



YLP with February NYC Conference (February 19-22, 2025)

Get creative with a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)! Each conference is dedicated to a specific SDG, which becomes the theme of the SDG Design, Songwriting experience, and Cultural Performance Night. Learn more about this conference’s specific SDG below to influence your design, songwriting submission, and cultural performance!



SDG 5 seeks to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls globally. While legislative gender quotas have made great strides in promoting SDG 5, more work must be done. At today’s rate, it will take over 100 years to achieve equal representation in workplace leadership and remove discriminatory laws.



5 GENDER EQUALITY



ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

THE WORLD IS **NOT ON TRACK** TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY BY 2030

OUT OF GOAL 5 INDICATORS:



- "ON TRACK"
- AT A MODERATE DISTANCE
- FAR OR VERY FAR OFF TRACK

AT THE CURRENT RATE, IT WILL TAKE



300 YEARS TO END CHILD MARRIAGE



286 YEARS TO CLOSE GAPS IN LEGAL PROTECTION AND REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY LAWS



140 YEARS TO ACHIEVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN LEADERSHIP IN THE WORKPLACE

LEGISLATED GENDER QUOTAS ARE **EFFECTIVE** TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY IN POLITICS

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT (2022)



30.9%

COUNTRIES APPLYING QUOTAS



21.2%

COUNTRIES WITHOUT QUOTAS



NEARLY HALF OF MARRIED WOMEN LACK DECISION-MAKING POWER OVER THEIR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

1 IN 5 YOUNG WOMEN

ARE MARRIED BEFORE THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY



THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT 2023: SPECIAL EDITION- [UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2023/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2023/)

TARGETS AND INDICATORS

Targets and indicators allow delegates to monitor a country's progress towards achieving a specific SDG, with the target as the goal and the indicator designates the measurement by which those targets can be judged a success or failure.



[*Watch this short video from the UN*](#)

TARGET 5.1	INDICATOR 5.1.1
End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.	Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex.
TARGET 5.3	INDICATOR 5.4.1
Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.	Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location.
TARGET 5.B	INDICATOR 5.B.
Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women.	Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex.

[*Explore all of the SDG 5 targets and indicators*](#)

SDG DESIGN - HOW TO APPLY

Interested students can create an original design for the conference that illustrates Maria Montessori's vision of having children collaborate to find solutions to the SDG 5 - Gender Equality. Designs must be submitted in US letter size or A4 size paper, using paints or colored pencils (computer assisted designs will not be considered).

Submission Due Date: Step 3 Deadline - December 11TH, 2024*

One design per conference is chosen. The winning design concept will be developed by a professional designer to create the final image for the conference design (in a digital vector file). The selection of the design contest winner is based upon a combination of factors, including: the concept expressed, the creativity, and the ability to develop the design concepts. The winning selection must be consistent and supportive of creating solutions to the world's most pressing problems, the Sustainable Development Goals. The design contest is not a judgment on the technical design abilities of the submission.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. The design must be hand-drawn on a blank paper (US letter 8.5" x 11" or A4 paper 8.3" x 11.7").
2. Teachers must scan the drawing, save it as a PDF or JPEG, and upload it to the Design Contest Application Form on your school dashboard, within the deadlines for Step 3 (please note that they differ by Conference). One design per delegate.
3. Please indicate your school name, name, and age of the student who has created the design.
4. Please upload a pdf that contains 2 pages: 1 for the design and 1 for a short description (of 5 lines at least) of what the design symbolizes and the decision to have this image represent the SDG goal in question.



SDG SONGWRITING WORKSHOP WITH CHAD HARPER - HOW TO APPLY

Interested students (singers, rappers, poets public speakers and musicians) should write five brief bullet points highlighting why the conference-specific SDG is important to them and how they envision making a change.

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Students must attend the online songwriting sessions on February 10TH, 11TH and 12TH (10:00 - 11:30 AM ET). Then they meet on the first day of the conference and have a quick rehearsal on both Thursday February 20TH and Friday February 21ST in NYC, with the performance on Celebration Night.

* Coordinators will be contacted if one of the delegates in their group will be selected.

OTHER ONSITE OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE NIGHT

On one of the evenings during the conference, students can participate in a Cultural Performance event, watching or performing musical numbers or skits that represent their own culture, the culture they learned about and the SDGs theme of the conference!

Interested coordinators can submit delegates' performances adding:

- Name, description, and number of delegates involved in the performance is necessary.
- If music is required for the performance, this is required to be uploaded here.

Please ensure you follow the music file specifications to properly upload the file.

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COUNTRY DISPLAY BOARDS

ACTIVITY

Students work together to create a physical country display board (about the country they will represent during an MMUN conference). Each delegation is required to participate in this activity by exhibiting the work they made in class.

GOALS

The main objective of this activity is to help students learn about a foreign country. This activity emphasizes research, brainstorming and teamwork skills. Your country display should help people who visit MMUN learn something about the country you are representing at the conference.

The display should contain key national information and background, usually addressing the categories of the fundamental needs of human beings — use the Montessori chart for helpful ideas to consider displaying.

MATERIALS

For a physical on-site display board – a Standard tri-fold, free-standing display board is required. Pay attention to the display board sizing requirements – trifold or bifold free-standing poster boards are recommended as long as the display dimensions don't exceed 36" (width) and 48" (height). The board must stand on its own without leaning.

EXHIBITION

The Country Display will be exhibited in person or virtually during the conference for all participants to view and learn about the different country delegations.

Bring your Delegation Country Display Board directly to NYC and enjoy the exhibition!

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact us at info@montessori-mun.org

