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WFUNA and its global network of more than 100 UNAs are strong partners across our shared agenda. In an era when challenges spill over borders and have global reach, our future depends on how well we work together.

— Ban Ki-moon,
United Nations
Secretary-General

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ABOUT WFUNA

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS IS A
GLOBAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
WORKING FOR A STRONGER AND MORE
EFFECTIVE UNITED NATIONS.

Members from UNAs around the world gathered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for WFUNA's 40th Plenary Assembly in November 2012. The Plenary Assembly takes place every three years in a different host country.

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Since 1946, we have represented and coordinated over 100 United Nations Associations (UNAs) and their hundreds of thousands of members. We are the largest global network of organizations with the primary mission of supporting the principles and purpose of the United Nations.

We believe that the UN is a powerful force in confronting complex worldwide challenges such as poverty, climate change and armed conflict. We also believe that with the right tools and knowledge, every citizen can play a crucial role in helping the UN meet those challenges locally, nationally and globally. By educating and engaging UNAs and their members on the work and goals of the UN, we empower them to initiate positive change in their communities.

WHAT WE DO

Our programs provide training on advocacy and outreach in addition to knowledge building through educational projects. The three pillars of the UN—**Peace and Security, Human Rights and Sustainable Development**—drive the focus of our programs.

Our projects not only serve to connect our UNA members to the work of the United Nations, they also help build practical skills and guide members on how to engage with governments, academic institutions, civil society organizations and media around the issues most important to them. We reach citizens of all ages and address local and regional contexts. Effective evaluation measures and sustainability are also built into our approach. Experts call this capacity building—we call it empowering global citizens.





PROGRAMS

- PEACE & SECURITY ►
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ►
- HUMAN RIGHTS ►
- YOUTH & EDUCATION ►

Participants from our annual Human Rights training program "So You Want to be the Next High Commissioner?" engage in project development activities.

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PROGRAMS

PEACE & SECURITY

Our activities within the peace and security area have a special focus on conflict prevention, the Responsibility to Protect, rule of law, and nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

In 2014, we launched **Freedom from Violence**, a project that equips UNA members from conflict-afflicted countries with tools to advocate for the inclusion of peace and security issues in the UN's post-2015 development agenda. Participants learn how the agenda is developed, how to lobby governments, engage with other civil society organizations and how to use media to spread awareness of their country's most pressing peace and security issues.

Previously, we worked with UNAs in over 12 countries to put pressure on their governments to uphold their responsibility to protect their populations from mass atrocities and create policies for better civilian protection and conflict prevention measures.

Our **Zero World** program educates youth about disarmament issues and mobilizes them to become active in raising awareness on the importance of reduced arms for a more peaceful world. Since 2010, four Zero World activities have taken place and more than 600 youth from over 60 countries have participated in art and multimedia competitions to build awareness around issues surrounding arms and nuclear weapons.

UN Security Council unanimously adopts a resolution expressing its commitment to take early actions to prevent armed conflict.

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Children perform at the World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Our work in sustainable development is geared towards advancing the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), addressing climate change and influencing the post-2015 development agenda process.

Our **Youth Impact Africa** project educates youth members of UNAs in East Africa about the post-2015 agenda process and empowers them to initiate, lead and implement sustainable projects in their community. It equips them with practical project management skills as well as informs them about the UN's process in determining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an exciting and interactive format.

Go Beyond, our dynamic and creative climate change program, aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions worldwide through community action. Our goal is to create a world-class incubator for environmental sustainability through individual fellowships in a variety of fields.



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HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights advocacy and education has been at the core of our work since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. From our office located inside the Palais des Nations in Geneva, we provide program participants with an up-close look into the workings of the UN's human rights bodies, such as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Universal Periodic Review.

With our **Civil Society in Action for Human Rights** and **So You Want to be the Next High Commissioner?**

projects, we partner with UNAs to educate members on human rights standards and the UN human rights system. Through a series of workshops, members receive training on how the UN system operates as well as how to create human rights projects within their communities. By the end of the workshops, participants harness their project management skills towards advocating for human rights both in their home countries and at the UN.

Our Geneva trainings are organized during the sessions of the Human Rights Council, giving participants the opportunity to observe the UN's human rights system at work.

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YOUTH & EDUCATION

It is our priority to build on the energy and potential of our youth network by providing them with the skills and practical tools necessary to be active global citizens. We engage young people through our Advanced Training at the UN, Youth Seminar Series, WFUNA International Model UN and WFUNA Youth Camp.

Our **Advanced Training at the UN** program partners with universities and educational institutions to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the UN system and its work across the three pillars. Held in New York and Geneva, the weeklong trainings feature briefings from UN and local NGO representatives as well as group activities that focus on relevant global issues.

Our programs targeting youth include interactive group activities that build strong project development and management skills.

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Our **Youth Seminar Series** aims to strengthen youth skills in project management, fundraising and social media management. Held in a different region each year, special consideration is given to youth from developing countries where non-formal training is less accessible.

WFUNA International Model UN (WIMUN) is our flagship Model UN conference. Using UN4MUN procedure, which was developed by the UN itself, WIMUN is the most accurate simulation of the UN General Assembly. The inaugural WIMUN was held in Rome, Italy with participants from more than 50 countries.

WFUNA Youth Camp combines the skills-building workshops with Model UN. We launched our first camp in Seoul, Korea where students from elementary to university levels strengthened their skills in debate, communications and critical thinking on international issues.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE

By donating today, you join us in empowering global citizens to work towards a stronger United Nations and a more peaceful, just world.

Each tax-deductible dollar you donate will go directly towards educating, strengthening and mobilizing our member UNAs and hundreds of thousands of citizens around the globe. Visit [wfuna.org/get-involved](https://www.wfuna.org/get-involved) to make your donation.

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One of the simplest ways to become involved is to join your local UNA. Check [wfuna.org/join](https://www.wfuna.org/join) for all the benefits of becoming a UNA member.



OUR WORLDWIDE MEMBERS

We have over 100 member United Nations Associations (UNAs) in five regions across the globe. UNAs have different programs and a variety of constituencies, such as individual members, member organizations, and partner schools and universities.

Don't have a UNA in your country? Visit wfuna.org/worldwide-members to find out how to establish one.

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