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The future of humanity and of our planet lies in our hands. It lies also in the hands of today's younger generation who will pass the torch to future generations.

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Statement from the Secretary-General of Humanitarian Affairs

I am pleased to validate the continuing work of Humanitarian Affairs in support of the ten principles of the **UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT** (UNGC), with a focus on advancing the *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs) and *global citizenship*.

We have stepped forward in our engagement to advance these principles amidst the global health crisis. Difficult times are challenging and raise interpellation on our resilience capacity as humans, individually and collectively.

At Humanitarian Affairs, we believe that adverse situations are the best opportunities to demonstrate our strengths and learn from our weaknesses. Always moving forward, we mobilize the international community of young leaders to take action, even during the pandemic.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, the organisation equipped over 1000 young people from more than 100 countries with the principles of the United Nations Global Compact. We will continue to reach out beyond our global community of social changemakers and empower more young people to contribute to achieving the SDGs.

Being a member of the United Nations Global Compact is an honor and a privilege at a time where global cooperation is required more than ever to lift humanity to the transformational changes needed to better society.

We are proudly committed to upholding the ten principles of the **UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT** whilst inspiring and empowering young global leaders and our global community to do the same.

With Best Regards,

Kim Solomon
Secretary-General

MISSION

At Humanitarian Affairs, we understand many young people feel out of their league to make a positive impact. They fear they are too poor, young, or inexperienced to contribute to a better world. We believe youth have limitless potential to do good. With this in mind, we create youth empowerment events and programs to bring together like-minded individuals, organisations, and communities so young people have the necessary resources to lead the change in building a peaceful, inclusive and sustainable world.

We believe when young people are provided with the right tools, knowledge and network, they stand the greatest chance to champion positive societal change.

Finding purpose



Inspiring engagement



Reshaping the world

Transforming lives

Humanitarian Affairs seeks to present young people with multi-faceted learning opportunities to contribute towards the United Nations SDGs. We are a global community of social changemakers.

In addition to championing the cause of the youth, Humanitarian Affairs has established and supported several humanitarian and educational initiatives: giving back to the local community through volunteer English teaching at Bangkok's *Darakam Elementary School*, appealing to support Afghan families, voicing for fair access to covid-19 vaccines, and fundraising for *Sunrise Children Village Cambodia*, with an aim to make the world we call home a better place.

HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE

Respecting and supporting human rights is at the core of what Humanitarian Affairs stands for. Through our core business activities in support of the United Nations SDGs, we promote human rights and take action to make a positive contribution towards its fulfillment.

The Peace Summit of Emerging Leaders

The 2nd edition of the *Peace Summit of Emerging Leaders 2020* unified 328 young leaders from 55 countries, offering unique insights into the vitally important subject of sustainable peace. Over three days, at the *United Nations Conference Centre* in Bangkok, delegates made long-lasting connections with like-minded people who are ready to bring about peace in their communities and the wider world. Young people often feel they lack resources and experience in the development of peace efforts. The Peace Summit of Emerging Leaders gives youth the tools to be a champion of peace as a *Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassador*.



Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassadors

Our Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassadors play a vital role in the promotion and achievement of sustainable peace, in support of the *United Nations SDG 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions*.

Past delegates of the *Inaugural Peace Summit 2018* and the 2nd Peace Summit 2020 were invited to report on their peacebuilding activities and request extension of their roles as Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassadors based on four criteria: involvement, advocacy, sustainable development, and communities.

Remaining strongly connected to our global community of social changemakers in the pursuit of their work as *Champions of Peace*, Humanitarian Affairs profiled the peacebuilding projects of our Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassadors in our publications and via media platforms.



Volunteer English Teaching

At Humanitarian Affairs, we advance the *2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development for inclusive and equitable Quality Education*. We believe that global citizenship education can take place outside of the classroom through activities such as volunteering and community service.

Our interns served as *Volunteer English Teachers* at Darakam Elementary School in Bangkok, as part of our collaboration with *Thailand's Ministry of Education* to prepare the children of Thailand to become global youth leaders who can communicate in English. The parents of most of the students at the school work as domestic helpers, cleaners, tuk-tuk drivers, delivery riders, taxi drivers, and street vendors in Bangkok's city.

We believe that learning English means better job opportunities and a better future for Thailand's sustainable development.



Lead as a Global Citizen World Series Webinar

Our mission at Humanitarian Affairs is to create platforms for young people around the world to connect and champion social change.

Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, we mobilized an international community of 780 young leaders from 31 countries to take action as *Advocates of a better world, Promoters of a sustainable future, and Leaders of more peaceful, just and inclusive societies*.

For six consecutive weeks in July and August 2021, we organised 11 sessions of the inaugural *Lead as a Global Citizen World Series webinars* to prepare participants for a global career of contribution and collaboration.

The webinars supported the United Nations SDGs on Quality Education focusing on Global Citizenship.



LABOUR PRINCIPLE

Humanitarian Affairs strongly values diversity, inclusion, and the advancement of staff and interns at all levels. We pride ourselves on having a diverse workplace and recruiting interns from various ethnic backgrounds and nationalities.

Global Youth Advocate and Global Youth Ambassador Programs

Due to the current health crisis, Humanitarian Affairs explored different options for young people to lead social change and make an impact, even from home. We created our first-ever internship program undertaken remotely and welcomed passionate young leaders as *Global Youth Advocates* throughout August and October 2020, and February 2021, to support our global communications, global marketing, and global partnerships projects.

Moreover, Humanitarian Affairs initiated the *Global Youth Ambassador Program*, an online volunteer program for youth to have the opportunity to champion positive societal change through supporting our content strategy and preparing visuals related to youth empowerment. The program allows youth to add value to the global youth community by combining their knowledge and abilities to effect positive change.



Virtual Conferences by International Organisations

Through our collaborations with international organisations including the United Nations and its various agencies, and the *Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation* (OECD), Humanitarian Affairs invests in continual personal and professional development of its staff, interns, and online volunteers. We have provided opportunities to learn about the work of other international agencies through attendance at virtual conferences and events including the *Global Compact Leaders Summit*, *Uniting Business Live*, *Geneva Peace Talks*, *UN Climate*, and *SDG Webinars*, and *OCED Forums*.

Team members in the UN GLOBAL COMPACT PHOTOBOOTH



Health and Safety

Humanitarian Affairs places the safety and health risks of all our staff and interns to be our paramount priority and duty. We implemented health and safety practices while working during the pandemic through work from home arrangements, physical distancing measures, supplying face masks and sanitizers, and disinfecting the workplace.

ENVIRONMENT PRINCIPLE

Humanitarian Affairs undertakes initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility, to support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges, and to encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.



Inaugural Green Summit

One of the top global worries among the youths is climate change. Humanitarian Affairs is curating the *Inaugural Green Summit 2022* to gather *Green Ambassadors* from around the world to champion climate action at a global level.



In preparation for the Summit, Humanitarian Affairs is developing environmentally responsible strategies and practices across all aspects of the Summit, from experiential action-oriented *Green Activities Service Day* to vegan meals to eco-friendly products.

Youth Steering Committees

To develop potential young leaders by entrusting them with the responsibility of being a committee member for an international event on a world stage,

Humanitarian Affairs implemented the *Youth Steering Committees*. Notably, the Youth Steering Committee for the Inaugural Green Summit 2022 consists of a dedicated and passionate team of volunteers from around the world who are creating a network of like-minded individuals committed to the advancement of a healthier planet.

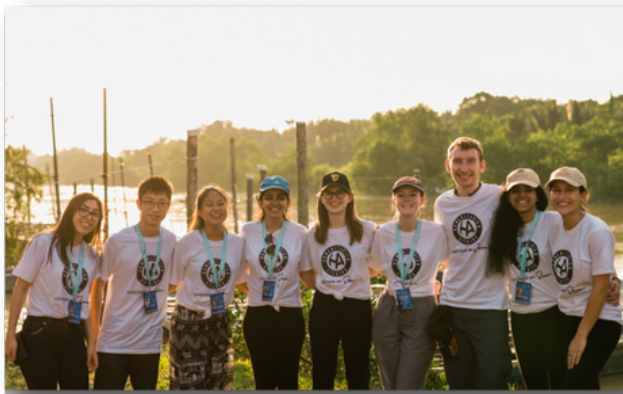


Lead the Change Newsletters

Humanitarian Affairs launched the *Lead the Change* newsletter to connect, equip and support youth and their influencers in their journey as champions of positive societal change. Our subscribers are part of our global community that advances the United Nations SDGs. Lead the Change promotes environmental and social responsibility and the global effort to tackle sustainability.

TOGETHER WE SERVE

At its heart, Humanitarian Affairs is a global movement that empowers, enables, enlarges and develops youth to step forward as champions of societal change. We value the immense privilege and responsibility to take actions that advance societal goals. We are proud to contribute to the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative and the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.



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