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PROGRAMME



Welcome

With great pleasure and excitement, I welcome you to the 20th edition of the Young Diplomats Forum (YDF) here in London. This milestone event is a testament to the commitment, passion, and dedication of young diplomats like yourselves who strive to make a difference in international relations.

Over the years, the Young Diplomats Forum has grown into a vibrant and influential platform, bringing together emerging leaders from across the globe. This year, we continue this proud tradition in the dynamic city of London, a fitting backdrop for an event that promises to inspire, challenge, and equip you with the tools necessary to excel in your diplomatic careers.

During this forum, you will have the opportunity to engage with distinguished speakers, participate in hands-on workshops, and collaborate with your peers on critical global issues. It is our hope that the experiences you gain here will not only broaden your understanding of diplomacy but also empower you to take bold steps in your professional journey.

As we celebrate this 20th edition, we are reminded of the impact that young diplomats can have on our world. Your ideas, energy, and vision are crucial in addressing the complex challenges we face today. Together, we can build a more peaceful, prosperous, and just international community.

Thank you for being part of this important event. I look forward to the insightful discussions, innovative ideas, and lasting connections that will undoubtedly emerge from this forum.

Welcome to London, and welcome to the 20th Young Diplomats Forum.

YOUNES EL-GHAZI
CEO - GLOBAL DIPLOMATIC FORUM

2nd September - Day 1



10:00- 10:10 AM

OPENING STATEMENT:

YOUNES EL GHAZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, GLOBAL DIPLOMATIC FORUM

10:10- 11:25 AM

DIPLOMACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY:

- INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND DIPLOMACY
- REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AS DIPLOMATIC ENTITIES
- NEW ACTORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE
- DIPLOMACY POST COVID-19

SPEAKERS :

- H.E XIMENA FUENTES, AMBASSADOR OF CHILE TO LONDON
- H.E DR KYRIACOS KOUROS, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF CYPRUS TO LONDON

11:25- 11:40 AM

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:40- 12:30 PM

POLICY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION AND GROUPS MEETINGS:

- UN REFORMS
- AI AND DIPLOMACY
- NEW WORLD ORDER
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- RE-INVENTING BRAND EU

13:00- 14:00 PM

LUNCH

14:00- 14:30 PM

DEPARTURE TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE FLANDERS IN LONDON

14:30- 16:00: PM

SESSION ON THE FLANDERS - DAVID MAENAUT , GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLEMISH COMMUNITY & THE FLEMISH REGION

16:00 PM

RECEPTION AT THE FLANDERS HOUSE

3rd September - Day 2



ASEAN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD

10:00- 11:00 AM

KEYNOTE SPEECH ON INDONESIA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND ASEAN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD:

SPEAKER: MRS. SAHADATUN DONATIRIN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, EMBASSY OF INDONESIA IN LONDON

11:00 - 11:50 AM

CONVERSATION ON MALAYSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND INTEGRATION WITHIN ASEAN:

SPEAKER: MR MOHIUDDIN GHAZALI, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE UK

12:00- 13:00 PM

LUNCH

13:00- 14:15 PM

AI AND DIPLOMACY:
- DR BJOLA, PROFESSOR OF DIPLOMACY AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY
- YOUNES EL GHAZI, CEO, GLOBAL DIPLOMATIC FORUM

14:15 PM

DEPARTURE TO THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

15:00 - 16:30 PM

SESSION ON CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY:
SPEAKER: MR. JIANG ZHOUTENG, MINISTER-COUNSELLOR AND FIRST SECRETARY MS. ZHUANG XINYAN.
EMBASSY OF CHINA IN LONDON

17:00 PM

CABLE CAR ACROSS THE THAMES (OPTIONAL)

17:00 PM

GROUPS MEETING



4th September - Day 3



10:00- 11:25 AM

IS NEW WORLD ORDER INEVITABLE?
SPEAKERS:

IAN PROUD, AUTHOR AND FORMER BRITISH DIPLOMAT
DR. NABEEL GOHEER, CHIEF OF ASIA, MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE REGION AT PATH

11:25 - 11:40 AM

BREAK

11:40 – 13:00 PM

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

-DANIELA FRANCESCA COLEMAN, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS
AND RECRUITMENT SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

13:00- 14:00 PM

LUNCH

14:00– 15:00 PM

BRITISH PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND CULTURAL RELATIONS:

- CALUM O'BYRNE MULLIGAN, REGIONAL MANAGER, BRITISH COUNCIL

15:30 - 17:00 PM

CLIMBING THE O2 AND ADVENTURE GOLF



5th September - Day 4



10:00- 11:30 AM

GROUPS' POLICY PRESENTATION:

- NEW WORLD ORDER
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- AI AND DIPLOMACY

11:30 - 12:00 PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 PM

GROUPS' POLICY PRESENTATIONS:

- RE-INVENTING BRAND EU
- UN REFORMS

13:00 - 14:00 PM

LUNCH

14:00 - 15:30 PM

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAMME PRESENTATION

16:00 - 17:00 PM

CELEBRATION OF 10 YEARS SINCE YOUNG DIPLOMATS FORUM IN MEXICO:

-H.E JOSEFA GONZÁLEZ BLANCO, AMBASSADOR OF MEXICO TO THE COURT OF ST JAMES'S

17:00 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARD OF CERTIFICATES AT THE HOUSE OF LORDS

6th September - Day 5



10:00- 11:30 AM

VISIT AND TOUR OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE
-STATE ROOMS AND GARDEN

12:45 PM

LUNCH AND FAREWELL

