



United Nations Association of the USA & EF Explore America

Professional Learning Course Summary

COURSE TITLE

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: From Global to Local

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This virtual course seeks to educate teachers on the significant work of the United Nations and encourage the use of UN artifacts as classroom resources that engage students in the rigorous exploration of the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Agenda.

The course is made up of a three-part series of interactive workshops that provide inspiring strategies focused on localizing the important goals of the UN and connecting them with the inherent importance of educational travel across academic disciplines. Participants will not only understand the breadth of international affairs as carried out by the UN, they will have multiple opportunities for collaboration with other educators from different regions as they develop and implement SDG-based lesson plans of their own. Highlights will include an interactive meeting with UN Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, Stéphane Dujarric, and exposure to the rich capabilities of the [MyDiplomat App](#) and [InnerView Platform](#), both viable pathways that facilitate college and career readiness, fostering individuals who are able to think analytically and communicate effectively.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW CONTINUED**SESSION 1****Wednesday, Nov. 17th @ 7pm ET**

Introduction to the United Nations and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

- A live conversation with the UN Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, Stéphane Dujarric
- The SDGs unpacked with local applications and examples of advocacy efforts
- Introduction of MyDiplomat App and InnerView Platform
- Baseline course expectations and lesson plan development parameters

SESSION 2**Wednesday, Jan. 12th @ 7pm ET**

Midpoint prior to lesson plan implementation for guidance and feedback from cohort peers

- Breakout rooms to share lessons
- Teacher-pairs to work collaboratively on lesson plan refinement

SESSION 3**Wednesday, Feb. 9th @ 7pm ET**

Panel from EF/UNA-USA to hear lesson plan implementation synopses and provide feedback

- What happens next? Participants' choice: Overview of tiered options for additional professional learning credit hours

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

At the completion of the three-part series, educators will be able to:

- Provide an overview of the vital work of the United Nations and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda for students
- Ideate with peer educators and EF staff on ways to further the 2030 Sustainable Development agenda throughout their home and school communities
- Connect their own academic or arts/humanities disciplines to the SDGs in meaningful ways to promote impactful student learning
- Gain global awareness, increase self confidence, and improve cross-cultural understanding
- Inspire students to connect to the MyDiplomat App and/or InnerView Platform through classroom opportunities with real-world applications
- Connect their in-classroom lesson/unit plan to the importance of future educational travel with EF

REGISTRATION AND TRANSCRIPT

Registration for this three-part series includes enrollment in the course *The UN Sustainable Development Goals: From Global to Local*. Tuition is FREE. Upon conclusion of the workshop, attendees can send their deliverables to the EF Education Department (education.department@ef.com). A transcript will be issued by EF, an accredited private school, upon satisfactory completion of the workshop and related coursework.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS**15 professional development hours**

(Base course plus first tier deliverables)

- 4-6 contact hours
- Lesson plan development, implementation with students, and reflection

30 professional development hours

(Base course plus second tier deliverables)

- 4-6 contact hours
- Lesson plan development, implementation with students, and reflection
- Voluntary School Review submission
- Follow-up touchpoints in Spring 2022

45 professional development hours

(Base course plus third tier deliverables)

- 4-6 contact hours
- Lesson plan development, implementation with students, and reflection
- Voluntary School Review submission
- Connection/support of local UNA-USA chapter or creation of own UNA-USA chapter with summative report in year 1 (Spring 2022)

RESOURCES

- Film/Book (optional): *A Workshop for Peace - Commissioned by the United Nations for the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the U.N.* The story of how the world's greatest architects representing many of the original member nations came together and created an architectural symbol for global peace.
- Virtual or site-based UN Historical Records tour
- Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice
- UN Department of Public Information
- MyDiplomat Facilitator Guide
- InnerView Platform Overview