



2021 United Nations Summer Camp
Sustainable Development Goals in Action
July 26-30, 2021

Pre-Program Student Resource Guide

Instructions:

The World Affairs Council has compiled the following list of resources as a means of adequately preparing students to participate in the **2021 United Nations Summer Camp: *Sustainable Development Goals in Action***. Each resource will help to provide students with the background knowledge they need to actively participate in each program day's activities, expert speaker briefings, and the weeklong Sustainable Development Goals Action Plan project, where students will be tasked with creating locally-based solutions to their Sustainable Development Goal of choice.

We suggest that students break up this research into multiple sittings so as to better comprehend the materials and to not overwhelm themselves before the start of the program. We also suggest that students read the *Questions to Consider* prior to reading or viewing the resources and then write down their answers to the questions after they are finished with the resources. Additional research outside of these resources is encouraged but completely optional.

Finally, we have provided the biographies for each of the program's expert speakers, along with links to their organizations. We encourage students to read these prior to attending the program and to come up with at least one question per speaker (in the *Expert Speaker Questions* section below) so they can come prepared to engage with our expert speakers throughout the week.

We can't wait to see you on July 26th!

General Program Resources:

- [History of the United Nations](#)
Article - ~5 minute read (United Nations)
- [UN Sustainable Development Goals Overview](#)
Video - ~2 minutes (UNICEF Georgia)



- [Sustainable Development Goals Overview](#)
Digital Picture Book - ~15 minute read (United Nations)
- [World's Largest Lesson - Our Inspiration](#)
Video - ~2 minutes (The Global Goals)

Questions to Consider:

1. Why was the United Nations created? What does the UN do? What are the UN's main goals?
2. What are the Sustainable Development Goals? Why were they created? What is their purpose?
3. Pick three SDGs (from the "Sustainable Development Goals Overview" document) and summarize their purpose, main goals, what has already been done, and what still needs to be done to reach this goal.

Expert Speakers

Biographies & Organization Links:

- **Day 1 (Monday, July 26) Expert Speaker Briefing:** *An Introduction to Global Cultures and Cultural Diplomacy* - [Terri Morrison](#), *Speaker and Author of Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands*

- **Day 2 (Wednesday, July 28) Interactive Workshop:** *SDGs in "Local" Action* Speaker - [Alex Epstein](#), *Co-Founder, Urban Creators*

- **Day 3 (Friday, July 30) Expert Speaker Briefing:** *SDGs in "Local" Action (Planet Focus)*
Speaker: Feini Yin, [Fishadelphia](#)

Questions (Write in at least one question that you would like to ask each expert speaker):

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