



Diversity & Inclusion Youth Conference

# RESEARCH REPORT

## DIYC Sustainable Development Council

*“Sustainable Development and Peace in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in 2030”*

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**“Young Moderates for Global Peaceful Co-existence”**

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## **DIYC 2018 THEME: “Young Moderates for Global Peaceful Coexistence”**

**Peaceful Co-Existence** - The aim of peaceful co-existence is to establish a foundation where all sides, having found the creed to respect each other, can enhance and enrich their respective philosophical and religious traditions. This is achieved by adopting moderation as a way of life steeped in the search for justice, equilibrium and equity.

### **ABSTRACT**

The Diversity and Inclusion Youth Conference (DIYC) seeks to gather the youth together to understand how the values and practice of moderation, among themselves, can have a significant contribution towards peaceful co-existence in a multi-ethnic and multi-religious environment. By bringing together youth from various countries, this conference seeks to dissect and analyze the varied, multifaceted and evolving meanings of what it takes to create and maintain the peaceful co-existence between communities in their respective countries and regions.

The collective voices of the moderates needs to be heard to quell the extremist rhetoric that completely contradicts with the culture of peace. The rising threat of terrorism and violent extremism across the globe was a grim reminder of the need for sustained efforts to combat this phenomenon. The seeds of intolerance, hatred and extremism must not be allowed to take root and eradicating terrorism requires a collective global effort through moderation as an age-old principle embodied in all the great world religions and personified by many leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai.

Promoting a culture of peace was one of the ASEAN's intrinsic values, as affirmed by its “Community Vision 2025” plan and other policies that are firmly committed to do its part to inculcate and uphold the values and norms of peace, harmony, intercultural understanding, and the rule of law, good governance, tolerance, inclusiveness and moderation. ASEAN's endorsement of moderation via the Langkawi Declaration on the Global Movement of Moderates attests that it is very much an ASEAN value, deeply entrenched within the *ASEAN Way*.

What can the world learn from Malaysia and ASEAN that is otherwise lacking in other regions where conflict is rife? Moderation is the pillar of Malaysia's success in dealing with ethnic and religious diversity. The UNGA Resolution on Moderation tabled by Malaysia during the 72nd UNGA is a testament to the country's well-known track record of being a society which practices moderation, tolerance and mutual respect as this initiative was well-received by UN member states. Malaysia believes that moderation could complement the mission and work of the United Nations to proclaim 2019 as the International Year of Moderation, and DIYC aims to emphasize the promotion of dialogue and education in fostering inter-religious, inter-ethnic and intercultural understanding and dialogue, with broad participation amongst youths from around the world.

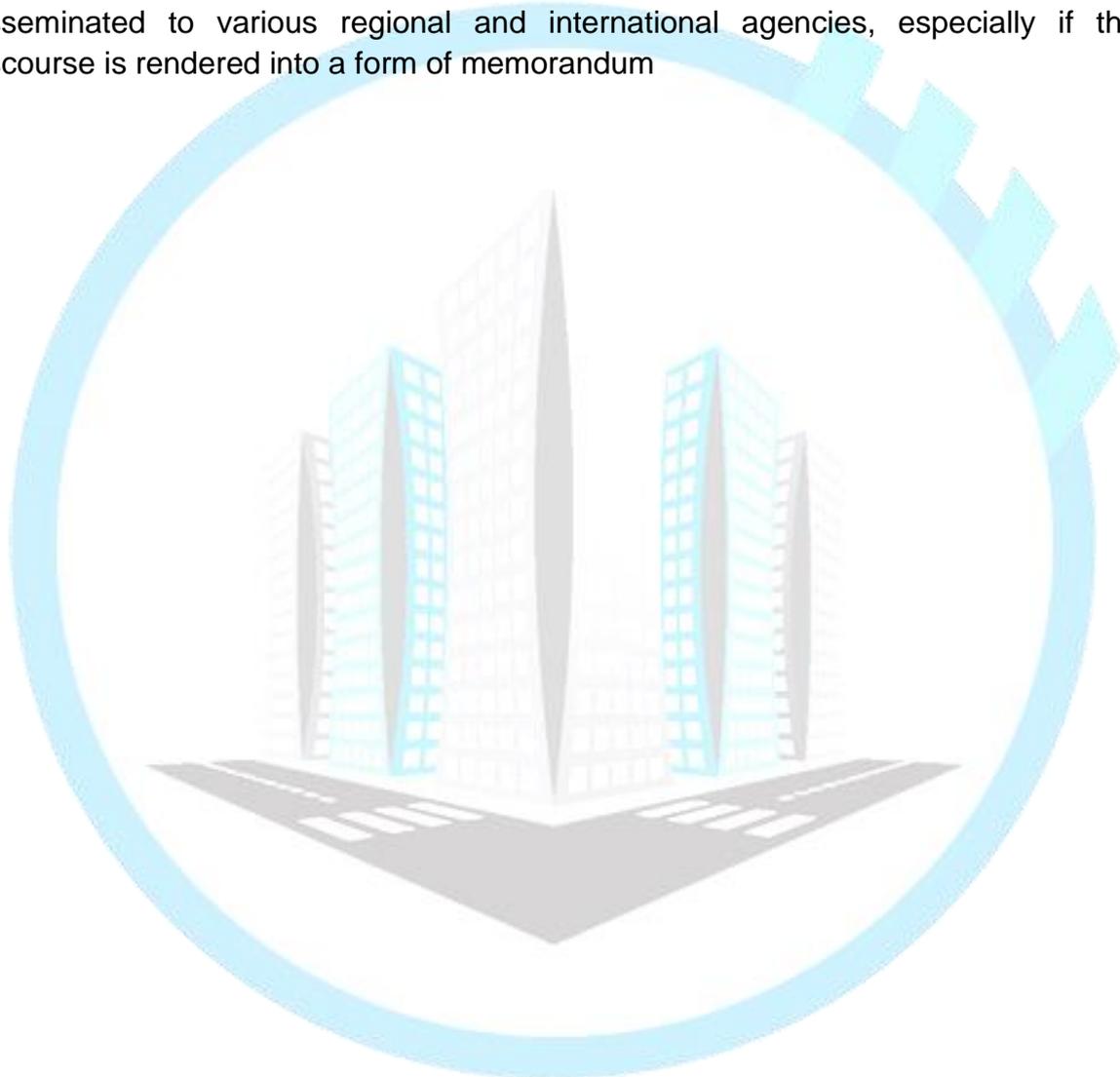
During the conference, participants will acquire the knowledge and tools to strengthen their ability to communicate across differences, interact with one another and look at diversity as an asset for cross-fertilization and inter-cultural exchange

from which mutual trust; better understanding and a global mindset can emerge and proliferate.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Diversity and Inclusion Youth Conference seeks to highlight the pertinent issues at play. Indeed, the above is by no means easy to answer. But taking the first step, in the right direction, can add to the clarity. The Conference seeks to gather youths to understand the lessons of Malaysia with the attendant aim to understand how the voices of the youth from other regions can jointly enrich this debate too.

The outcome of the deliberations from the conference can also be shared and disseminated to various regional and international agencies, especially if the discourse is rendered into a form of memorandum





## **DIYC Sustainable Development Council**

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*“Sustainable Development and Peace in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in 2030”*

Sustainable Development - Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. By cultivating a sense of moderation, the movement promotes the strengthening of capabilities and opportunities to reduce poverty and marginalisation – focusing on the most vulnerable and excluded population groups – in ways that are deemed sustainable from the economic, social and environmental standpoints, bringing about real improvements in people’s lives.

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### **Chair Introduction**

My name is Muhammad Rehhann bin Daniel Tudball, and I wish to give each and every one of you a warm and well deserved welcome to DIYC 2018! I have been given the great chance to chair you - the next generation of youth destined to champion the ropes of Model United Nations. It is a great opportunity and an even greater pleasure to be able to see the influx of institutions that are opening their gates to the world of Model United Nations; a platform for the youth to enhance their public speaking, consensus building and debating skills when it comes to considering global issues.

A little about myself in terms of my experience with MUN so far. I started MUN back in 2014 at an inter school conference that was held by the high school I was attending at the time. I was truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to take part in a great outlet and platform for public speaking and consensus building; one that changed the way I think, react and analyse. A few years down the line, with MNMUN 2015 being my first regional / national conference, I have now chaired at 23 conferences, preceded by 4 amazing conferences as a delegate. I thoroughly enjoy imparting what I know and have learnt on my fellow MUN-ers, focusing on what I see as a very reciprocal relationship. From tackling issues such as the Middle Eastern conflict to considering how nations can regulate and put a stop to the legitimisation of the proceeds of crime, I am now able to say that I have had my foot in many issues that have been the topic of debate around the world. Feel free to approach me should you require advice leading up to the conference, or even if you’d like to talk to me about the topics that we will be tackling during the conference.

MUN details aside, I thought it would also be appropriate of me to let you know a little about myself on a more personal note. Raised in a family that pretty much embodies the United Nations in terms of its racial and cultural diversity, I am a true Rojak at heart. My passions include playing football, video games such as DOTA and Destiny, playing the guitar with other bright-eyed musicians, making the best

puns and considering the world's many beautiful messes. I am a very approachable individual, and I love making conversation with all sorts of people. It fascinates me to be able to listen to the perspectives and thoughts that are maintained by the myriad of personalities and characters that I have met throughout my MUN career so far. I genuinely look forward to meeting you all at this conference. All the best with your preparation, and I can hardly wait to see how each and every one of you progresses as individuals and as delegates.

Sincerely,  
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## **Pre-Conference Preparation**

### **Position Papers**

In order to encourage critical and early research, you will be required to prepare a position paper on behalf of your delegation. It is **strongly recommended** that you prepare one if you wish to be able to contend for an award, and if you are inclined to make the most of your experience at this conference. These position papers must be presented to the Chair of the council **prior the the first committee session** of the conference, in order for it to be reviewed and acknowledged appropriately. Do keep the contents of this position paper **under 4 pages long** in order to effectively summarise your stance, possible solutions and opinions with regards to the topic. The formatting for your position paper should include the following factors: **Times New Roman, Size 11, 1.15 line spacing, and must be Justified**. Do your absolute best to cite your sources at the end of your paper to ensure your credibility. Please submit them to the email address that I have listed in my introduction above.

### **Social Media & Communication**

Please be advised that the following means of communication will be established in order to ensure that communication is consistent between you and I. A **Whatsapp Group** will be established for general conversation and important updates. A **Discord Server** will be established for official council related discussions that will occur prior to the conference itself. A **Facebook Group** dedicated to this council may be formed in order to make the sharing of documents easier for all of us. Do take note that the links to the aforementioned social media / communication tools will be found in an official email from the conference, or will be relayed to you by me through the use of email or the **Whatsapp Group**. Please ensure that you are a part of as many of these groups as possible. Do make sure that your conduct on them is appropriate as well.

### **Use of Electronic Devices**

The use of electronic devices during council session will be permitted with a few conditions. Firstly, you are only allowed to use electronic devices to research, contribute to documents and to participate in official conference related activities.

The use of such devices for gaming and other unprofessional activities is frowned upon, and will reflect negatively on your performance in council. Official documents such as resolutions and amendments will take place on **Google Drive**, so please ensure that you have an account operational prior to the first committee session. Please refrain from contacting unrelated persons / members of the council without urgent purpose, or without using note paper respectively. Adherence to these conditions will guarantee your ability to perform well during this conference. I would like to strongly encourage you to complete your research prior to formal council sessions in order to minimise time spent on devices, in order to encourage **active participation** throughout the conference.

## **The Purpose of This Research Report**

The function of this research report is to **INTRODUCE** you to the topic, council and focal points for this conference. Reliance on this report alone is severely insufficient for effective and well versed participation on your part as a representative of a nation-state. It is highly recommended that you scrutinise this report in order to set the foundation to your understanding of the topic at hand, prior to moving towards your own independent research leading up to the conference. Although I will be reachable by email, Whatsapp, Discord and Facebook should you need guidance and help, I will not be responsible for ensuring that you fulfill your own need to research sufficiently for this conference. Be warned that a lack of preparation and research will **severely weaken** your ability to perform efficiently and across the board. Once you have read this research report, you are advised to do research on the topic in general, research on your country in general, and research on how the topic correlates to your country respectively. This simple format will help you structure and pace your preparation appropriately.

## **Committee Introduction**

### **The DIYC Sustainable Development Committee**

The official mandate of the **DIYC Sustainable Development Committee** is to contemplate, create, and maintain dialogue and actions in relation to the sustainable development of individuals, communities and countries. In order to understand what it means to be able to uphold this duty, we will refer to the **United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)**. Established by the UN General Assembly in December 1992, the UNCSD was created in order to ensure the effective follow up of the **United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)**, otherwise known as the Earth Summit. Following the **World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)**, the 11th session of the UNCSD in 2003 enacted a multi year framework for operation that consists of reviews and policy goals. Ever since its inception, the UNCSD has been central in greatly advancing the United Nations **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** across the international community. This committee will, therefore, model itself around the works and purpose of such institutions and goals set out by the United Nations, in an attempt to reinforce and incorporate the SDGs into the consideration of the topic at hand.

## **Introduction to Topic**

Now that you have been introduced to the nature of sustainable development and their goals, we will now move towards setting the tone for our understanding when it comes to the topic as a whole. The topic that we will be addressing throughout the conference is **“Sustainable Development and Peace in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in 2030”**. The aim of addressing the content within this topic is to question how it is that we can get about upholding the SDGs in our actions as we strive towards fulfilling all 17 of them by 2030. Furthermore, it is important to note that, in relation to the theme of **“Peaceful Coexistence”**, we must approach the fulfillment of sustainable development while upholding the values of moderation, respect and understanding. Although the topic as a whole seems daunting at first glance, it is more easily understandable if we are to dissect it into 3 crucial parts:

1. **The Notion of Sustainable Development**
2. **How Sustainable Development Leads to Peace**
3. **How We Can Achieve the SDGs peacefully by 2030**

## **The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**

September 25th 2015 marks a significant milestone for us; here, the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** were created and adopted by countries from all around the world in order to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. Enshrined in the **17th session of the General Assembly** as part of the resolution entitled **“Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**, this sustainable development agenda was created as a means to reinforce universal peace through the means of eradication of poverty and the widespread rise in standard of living for all. Although it may seem idealistic at first glance, each of the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** enshrine **169 specific targets** in total that are said to be achieved by 2030. In order to familiarise yourselves with these goals, it is highly encouraged that you study each of the following SDG’s in general, selecting at least 5 to specialise in. This will provide you with an overview of the 17 goals, as well as equip you with in depth knowledge about a few of the goals to construct your solutions and plans around. The SDG’s are as follows:

1. ***End poverty in all its forms everywhere***
2. ***End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture***
3. ***Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages***
4. ***Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all***
5. ***Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls***
6. ***Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all***
7. ***Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all***
8. ***Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all***

9. ***Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation***
10. ***Reduce inequality within and among countries***
11. ***Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable***
12. ***Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns***
13. ***Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts***
14. ***Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development***
15. ***Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss***
16. ***Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels***
17. ***Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development***



In order to effectively uphold these goals, we must understand that their completion relies on **governmental, private sectoral, civil societal and global** participation and action. When creating your policies (position papers, working papers, draft resolutions and amendments included), please ensure that the content of such work relates back to these goals in one way or another.

### **Sustainable Development for Peace and Security**

Development in a bold era of progress and creation must be safeguarded by certainty and measures that protect the well being as well as the security of everyone. By recognising the importance of this notion, we will be able to create solutions and take actions that seek to prevent the escalation of conflict. Peace building, humanitarian assistance, development assistance as well as the relation between documents such as the **Sustaining Peace Agenda** and the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** are at the forefront of achieving sustainable development for peace and security. Peace, in this context, should therefore be approached as a catalyst for sustainable development as it propagates the effective and continuous support of the SDGs in modernising our frontiers. Other important factors to consider with regards to this element of the topic include the consideration of the role of women, youth, vulnerable groups of society as well as stakeholders in the respective areas of development. By approaching the topic in this light, we will be

able to highlight the myriad of solutions that can be diversely applied accordingly to the abundance of obstacles that we face in this ever developing world.

### **Important Questions that Must Be Answered In Order to Achieve These Goals By 2030**

Please answer each of these questions with a paragraph long response. Use these questions as guides to your research, and as reinforcing statements that you will be able to use to compliment your position papers as well as kick-start your research. If you are able to answer all of these questions before the first committee session, it means that you are on the right track when it comes to pre-conference preparation.

1. *What role does “Peace” have to play in achieving the 2030 SDGs?*
2. *What can regional governments do in order to contribute towards solutions?*
3. *What is the role of the individual in upholding the notion of peaceful sustainable development?*
4. *Who is responsible for the lack of youth representation in international and regional institutions?*
5. *Is it possible to create a utopian society where everyone is catered for? If not, how do we mitigate the complications?*
6. *Why is sustainability so important?*
7. *How can we apply these goals in post conflict settings, such as in Yemen?*
8. *Which new stakeholders need to play a more active role in promoting sustainable development?*
9. *Is it possible to localise general goals and ideas to particular regions and countries? If so, how can you do so for the country that you are representing?*
10. *What are the major obstacles that this generation faces when it comes to peaceful sustainable development? What can be done to overcome them?*

### **Definition of Key Terms**

- **Peaceful Co-Existence**
  - *The aim of peaceful co-existence is to establish a foundation where all sides, having found the creed to respect each other, can enhance and enrich the irrespective philosophical and religious traditions. This is achieved by adopting moderation as a way of life steeped in the search for justice, equilibrium and equity.*
- **Sustainable Development**
  - *Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. By cultivating a sense of moderation, the movement promotes the strengthening of capabilities and opportunities to reduce poverty and marginalisation – focusing on the most vulnerable and excluded population groups – in ways that are deemed sustainable from the economic, social and environmental standpoints, bringing about real improvements in people’s lives.*
- **Peace**

- *In this context, peace refers to the presence of dignity and well being for all, rather than a plain absence of war. This means that peace must be propagated through the rights and capabilities of every man and woman, transcending gender, culture, religion, faith, and belief. It is an overarching theme that must be incorporated into actions that strive towards goals.*

### **Further Reading and Resources**

Although not compulsory, I have listed a few links and resources that should indulge you further into the realm of sustainable development. Feel free to use these links for your individual and in depth research before the conference begins. I wish you all the best of luck in your readings, preparations, and efforts!

- **Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:**
  - [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&Lang=en](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&Lang=en)
- **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals At a Glance:**
  - <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>
- **WUF9 Peace, Security, and Sustainable Development (An Introduction):**
  - <http://wuf9.org/programme/high-level-roundtables/sustainable-urban-development-for-peace-and-security/>
- **UN Agenda for Peace**
  - <http://www.un-documents.net/a47-277.htm>
- **Sustaining Peace Agenda & Sustainable Development Agenda**
  - [https://www.un.org/pga/71/wp-content/uploads/sites/40/2016/12/Sustainable-Peace-and-2030-Agenda\\_Concept-note\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.un.org/pga/71/wp-content/uploads/sites/40/2016/12/Sustainable-Peace-and-2030-Agenda_Concept-note_FINAL.pdf)
- **SDG Index (United Nations)**
  - <http://www.sdqindex.org/>
- **News Articles**
  - <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2018/EU-UNDP-cooperation-key-to-achieving-the-Sustainable-Development-Goals.html>
  - <http://sdq.iisd.org/commentary/policy-briefs/sdg-knowledge-weekly-tax-official-development-assistance-and-urban-finance/>
  - <http://sdq.iisd.org/news/conflict-continues-to-drive-hunger/>
  - <https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2018/02/12/instability-development-role-sustainable-development-preventing-relapse-conflict-africa/>
  - <http://sdq.iisd.org/commentary/policy-briefs/sdg-knowledge-weekly-health-gender-and-blockchain-for-financial-inclusion/>
- **Scholarly Articles**
  - <http://archive.cmb.ac.lk:8080/research/bitstream/70130/181/1/Curriculum%20-%20SustainableDevelopment%20and%20P%5B1%5D.pdf>
  - [http://www.cepn-paris13.fr/epog/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CONSULO\\_Kates-et-al.pdf](http://www.cepn-paris13.fr/epog/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CONSULO_Kates-et-al.pdf)
  - [https://books.google.com.my/books?hl=en&lr=&id=Jw2hy\\_2E5nwC&oi=fnd&pg=PR5&dq=sustainable+development+and+peace&ots=8qiWjU6axc&sig=5tUQNh3F7p95\\_BhJLk2Vg3LehAk#v=onepage&q=sustainable%20deve](https://books.google.com.my/books?hl=en&lr=&id=Jw2hy_2E5nwC&oi=fnd&pg=PR5&dq=sustainable+development+and+peace&ots=8qiWjU6axc&sig=5tUQNh3F7p95_BhJLk2Vg3LehAk#v=onepage&q=sustainable%20deve)