

Global Engagement Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

March 1: George Forsyth Sommer Lecture, former city mayor and Pres. Candidate in Peru

March 3: Organization of the American States event, H. E. Ambassador Harold Forsyth Lecture

March 21: Utah Diplomatic Conference on International Trade Relations, Lessons Learned from COVID-19 — A Global Perspective



Welcome

Utah Diplomatic Conference on International Trade Relations

This Monday, March 21, at 9:00 am

We are excited to host the 4th Annual Utah Diplomatic Conference on International Trade Relations. We will have career diplomats from **Armenia, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and Uruguay**. As well as, a representative from the United Nations, Felipe Queipo (United Nations Communications Officer).

Registration Now Open: uvu.edu/global/diplomatic-conference



“The **future** of our state depends on our **global partners** and **global friends**.”

-Spencer Cox, Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah

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February Events

Open World Program Delegation — February 18

In collaboration with the Open Borders Program, we hosted a delegation of LGBTQ Activists from Ukraine. The event centered on discussing LGBTQ inclusion issues and connecting individuals together to learn from each other and create friendships.



Why It Matters Conference Update — February 22

For the past two years, our office has been working in collaboration with the United Nations to establish the First International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals “Why It Matters”. After 9 months of open calls for proposals, **52 UVU students and faculty/staff** have been accepted to present at the conference. Our office held a meeting to gather the presenters from our school. We gave a general overview of the conference, the conference program, opportunities for participation, and answered any questions individuals had. It was great to see everyone together for the first time!



Global Spotlight is an academic and cultural program that is led by faculty in collaboration with our office. The goal of this program is to trigger global and intercultural engagement for students and community members. We encourage faculty to participate and lead an event of their choosing that will enhance UVU student's experience. Faculty may receive up to \$1,500 to help make their event a reality! The event must include an international component that benefits students directly. They must first receive department chair approval before submitting a Funding Request.

International Mother Language Day Event – February 23

We collaborated with the Department of Languages and Cultures to celebrate International Mother Language Day. **Sayed Sajal**, assistant professor of computer science, organized the event and received funding through the Global Spotlight Initiative. Through that funding, we were able to provide food for 150 guests after the performances. The event centered on linguistic and cultural diversity and showed honor and respect to individual's mother tongue. President Tuminez offered the keynote address. Performances included poetry, dance, and music.



Mathematics for Human Flourishing – February 24

Through the Global Spotlight Initiative, the **Department of Mathematics** was able to host Francis Su, a Professor at Harvey Mudd College, on campus to speak. His lecture focused on mathematics' ability to help society flourish. He discussed how math allows individuals to achieve their basic human desires. The Global Spotlight Initiative provided the Department of Mathematics funding for Dr. Su's accommodations, travel expenses, and luncheon after the event.





Why It Matters Conference

5–7 October 2022
Registration Open

After a 9 month period of open calls for proposals, we have received **379 proposals** from around the world. Each of the Sustainable Development Goals have been addressed and we look forward to hearing insights and ideas presenters share during the 1st International Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals “Why It Matters” in collaboration with the United Nations.



End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Africa: 10 proposals	Latin American: 3 proposals
Asia Pacific: 6 proposals	USA/Canada: 3 proposals
Europe: 3 proposals	



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Africa: 7 proposals	Latin American: 1 proposal
Asia Pacific: 4 proposals	USA/Canada: 4 proposal
Europe: 1 proposal	



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Africa: 12 proposals	Latin American: 1 proposal
Asia Pacific: 6 proposals	USA/Canada: 18 proposals
Europe: 4 proposals	



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

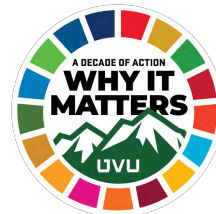
Africa: 11 proposals	Latin American: 5 proposals
Asia Pacific: 14 proposals	USA/Canada: 20 proposals
Europe: 3 proposals	



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Africa: 5 proposals
Asia Pacific: 16 proposals
USA/Canada: 9 proposals

Sustainable Development Goals



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Africa: 5 proposals

Europe: 1 proposal

Asia Pacific: 8 proposals

USA/Canada: 8 proposals



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Africa: 5 proposals

USA/Canada: 6 proposals

Asia Pacific: 3 proposals



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Africa: 6 proposals

Latin America: 3 proposals

Asia Pacific: 2 proposals

USA/Canada: 5 proposals

Europe: 5 proposals



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

Africa: 2 proposals

Latin America: 2 proposals

Asia Pacific: 2 proposals

USA/Canada: 4 proposals

Europe: 2 proposals



Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Africa: 3 proposals

Latin America: 2 proposals

Asia Pacific: 1 proposal

USA/Canada: 7 proposals

Europe: 2 proposals



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Africa: 6 proposals

Latin America: 6 proposals

Asia Pacific: 2 proposal

USA/Canada: 9 proposals

Europe: 1 proposals

Sustainable Development Goals



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Africa: 1 proposal

Latin America: 2 proposals

Europe: 3 proposals

USA/Canada: 6 proposals



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Africa: 5 proposals

Latin America: 3 proposals

Asia Pacific: 4 proposals

USA/Canada: 2 proposals

Europe: 1 proposal



Conserve and sustainable use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Africa: 1 proposal

USA/Canada: 4 proposals

Latin America: 1 proposal



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Africa: 2 proposals

USA/Canada: 1 proposal

Asia Pacific: 2 proposals



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Africa: 6 proposals

Latin America: 3 proposals

Asia Pacific: 6 proposals

USA/Canada: 18 proposals

Europe: 7 proposals



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Africa: 5 proposals

Latin America: 2 proposals

Asia Pacific: 5 proposals

USA/Canada: 7 proposals

Europe: 3 proposals