



HNMUN 2010 Application for Non-Governmental Organizations Program

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Please apply to the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Program only if you are certain you will be able to provide representation on it. You will need to print out multiple copies of this application if you wish to have multiple students apply for the NGO Program. **This application is due by 12 November 2009.** To submit your completed application, send it via email to specapp@hnmun.org with the subject heading "NGO Application HNMUN 2010" or via USPS mail. Please note that you must also register for the conference online at www.hnmun.org, in addition to submitting this application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kerry F. Yang, Under-Secretary-General for the Economic and Social Council and Regional Bodies, at info@hnmun.org.

In recent years, NGOs have enjoyed increasing visibility and status within the United Nations. As a delegate representing an NGO at HNMUN 2010, you will have the opportunity to travel from committee to committee to represent your organization's position and get involved in debate. You will have the option of working in a single committee or in several committees during the conference, depending on your personal comfort level and the relevance of your NGO to the topic areas being discussed. NGO delegates will bring practical solutions and issue-based points of view to each committee. With their expertise and field experience, NGOs have the unique opportunity to provide technical support for the design and implementation of programs created to deal with the topic at hand. The NGO option is especially well suited to delegates from schools that cannot send an entire delegation, but who still wish to participate in HNMUN.

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APPLICANT QUESTIONS

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- 1) Please list any Model United Nations and related experience.
- 2) Please rank your preferences for the type of NGO you would like to represent, with 1 being the most preferred. Be sure to rank every type you would be willing to represent:

<input type="checkbox"/> Development and Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace and Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Refugees
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional (please specify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Women
<input type="checkbox"/> Law and Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

- 3) Please rank your preferences for specific NGOs that you would like to represent with 1 being the most preferred (note: this list does not include all the NGOs that may be represented at the conference):

<input type="checkbox"/> Doctors Without Borders	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights Watch
<input type="checkbox"/> International Federation of Red Cross	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Defense Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Amnesty International	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxfam International
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenpeace International	<input type="checkbox"/> International Chamber of Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Pan-African Institute for Development	<input type="checkbox"/> The Population Council
<input type="checkbox"/> International Save the Children Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Center for Justice and International Law
<input type="checkbox"/> CARE International	<input type="checkbox"/> International Alliance of Women
<input type="checkbox"/> International Peace Bureau	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

- 4) Briefly explain your interest in the NGO program and your preferences for the categories ranked above. What other experiences have you had (e.g. coursework, independent study, travel) that could be relevant to representing an NGO in your top three categories? (limit 1 page)

Doctors Without Borders provides emergency aid to victims of armed conflict, epidemics, and natural and man-made disasters and to others who lack health care due to social, political, or geographical isolation. Doctors Without Borders complements this direct medical care with a commitment to bearing witness and speaking out against the underlying causes of suffering, bringing the concerns of their patients to public forums, such as the United Nations, governments and the media.

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is the world's largest humanitarian organization. The Federation's mission is "to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity." The Federation carries out relief operations to assist disaster victims coupled with development work to strengthen its member National Societies. The Federation's work focuses on four core areas: promoting humanitarian values, disaster response, disaster preparedness, and health and community care.

<http://www.ifrc.org>

Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement which campaigns for internationally recognized human rights. AI's vision is of a world "in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards." Pursuing this vision, AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of human rights.

<http://www.amnesty.org>

Greenpeace International is an independent campaigning organization that advocates for green, peaceful solutions to global environmental problems through non-violent, creative methods of confrontation. Greenpeace's goal is to ensure the ability of the Earth to nurture life in all its diversity. "Greenpeace exists because this fragile earth deserves a voice. It needs solutions. It needs change. It needs action."

<http://www.greenpeace.org>

The Pan-African Institute for Development (PAID) aims to build the capacity of development personnel in Africa through research, consultancy services, and training rural development officers. It advocates participatory "bottoms-up" strategies in both rural and urban populations. PAID emphasises local participation, women in development, and small- and medium-scale enterprises. It maintains four regional training institutes. <http://www.inasp.info/pubs/rd/book/ch13.htm>

International Save the Children Alliance fights for children's rights. It endeavors to deliver immediate and enduring improvements to children's lives worldwide. Save the Children focuses on improving and extending education, expanding HIV/AIDS programs, stopping the exploitation and abuse of children, and providing conflict and disaster relief.

<http://www.savethechildren.net/alliance/index.html>

CARE International works with poor communities around the world to find lasting solutions to poverty. It goes beyond the symptoms of poverty to confront fundamental causes. CARE's broad range of programs aim to strengthen self-help ability, deliver emergency relief, address discrimination, and influence all levels of policy in a sustainable manner.

<http://www.care.org>

The International Peace Bureau (IPB) brings together people working for peace to support peace and disarmament initiatives taken by the United Nations, governments, and citizens. IPB programs focus on disarmament and human security by servicing grassroots peace campaigns and creating international projects. It won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1910, and IPB's current priorities include nuclear weapons abolition, conflict prevention and resolution, human rights, international humanitarian law, and peace education.

<http://www.ipb.org>

"Human Rights Watch is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world." It works to prevent discrimination, ensure political freedom, protect people from inhumane conduct, and bring offenders to justice. It accomplishes its mission by investigating and exposing human rights violations and then holding perpetrators accountable. <http://www.hrw.org>

The Environmental Defense Fund is dedicated to protecting the environmental rights, such as clean air, sanitary water, hearty food, and healthy ecosystems. It integrates science, economics, and law to draft creative, fair, and economically-efficient solutions to society's environmental problems. The Environmental Defense Fund is based in the United States and aims to share its approaches internationally.

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org>

Oxfam International works to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering, and injustice through the collective efforts of its 12 affiliate members. It promotes awareness of the necessity of economic and social justice to sustainable development and seeks "to shift public opinion in order to make equity the same priority as economic growth." Oxfam works directly with poor people, influences powerful people, and tries to motivate all people to advocate for change.

<http://www.oxfam.org>

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is "the voice of world business championing the global economy as a force for economic growth, job creation and prosperity." Its activities cover a wide spectrum, from arbitration to promoting open trade and the market economy. It also drafts international voluntary rules and standards, provides practical services to business, and fights commercial crime. The ICC has direct access to many national governments through its national committees.

<http://www.iccwbo.org>

The Population Council is "the premier international organization conducting biomedical, public health, and social science research on population issues." Its scientists and specialists conduct research in areas from biomedicine to family dynamics, transitions to adulthood, and strengthening local resources. The Council's research identifies sustainable approaches to improving health and well-being.

<http://www.popcouncil.org>

The Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) was founded by human rights defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean. CEJIL's goal, achieving full human rights norms in the Organization of American States, is fulfilled through work in three program areas: the Legal Defense Program, the Training and Dissemination Program, and the Campaign to Strengthen the Inter-American System. CEJIL takes on cases that exemplify a pattern of abuse and whose resolution could impact the implementation of international human rights norms through effects on the areas of law, domestic practices, individual cases, or state policies.

<http://www.cejil.org>

The International Alliance of Women (IAW)'s motto is "Equal Rights - Equal Responsibilities." It affirms that all women and girls are entitled to enjoy full and equal human rights. The IAW urges everyone to recognize that men and women are equal partners and that all laws and customs that restrict women's equal human rights have produced an "artificial and unjust relation of the sexes in modern society."

<http://www.womenalliance.com>

The World Economic Forum was founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1971 to engage "leaders in partnerships to shape global, regional and industry agendas." It is an impartial forum that has been called upon to give advice on UN climate negotiations and on G-8 policies. It is a place for world leaders to support each other's health initiatives and economic projects.

<http://www.weforum.org>