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COMMUNIQUÉ

Regarding the DMUN Foundation's Participation in the 2025th Session of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF 2025)

The Office of the Observer of the DMUN Foundation to the United Nations Headquarters and Bretton Woods Institutions, on behalf of the Secretariat of the DMUN Foundation, hereby issues the following communiqué regarding its participation in the 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), convened under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council from 14 to 23 July 2025.

Participation and Representation of Foundation Representatives

The Foundation recalled its longstanding commitment to advancing the recognition of children and youth as equal rights holders within the multilateral system.

The Foundation dispatched its largest-ever delegation to an intergovernmental conference, comprising 48 representatives. This delegation included members of the Observer Mission of the DMUN Foundation to the United Nations Headquarters and the Bretton Woods Institutions, representatives of the Secretariat of the Foundation, and Global Youth Representatives embodying a wide diversity of youth organizations and individual affiliates.

The delegation of the Foundation was led by Mr. Jaewon Choi, Executive Director; Ms. Lily Y. YangLiu, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy and Research; and Ms. Alexa Dominique, Observer of the Foundation to the United Nations Headquarters and the Bretton Woods Institutions.

Interventions

The Foundation's Executive Director, Mr. Choi delivered official statements on behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), representing over 20,000 youth organizations worldwide.



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Mr. Choi delivered an intervention during the Opening Segment, under the theme “*Unlocking Means of Implementation: Mobilizing Financing and STI for the SDGs*”, before an audience that included the Deputy President of the Economic and Social Council, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and other senior dignitaries.

Mr. Choi also delivered remarks in the Special Event on Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Water and Sanitation), which was attended by the Prime Minister of Bhutan, the Deputy Minister for Water of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the President of the Economic and Social Council, and the Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The Foundation's delegation collectively delivered more than 18 interventions across plenary sessions, thematic dialogues, special events, and side events of the HLPF.

Bilateral Meetings

In the margins of the Forum, the delegation undertook 14 bilateral meetings with high-level officials and representatives of intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, and Member States. Engagements included consultations with:

- The Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States
- The Secretary of the United Nations Third Committee
- The Permanent Observer of the International Union for Conservation of Nature to the United Nations
- The Permanent Observer of the Pan African Intergovernmental Organization for Water and Sanitation
- The Director of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

These meetings served to strengthen collaborative channels and to underscore the imperative of structured youth participation in multilateral processes.



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Outcomes

The 2025 HLPF convened under the theme “*Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda ... leaving no one behind.*” The Forum conducted in-depth reviews of Sustainable Development Goals 3, 5, 8, 14, and 17.

The unprecedented participation of the DMUN Foundation underscored its role as a leading youth-led civil society actor in promoting inclusive governance. The Foundation reaffirmed its mission to advance institutional modalities that guarantee the recognition of children and youth as legitimate rightsholders and equal partners in the work of the United Nations.

About the DMUN Foundation

The DMUN Foundation is an international non-governmental organization founded in 2021. With a broad individual and organizational membership that represents the interests of over 26,000 young people across 161 states and territories, the Foundation is the largest INGO dedicated for children and youth engagement in multilateral and intergovernmental bodies and processes.



IMG 1: Mr. Choi in the Opening Session of HLPF



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IMG 2: The DMUN Foundation's Delegation Coordination Meeting



IMG 3: Meeting with H.E. Noemi Espinoza Madrid, Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States



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IMG 4: Meeting with H.E. Sofie Jaffe, Permanent Observer of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to the United Nations Headquarters



IMG 5: Mr. Choi in the Special Event for SDG 6