



Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale - United Nations Association Italy



ROMUN2015

The Model of Ideas

Rome, October 16th to 20th

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING THE "YOUTH ROAD MAP" ON
UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

In partnership with:



Venue:



The Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI - UNA Italy) in partnership with the **United States Diplomatic Mission to Italy**, and together with the Students' Movement for International Organization (MSOI/UNYA-Italy), will launch its flagship international model UN conference this year. ROMUN (Rome Model United Nations) 2015 will take place in Rome, Italy, from October 16th to October 20th, 2015.

2015 is a turning point year in the United Nations system. As part of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, the General Assembly will declare the expiration of the Millennium Development Goals and will launch the **Sustainable Development Goals**. Given this new framework EXPO Milan's focus on central themes such as food security, access to food, sustainability, and the protection of the environment, exemplifies this change.

ROMUN2015 will provide young participants with the unique opportunity to deal with the most pressing issues related to food security and sustainability, serving as a youth hub linking the main themes of Expo 2015 to the next practical steps drawn up by the Sustainable Development Agenda. The outcome of this Model UN event will be the adoption of the **"Youth Road Map" on the UN SDGs**, a document that will declare young people's commitment to the promotion of a sustainable future and a youth plan to guide progress toward **"The World They Want"**. The Youth Road Map to be delivered to the Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon.

Upwards of 500-700 highly talented young participants representing colleges, universities, and graduate schools from all around the world will be attending ROMUN2015. The event will also include the participation of prestigious institutional representatives.

The city of Rome is at the forefront of European and global diplomacy, hosting some of the most important international organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD), and the World Food Programme (WFP). Its historical role as a promoter of dialogue among peoples lends an additional value to this unique experience.

WHAT IS A MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)?

A **Model United Nations (MUN)** is a **simulation of the United Nations system**, intended to give students and graduates who are interested in the complex world of international relations the possibility to play a leading role in the conducting and decision-making of the United Nations for a few days. A Model United Nations faithfully reproduces the mechanism of negotiations of specific committees of the United Nations and follows the official rules of procedure. It aims to open debate on imminent global issues with a view to engender the decisions needed to deal with these critical situations at an international level.

This simulation gives young people from all over the world an important opportunity to comprehend the life and work of international organizations and to provide a platform for international-level discussions among students from different countries. Participants have a real opportunity to demonstrate their political and international knowledge and communication skills openly. Taking the role of a delegate of a chosen foreign country, they have the task of negotiating and discussing the official position of that country so as to defend their national interests regarding international issues. In order to do this, participants are required to demonstrate their profound knowledge of issues under discussion, the official position of the member country, as well as the procedural regulations, which are utilized in the real UN mechanism of negotiation.

PROMOTERS AND PARTNERS

SIOI/UNA-ITALY

The **Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI)** is an international non-profit organization that has been operating since 1944 subject to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' supervision. It is the Italian Association for the United Nations (UNA Italy), a founding member of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations (WFUNA). SIOI's main headquarters are located in the center of Rome, in Palazzetto Venezia, and its regional branches are based in Milan, Turin and Naples, together with its office to support the United Nations in Assisi. Its mission is to spread knowledge of international policy issues, foster European unification and enhancing the protection of human rights. SIOI's institutional aims are diplomatic and international training, gathering research and information on topics in international organization, international relations, international cooperation, and international protection of human rights.

U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ITALY

The **United States Mission to Italy** conducts diplomatic relations with the Republic of Italy and coordinates the activities of all U.S. Government personnel serving in Italy. Bilateral cooperation includes political, economic, commercial, defense and security, educational, and exchange activities.

The United States Mission in Italy comprise the United States Embassy in Rome and the Consulates General in Milan, Florence, and Naples. They shape and carry out U.S. relations with Italy, have an active public diplomacy program, provide consular services to American citizens and visa services to citizens of Italy and other countries who wish to visit or who qualify to immigrate to the United States, and promote trade and investment between the two countries.

MSOI/UNYA-ITALY

The **Students' Movement for International Organization (MSOI)** is the youth branch of SIOI. MSOI is also the Italian United Nations Youth Association (UNYA Italy). It has a number of local groups based in Milan, Turin, Gorizia, Rome, Naples and Cosenza. MSOI organizes conferences, workshops, information desks, study trips and simulation games.

CONFERENCE THEME – THE YOUTH ROAD MAP ON SDGs

ROMUN2015 will simulate the UN body which represents the best compromise between the necessity to offer a rigorous UN experience, providing a network open to the positive participation of the civil society and matching the challenges addressed by EXPO 2015 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This body is the General Assembly of the United Nations, and in particular the High-Level Plenary Meeting.

On the basis of the authentic HLP, the youth conference will consist of 3 different moments:

- Opening/Closing (formal)
- Plenary debate (formal)
- Roundtables (informal). Thematic debates are an instrument for the PGA to create opportunities to listen to experts, discuss new topics and address controversial issues outside the constraints of the formal agenda and without the pressure of a negotiated outcome.

TOPICS

The 6 Roundtables will have the overarching objective of “**The Youth Road Map on UN SDGs. Take action now for the World We Want**”, and each one will be focused on the following topics:

1. FEED HUMANITY, SECURE THE WORLD (University Division)
Ending hunger and achieving food security to eradicate poverty and ensure healthy lives
2. ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN (High School Division)
Promoting and respecting human rights, lifelong education and gender targets
3. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESPECT MOTHER EARTH (High School Division)
Making stronger decisions on climate change. Let’s save the Arctic. New chances for regions, oceans, seas
4. MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE WITH URBAN INNOVATION AND CITIZEN’S LIFE (University Division)
Green economy and smart cities for a sustainable future
5. JUMP BEYOND THE BORDERS AND FOSTER INNOVATION (University Division)
Investing in Space, developing rural infrastructures and promoting advanced communication technologies
6. ENSURE SOCIAL DIGNITY (University Division)
Promoting learning opportunities and providing full and productive employment for all

FEATURES

- Model UN Workshop

A pre-conference workshop with UN staff and model UN experts introducing the Rules of Procedures and the ROMUN2015 Topics

- Model UN at the UN

The Opening Ceremony will take place at the F.A.O. HQ in Rome and will give the opportunity to the participants to follow in streaming the celebrations for the World Food Day, ongoing in Milan the same day. The Closing Ceremony will consist in the adoption of the “Youth Road Map on UN SDGs” and the Awards Ceremony.

- Amazing Social Events

Enjoy Rome and network with fellow participants at exciting social events, like the Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners.

- Visiting EXPO Milan

ROMUN2015 will offer the opportunity to visit EXPO 2015 before leaving, on Tuesday, October 20th.

PROGRAMME

Thu 15 Oct	Fri 16 Oct	Sat 17 Oct	Sun 18 Oct	Mon 19 Oct	Tue 20 Oct
Pre-registration	Morning: Opening	Morning: Committees Session	Morning: Committees Session	Morning: Committees Session and Closing Ceremony	Travel to EXPO Milan (<i>optional</i>)
Pre-registration	Afternoon: Training	Afternoon: Committees Session	Afternoon: Committees Session	Afternoon: Free	EXPO Milan (<i>optional</i>)
Free evening	Welcome Gala Dinner	Social Programme	Social Programme	Farewell Gala Dinner	Free evening

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Between the ages of 16 to 30
- Good command of spoken and written English

PARTICIPATION FEES

CONFERENCE FEE

Individual

- Early Registration (from April to June 2015): € 150
- Regular Registration (from July to September 2015): € 200
- MSOI member: € 80
- WIMUN 2014 Participant: € 80

Delegation (a group of at least five students from University or High School):

- From 5 to 10 students: € 100 (per person)
- More than 10 students: € 80 (per person)

The Conference fee includes:

- Access to conference venues
- All conference materials
- Social events
- Certificate of participation

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE (full payment online will ensure your reservation for 6 nights in Rome from October 15th to 21st , 2015 (morning checkout)):

- Early registration (from April to June 2015): € 180
- Regular Registration (from July to September 2015): € 220

PACKAGE FOR THE VISIT TO THE EXPO IN MILAN (including return and entrance ticket): € 80

REGISTRATION

Registration form is available online at www.romunsioi.org

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