she has actively worked to mobilize young people in the face of disaster relief and to shift to digital engagement during the pandemic. Having spent time at Yale studying the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, her interests lie in the intersection of skills-based empowerment and the policy environment which enables it.

**Speakers:**

Sir Stephen O’Brien, former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

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8 pm – 9 pm CET: Social Event – Kahoot Quiz 3

**Description:** This session will test WIMUN delegates’ knowledge of the UN. Multiple choice questions will be generated on Kahoots. Points are awarded based on speed of answer. There will be three sessions offered between 2-6 November. The delegate with the most points after each session will be awarded a certificate. Join other delegates to see who knows the most!

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10 pm – 11 pm CET: Teach the UN – the UN and Human Rights

**Description:** An overview of the UN and Human Rights. A discussion of the dangers of racism, antisemitism, xenophobia, prejudice and bigotry. A focus on the UN programmes on the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the Holocaust, and the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

**Speakers:** Tracey Petersen, Manager, Education Outreach Section, Outreach Division/UN Department of Global Communications and Julia Hagl, Public Information Officer, Human Rights and Development Section, Strategic Communications Division/UN Department of Global Communications

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