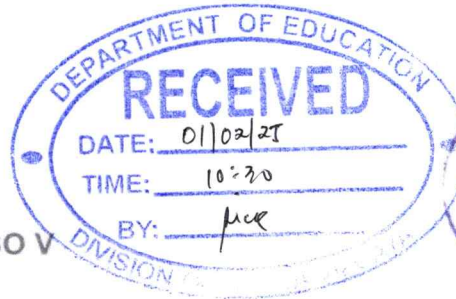




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BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS, PhD, CESO V
Regional Director
Department of Education - Region II

Dear Director Paragas:

Subject: Invitation to the National Youth Leaders Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals

Greetings of Peace!

In alignment with Presidential Proclamation No. 683, which designates February as National Arts Month to celebrate the artistic excellence and the rich diversity of Filipino heritage and culture, we are excited to announce on behalf of the United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP), in partnership with the Philippine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Inc. (PWC TUI) the conduct of the **National Youth Leaders Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** scheduled for February 27-28, 2025, at the Manila Opera Hotel, Avenida, Manila City, Philippines.

The summit aims to convene young leaders, advocates, and stakeholders from diverse sectors to discuss, promote, and brainstorm innovative solutions for advancing the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals within our communities and the nation. We are committed to empowering young leaders, offering valuable training opportunities, and fostering collaboration among youth organizations both locally and globally.

Participants will benefit from inspiring keynote speakers, interactive workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities designed to empower youth and promote active engagement with the SDGs. Through collective learning and collaboration, we aspire to inspire a generation of leaders dedicated to sustainable development and social change.

We believe that the inclusion of active youth participants will significantly enrich our discussions. **Therefore, we kindly seek your endorsement to invite Student Leaders (Student Council Officers and other Campus Organization Officers) and their teacher-advisers under your Region to this important gathering.**

The presence of student leaders and their respective teacher-advisers will not only enhance the dialogue but also facilitate a more robust exchange of ideas and best practices. Their involvement is crucial in addressing the challenges faced by our youth today and in shaping the future of our communities.

Your support in endorsing this invitation will significantly contribute to the summit's success and help us create a more inclusive platform for youth leadership development. Please find the attached **Project Information Brief** containing details of the activity for your reference.

Thank you for considering this request. I eagerly await your positive response. Should you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at unapmanila143@gmail.com or at 0968-878-0528.

Yours truly,

RAMONA INES BUSTAMANTE-RANESES, PhD, JD
National President

December 26, 2024

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**
This Region

For information and appropriate action.



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Project Information Brief

Title: National Youth Leaders Summit on SDGs 2025

Date: February 27 to 28, 2025

Venue: Manila Opera Hotel, Avenida, Manila City, Philippines

Target Participants:

1. Sanguniang Kabataan Officials
2. Local Youth Development Council Members and Local Youth Development Officers
3. Student Council Officers (High School and College)
4. Officers of any Youth Organization (School-based and Community-Based)
5. Officers and members of any Youth-Serving Organizations
6. WFUNA-Youth leaders from other countries as guests

Project Background:

The National Youth Leaders Summit on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2025, organized by the United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP) and the Philippine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Inc. (PWC TUI), is a significant event taking place in February, a month recognized for celebrating arts and cultural heritage in the Philippines. This summit invites young leaders and stakeholders to collaborate on innovative solutions for the SDGs, empowering youth to play a crucial role in sustainability initiatives and fostering partnerships that extend globally.

The event includes keynote speeches, workshops, and panel discussions designed to provide participants, particularly Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials and Local Youth Development Officers (LYDOs), with essential knowledge and skills. Their involvement enhances dialogue on youth challenges and best practices, contributing to sustainable community development. Ultimately, the summit aims to inspire a generation committed to social change and a more equitable, resilient future, aligning with the SDGs' objective of promoting sustainable development for all.

Objectives:

Empower Young Leaders for Sustainable Development: Equip young leaders with essential training and resources to advocate effectively for sustainable development initiatives within their communities, ensuring their voices are included in decision-making processes and policy development.

Foster Collaboration Among Stakeholders: Promote dialogue and collaboration between young leaders and Local Youth Development Officers to exchange ideas, tackle challenges related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and reinforce the role of local governance in addressing youth needs through effective strategies.

Celebrate Cultural Diversity and Artistic Expression: Aligning with National Arts Month, emphasize the significance of cultural diversity and the arts in promoting the SDGs. By celebrating Filipino heritage, encourage innovative thinking and demonstrate how individual backgrounds can contribute to broader sustainability and social change efforts.

Major parts of the Program:

1. Workshops and Panel Discussions

Thematic Workshops: Focused sessions on specific SDGs like Climate Action, Quality Education, and Gender Equality.

Expert Panels: Diverse speakers from NGOs, government, and academia discussing innovative solutions and collaboration.

2. Sharing Best Practices

Youth leaders present successful SDG-aligned projects.

Participants exchange initiatives and learn from each other.

3. Advocacy Training

Workshops on advocacy strategies to influence SDG-related policies.

Preparation for meetings with decision-makers like local officials and business leaders.

4. Cultural Activities

Performances and presentations highlighting diverse cultures and sustainability.

Environmental arts projects raising awareness about the SDGs.

National Oratorical Contest on the SDGs.

5. Commitment to Action

- Focus on actionable steps and commitments toward achieving the SDGs.
- Participants create personal or group commitments to work on specific SDGs in their communities.
- Establishing accountability mechanisms to track progress on commitments made during the summit.

Meals

- The first meal in AM snack is on February 27 while, the last meal on February 28 is PM snack.
- Meal stubs shall be given upon registration. In every meal, food stub shall be given to the food server.

Program Activity

- The activity schedule shall follow as planned however, in the event of any change, the Management Committee shall inform the participants through announcement during the plenary session.

Participation

We strongly encourage everyone to take an active role. To maximize the effectiveness of the activity, all participants are invited to engage with one another.

There will be An Oratorical Contest focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If you're interested in participating, please reach out to the Secretariat to register. More details and contest guidelines will be provided soon.

Security and Valuables

- All participants are responsible for their personal belongings and should not leave valuables unattended during the event. The Organizing Committee will not be liable for any loss of personal items that may occur. In the event of any incidents during the activity, please report them immediately to the Organizing Committee for prompt action.

Wearing of Summit ID Card

- For security reasons, the event ID card must be worn at all times. Entry into the plenary and other session halls will not be permitted without an ID.

Secretariat:

For any concern, please contact the Secretariat through mobile phone number 0968-878-0528. Or email us at unapmanila@gmail.com.

You may also visit our FB Page for further announcements. FB Page: UNYA-Philippines.