

Youth GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUMMIT 2022

Summit Handbook

by Delhi Private School, Sharjah

Message from the Summit Heads—



Ananya Venkat

Dear Delegates, It is my utmost pleasure as the Summit Head, along with Delhi Private School Sharjah and the organising committee, to welcome you to the first edition of the Youth Global Solutions Summit 2022. Sustainability, a word that is influenced by our present, is now the torch of hope for our future. As the world gets more interconnected, the definition of sustainability spreads across the domains of science, environment, economy, and society. Acknowledging the potential consequences of our past negligence, our leaders have come together numerous times to discuss, debate and plan ways to sustain the life that we have built. At this summit, I aspire to see the delegates in the shoes of the leaders and working together to draft solutions on a myriad of topics that come under the umbrella term of 'Sustainability'. Keeping that in mind, this handbook to our summit was created by our diligent and hard-working team to introduce you to the depth of what we wish to achieve. But as with guides, this is just the entryway; it will be your creativity, collaboration, and ability to communicate that will take you to new heights. The YGSS will be an exciting forum where you will be the thinkers, diplomats, and leaders. And I, for one, cannot wait to see it all unfold. Looking forward to meeting you in January.

Ananya Venkat
Summit Head
Youth Global Solutions Summit 2022



Venkatesh Pillai

Greetings Delegates!

It is with great pride and honour that I, welcome you all to the very first edition of the Youth Global Solutions Summit 2022. In today's day and age, Sustainability is a term that holds a great deal of importance. It refers to the development that involves meeting our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to fulfill their own needs. However, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the methods of operation that a majority of today's industries follow are not sustainable at all. In order to combat this issue on a global scale, the United Nations has created 17 Sustainable Development Goals with the hopes of eradicating poverty and depravations .

I expect the delegates of YGSS to embody the values promoted by the UN SDG's. I hope the platform provided to you will be used to indulge in productive discussion and that all the councils will devise viable solutions that can improve the problem of sustainability and conservation present in the world today.

The YGSS is a new initiative taken by Delhi Private School Sharjah, as part of the 9th annual edition of Opinions. The organizing committee have taken great efforts in order to make this summit as fruitful as possible for all the delegates. With that being said, I would like to say that I am extremely excited to be a part of this summit and look forward to seeing all of you there!

Venkatesh Pillai
Summit Head
Youth Global Solutions Summit 2022

Deputy Heads



Alisha Haque

Welcome aboard delegates! We are delighted to have you all join us for the very first edition of the Youth GSS. As the next generation and the leaders of the future, it is imperative that we inculcate values such as collaboration, empathy, and communication. We cannot wait to dive into the plethora of talent that this summit will be bringing together! As we continue to face serious challenges with respect to Sustainability. Through Youth GSS we hope to provide a platform for students to develop innovative solutions to tackle the various economic and social issues raised on a global level and give a voice to the young trailblazers of the future.

Alisha Haque
Deputy Summit Head

Dear delegates, I would like to extend you all a warm welcome to YGSS! I am thrilled to be your Deputy Summit Head for this conference! This conference seeks to challenge your fundamentals as a representative more than anything. The conference is more than it is about adapting, making you a more oriented representative. Most importantly remember to rejoice and enjoy each moment is the most important part of this conference!!

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Deputy Summit Head



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Summit Agenda

Summit day	Date	Time (UAE)	Mode	Itinerary
Day 1	Wednesday, January 19, 2022	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Online	Opening ceremony Council session I
Day 2	Thursday, January 20, 2022	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	Online	Council session II
Review Day	Friday, January 21, 2022	Panelists examine the plan of action		
Day 3	Saturday, January 22, 2022	9:00 am - 11:00 am	On site/ Online	Panelists session Closing ceremony

*** Onsite - The esteemed panelists will be present at the onsite venue and interact with the Council members present both online and onsite (hybrid mode).**

Rules of Procedure

Participants in the Youth Global Solutions Summit are referred to as delegates. Each delegate will be assigned a country or organization to represent and a council (Space Science, Business & Industries, Healthcare, Education, Earth & Climate Change) to work under. Delegates are presented with the topics of their council in advance and are expected to come to the conference with thorough knowledge and research-work on these topics. Most importantly, delegates must formulate a position on each of the issues based on the policies of their assigned country. Delegates will then go through the various stages of general procedure (explained later) to create Plan of Actions which they will formally debate on for most of the conference. Delegates are not permitted to communicate with each other directly during session unless one is making a speech or point of information.

Each council will have a Director and Co- Director. The Director is responsible for ensuring that his/her council runs smoothly. With thorough knowledge of the rules and topics, the Director will keep the council under control, make sure the delegates understand the procedures, move the debate forward when needed, and keep track of delegate engagement. Prior to the conference, all Directors will have written background notes about the topics, which will serve as guides for the delegates to follow during their research. The Directors can be approached by delegates to clarify procedures or answer questions regarding the conference, council, and topics.

Points

Points during a debate should not interrupt a speaker except for a Point of Personal Privilege due to audibility. All other points may be dealt with only when there is a debating pause, i.e., when the speaker yields to Points of Information, to another delegate, or to the Director.

Delegates can raise points at any moment during debate by raising their placards in the air – the Chair will recognize a delegate whose placard is raised to hear their point. The following are a list of points and their definitions:

i. Point of Personal Privilege: Refers to the comfort and well-being of the delegate

a) May only interrupt the speaker if the point refers to the audibility of the speaker.

b) Audibility Example: "Point of Personal Privilege! Could the Director please ask the delegate to speak louder?"

c) General Example: "Point of Personal Privilege! Could the Director please turn off the AC as the room is very cold?"

ii. Point of Order: Refers to procedural matter only i.e., if the Director makes an error in the order of the debate or in the setting/seeing of debate time.

a) May not interrupt the speaker.

b) The point is not debatable.

c) Should only refer to something that just happened - direct referral.

d) General Example: "Point of Order! The Director just asked if there are any delegates in the house wishing to speak on the amendment? The delegate believes that we have already finished debating the amendment and are now back to discussing the Plans of Actions. As such shouldn't the Director be asking if there are any delegates in the house wishing to speak on the resolution?"

iii. Point of Information to the Speaker: A question directed to the delegate who has the floor, and who has indicated their willingness to open themselves up to Points of Information.

a) Delegate asking a Point of Information can only ask his/her point if recognized by the Director.

b) Must be formulated in the form of a question but a short introductory statement is permitted preceding the question.

c) Only one question may be asked at a time.

- d) Follow-ups may be entertained with the Director's discretion.
- e) There should be no direct dialogue between the delegate and the Director.
- f) General Example: "In the delegate's speech, the delegate mentioned the creation of a rehabilitation program in Sierra Leone. Could the delegate please elaborate where the funds to support this program would come from?"

iv. Point of Information to the Director:

- a) A question directed to the Director
- b) May not interrupt the speaker
- c) Can refer to almost anything, from issues to personal priorities. Includes anything/everything else that does not qualify under the other categories.

Format of the Summit

I. Motion To Commence Formal Session

II. Roll Call

III. Opening Of General Speakers List (GSL)

IV. Moderated & Unmoderated Caucuses

V. Draft Plan of Action (PoA)

VI. Panelist Review (PR)

I. MOTION TO COMMENCE FORMAL SESSION:

The Council starts with a motion to commence the Formal Session. It is asked only in the first session for each day of the event.

Verbatim: "Delegate of XYZ country would like to raise a motion to start the formal session for the day."

II. ROLL CALL:

A roll call is taken for all the delegates at the start of each day's first council session only. Delegates present in the council must reply with "Present and voting." A delegate cannot abstain from voting in the Youth GSS.

III. GSL:

General Speakers List allows the delegates to convey their general stance pertaining to the agenda at hand. Countries and corporates can include any additional information that they were unable to include in the previous Moderated and Unmoderated Caucuses. A delegate may raise a motion to open the GSL.

Verbatim – “Delegate of XYZ would like to raise a motion to open the General Speakers List; each speaker getting x seconds.”

IV. MODERATED & UNMODERATED CAUCUS

- MODERATED CAUCUS

Moderated Caucus is a discussion on a sub-topic related to the Council’s main agenda. It is one of the most effective and efficient methods for making the council aware of a Delegate’s opinion(s), or for sharing the stance pertaining to a sub-topic related to the Council’s agenda.

Verbatim – “Delegate of XYZ would like to raise a motion to suspend formal debate and move into a Moderated Caucus on the topic ‘PQR’ for the motion time being ‘x’ minutes and each speaker getting ‘y’ seconds.”

Note to Delegates: For this conference we will be expecting the delegates to Raise Moderated Caucuses to discuss their clauses for the Council

- UNMODERATED CAUCUS

An Unmoderated Caucus provides the delegates with the chance to diplomatically socialize and communicate with fellow delegates and garner support for their clauses. The Delegates may take this as an opportunity to discuss sub-topics for the next Moderated Caucuses to avoid disruption of council flow in the future course of time.

Verbatim – “Delegate of XYZ would like to raise a motion to move into an Unmoderated Caucus for the time period being ‘x’ minutes.”

V. DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION (PoA):

This summit will conclude its online proceedings with the passing of a Plan of Action, which will be later reviewed by experts of the field.

Each delegate is expected to submit a clause to the Director once the floor for the same is open. Each clause will then be debated on by the delegates in the form of a moderated caucus. Delegates are expected to submit amendments to the clauses that are debated. The delegates can amend to either add or modify the clause.

The amendments can be further considered as friendly or unfriendly, friendly amendments to the clauses are not debated in the council, unfriendly clauses, however, need to be debated and passed by 3/4ths of the council.

After the floor is closed to amendments, voting procedure on the clause commences. Delegates can vote either for or against the clause but cannot abstain from voting.

The clauses passed in the council then form the Plan of Action which will be the final document submitted to the experts on behalf of the council.

VI. PANELIST REVIEW (PR):

The summit will have its onsite and online proceedings with panelists who are experts in each council reviewing their Plan of Actions.

Flow of Panelist Review:

- There will be an initial reading of the Plan of Action to the audience at the venue.
- After reading out the Plan of Action, the floor will be passed to the panelists to question the practicality and implementation of the Plan of Action
- A representative will be assigned for the Online and Onsite delegates for each council
- The role of the representative is to commute the floor between Panelists and Delegates during the questionnaire.

After the floor closes, the day continues per agenda.

Research: A Guide

- To effectively research, start with a foundation to build strong research points
- Background guides produced by your chairs will be of great help as they have already researched the following information and have summarized it for you. However, a delegate must research in more depth and make their research unique.
- Research on how your committee came to be and what it stands for.
- Pick out the key points and base your research around them to understand the issue in depth.
- Educate yourself about the topic's history and follow its timeline.
- Research about the solutions that have already taken place and its drawbacks for better execution in the future.
- Inquire the issues' area of effect and the populace it targets.
- What solutions are going to take place in the future and who are accountable for the implementation of the solutions? How can we solve this issue? What is your country's stance on the matter?

A delegate can properly analyze and come up with proper resolutions only after these steps.

After satisfactory research in accordance with your country/corporation, it is vital you format a 'pre-summit statement' prior to the conference. It should begin with a brief introduction before moving on to a detailed description of the country's position on the topic under discussion by each committee.

A solid pre-summit statement will include facts, but it will also make recommendations for resolution.

Here's the recommended content of what you should add to your pre-summit statement:

- i.** Explain the issue and define its key terms

- ii.** Lay out a short summary of the most recent and significant international action taken in relation to the issue. (Very important to add if the action was taken by your county/ corporation and/or if it was a major stakeholder in the decision making process).

- iii.** Add references from documents and reports through trusted sources to help give heavier support and back the stance of the country/ corporation you're representing.

- iv.** State your representation's general stance on the issue.

- v.** And finally, summarize and propose possible solutions your country/ corporation can facilitate that can help combat the issue your council is dealing with.

Here's some trusted sources to get you started:

- All approved and official government websites

- All official websites of the UN, its sub-committees and sub organizations (un.org)
- www.reuters.com,
www.economist.com,
www.cnn.com,
www.bbcworld.com,
www.cia.gov

- Wikipedia is not considered the most viable source since information can easily be edited by any individual and thus, losing its credibility. Try to refrain from using the site.
- Last but not the least, make sure to maintain the maximum degree of accuracy with your research.
- That being said, these are some of the sites we trust for you to research through. However, do not let that limit you from diving deeper, doing further research and gaining limitless knowledge about your topics!

The next page of this document consists of a template made for the delegates to give a clearer idea of the format of their statement, how their content should ideally be placed and what makes the pre-summit statement distinct

Pre- Summit Statement Template

Agenda:

Country/Corporation: Country Flag/Corporation Logo

Council:

Introduction

- Highlighting current situation and significance of issue
- Detailed statistical overview of environmental demographic relative to their respective country/corporation

Body

- Elaborating on representation's stance and ties with other entities, regarding the matter.
- Establishing aim for committee sessions and key sectors to be explored

Conclusion

- Provision of effective solutions and viable outcomes.
- Reiterating representation's direction in the council

Summit Policies

DRESS CODE POLICY:

In the simulation of the summit, we at DPS Sharjah strive for professionalism in all aspects of the conference. Therefore, delegates are expected to follow a dress code during all council sessions and conference events. At most times, the prevailing dress code will be Western Business attire, although national attire and religious attire are also permitted. The rules of Western Business attire are as follows:

- Men must wear a suit or a formal jacket and dress pants (no jeans or cargo pants), with a dress shirt and tie. Socks and dress shoes must be worn.
- Women must wear a dress, suit, dress slacks (no jeans) or skirt of appropriate length with a blouse or sweater. Dress shoes must be worn. While we understand this conference is an online edition, we would encourage everyone to follow the dress code to the simulate the summit as realistically as possible.

PREWRITING POLICY:

Any documents written before the conference may not be submitted to the council staff as part of a Plan of Action during the Youth Global Summit. The essence of the summit lies on the idea that the best solutions are generated through debate, collaboration, and compromise, and as such, all papers presented before a council should reflect collaboration that occurred within that council. All writing is expected to take place after the commencement of the first council session and must include the efforts of more than one delegate. Members of the council staff have been instructed not to accept documents that do not seem as though they could have been possibly written during the conference, based on various criteria,

including the content of the document and/or the time at which it is submitted. Any delegates who, for whatever reason, are suspected of submitting fully pre-written work will have reduced consideration or disqualification for individual or delegation awards, expulsion from the conference, and/or disqualification from future attendance at YGS. Any suspicions regarding an infraction of the pre-writing policy should be brought to the immediate attention of the council Director.

PLAGIARISM POLICY:

The open exchange of ideas plays a crucial role in debate. However, it is important for all delegates to acknowledge clearly when they have relied upon or incorporated the work of others. It is expected that all materials submitted to the council staff before and during the conference will be the delegates' own work. Delegates should always take great care to distinguish their own ideas and knowledge from information derived from sources through the proper citation of all quoted and paraphrased material. Delegates who are in any doubt should consult their council staff. Any delegate suspected of submitting work that is not their own, without clear attribution to its sources will face reduced consideration or ineligibility for individual or delegation awards. All documents submitted to the dais will be vetted for plagiarism, and any suspicions regarding an infraction of the plagiarism policy should be brought to the immediate attention of the council.

AWARDS POLICY:

We at Youth GSS are primarily concerned with providing each delegate with an enjoyable and educational experience. We believe firmly that this conference is an opportunity for students to learn about international relations, public speaking, and the challenges of high-stakes diplomacy through first-hand experience. More than anything else, we hope that delegates leave the conference as well-informed global citizens who are better able to engage others in conversations about important world issues than when they first arrived.

However, we also value the recognition of students and delegations that have contributed to the conference in exemplary ways. At Closing Ceremonies, the Secretariat will announce individual and delegation awards. Each council Director, in consultation with his or her council staff, will determine individual awards based on the following criteria:

- Quality of Pre-summit Statements.
- Attendance at council sessions.
- Adherence to all YGSS Policies and Code of Conduct.
- Exhibition of an in-depth understanding of the intricacies of the topic area(s).
- Exhibition of a desire to compromise, while adhering to the policies and interests of the assigned individual or country.
- Ability to work with and persuade other delegates through in-depth explanations and convincing arguments.
- Ability to develop and convey pragmatic and actionable solutions, both orally and in written form.
- Skill and effectiveness in caucusing, debating, and clause writing.
- Ability to effectively communicate and justify their Plan of Action with panelists.
- The Secretariat, in consultation with council staff, will also award the delegations whose delegates best exemplify the fulfilment of the criteria listed above.

Every council will have 3 individual awards:

- Best Delegate
- Outstanding Delegate
- Honorable Mention

There will be 2 general awards:

- Best Delegation
- Best Council / PoA

***Please remember that Youth GSS @DPSS is much more than awards, council sessions and the conference!**

POLICY ON CYBERBULLYING/HARASSMENT:

Youth GSS has a strict policy against cyber bullying or harassment. Such behavior or conduct is contrary to values of DPS Sharjah, objectives, and the United Nations' values which promote "tolerance, understanding, solidarity and co-operation among men, women and children throughout the world without distinction as to race, sex, language, religion or political orientation."

Harassment includes – but is not limited to – words, gestures or actions which tend to annoy, alarm, abuse, demean, intimidate, belittle, or cause personal humiliation or embarrassment to another; or that cause an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment. It includes harassment based on any grounds such as nationality, race, religion, age, color, creed, ethnic origin, physical attributes, disability, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. It can include a one-off incident or a series of incidents. Harassment may be deliberate, unsolicited, and coercive. Additionally, Cyber Bullying refers to a form of bullying through electronic means

Any participant in any event organized by Delhi Private School, Sharjah, will be responsible for harassment behavior or conduct. And participants who are found to have violated this policy, may be subject to appropriate administrative or disciplinary measures by the conference team.

Any participant experiencing harassment should at once report the incident to DPS Sharjah staff by reaching out to them through their council staff.

Code of Conduct

During the summit, a delegate is expected to maintain a certain code of conduct during internal and external proceedings of the committee. No other person other than the delegate himself/herself who has signed up for the conference will be allowed into the councils. The Delegates are prohibited from sharing details to access the council sessions with anyone other than members of their own delegation.

A delegate shall not resort to aggression during the conference, any discrimination or prejudice in regard to a delegate's nationality, race, religion, age, color, creed, ethnic origin, physical attributes, disability, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation will not be entertained.

Delegates are prohibited from recording and/or misusing any of the content from council sessions. Youth GSS does not encourage any informal communication groups beyond the council sessions, such as WhatsApp groups. If the Delegates choose to form such a group, it is at their discretion. However, they are expected to be responsible for their behaviour in these groups. Cell phones, music players, or other wireless communications devices are not to be used during any council session.

If the code of conduct is violated by a delegate during the conference, Delhi Private School, Sharjah reserves the right to revoke a delegate's participation during the conference and their certificate/ award even after the conference.

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