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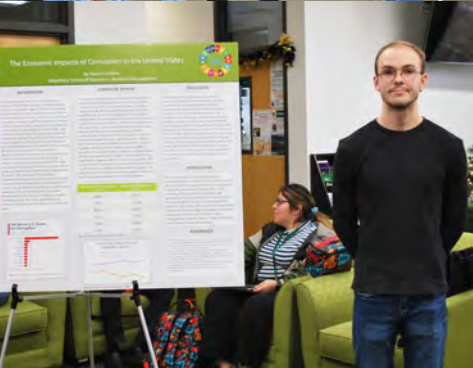
Upcoming Events:

December 1: International Mountain Day with UIMF

December 2: Elsie Ngowo Effange-Mbella, Empowering Women and Youth Engagement in Sustainable Development

December 7: Efreem Sadak, Vice President of University of Salamanca, Spain with UVU School of Education

December 10: Conference Update for “Why It Matters,” Youth and Faculty welcomed



Welcome

My Dear Friends,

My name is David Utrilla, CEO and President of US Translation and Honorary Consul of Peru in the State of Utah. For the past three years I've represented UVU's Global Community Advisory Board as the Board Chair.

During these times, I've seen Utah Valley University reach out to our community to promote global and mutual understanding. As a business and community leader we need stronger partnerships with academic institutions. I am grateful to know that the UVU Office for Global Engagement has created this bridge between its students and other community partners. As an international government representative, I can recognize and appreciate the global to local leadership that UVU offers by promoting the 2030 United Nation Sustainable Agenda and by organizing the Diplomatic Conference for Utah, the only event in the State of Utah that links diplomacy and international trade and gathers diplomats from all over the world. I am honored that I can be associated with UVU as it truly prepares students to live in a diverse global community.



David Utrilla

Chair of the Global Community Advisory Board

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Deadline for Proposals has been **extended** to: **14 January 2022 11:59pm (MST)**

Involvement Around the World

The “Why It Matters” Conference is grateful for the support it has felt from around the world. The Conference’s Sub-Committees are organized by specific regions of the world, including Local and National, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and Latin America. We are grateful for the work given by these individuals and groups.

Local Sub-Committee | Led by Felecia Maxfield-Barrett

Local proposals are made up of any submission that comes from the state of Utah. So far, this includes:

- Utah Valley University
- Brigham Young University
- University of Utah
- Weber State University

As well as other entities and individuals within Utah.

Paper: 30 | Oral: 21 | Poster: 4

National Sub-Committee | Led by Bill Hunter

National proposals are compiled from submissions that come from the United States and North America. Submissions include:

- Canada
- California
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Kansas
- New York
- North Carolina
- Missouri
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Virginia

Paper: 16 | Oral: 11 | Poster: 5

Total Local and National Submissions: 87

UVU Proposals:

Youth:

Paper: 9 | Oral: 7 | Poster: 2

Faculty:

Paper: 6 | Oral: 6



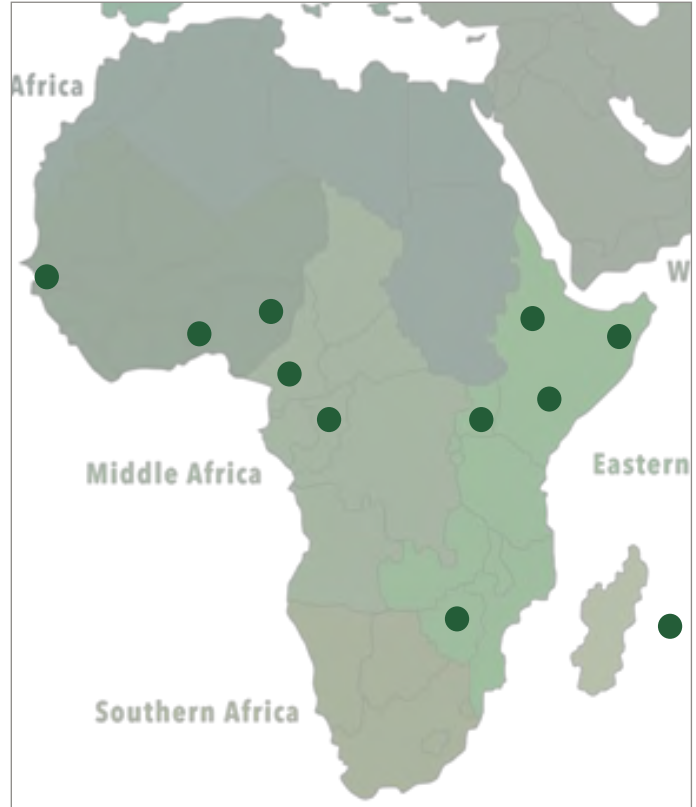
Africa Sub-Committee | Led by Elsie Ngowo Effange-Mbella and Oury Traore

Proposals from Africa have come from:

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Congo
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Mauritius
- Nigeria
- Somalia
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

Paper: 38 | Oral: 15 | Poster: 17

Total Submissions: 70



Asia-Pacific Sub-Committee | Led by Yuan-Kwan Chan

Asia-Pacific proposals have come from:

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- China
- India
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jerusalem
- Malaysia
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Saudi Arabia
- Taiwan
- Thailand

Paper: 44 | Oral: 5 | Poster: 3

Total Submissions: 52



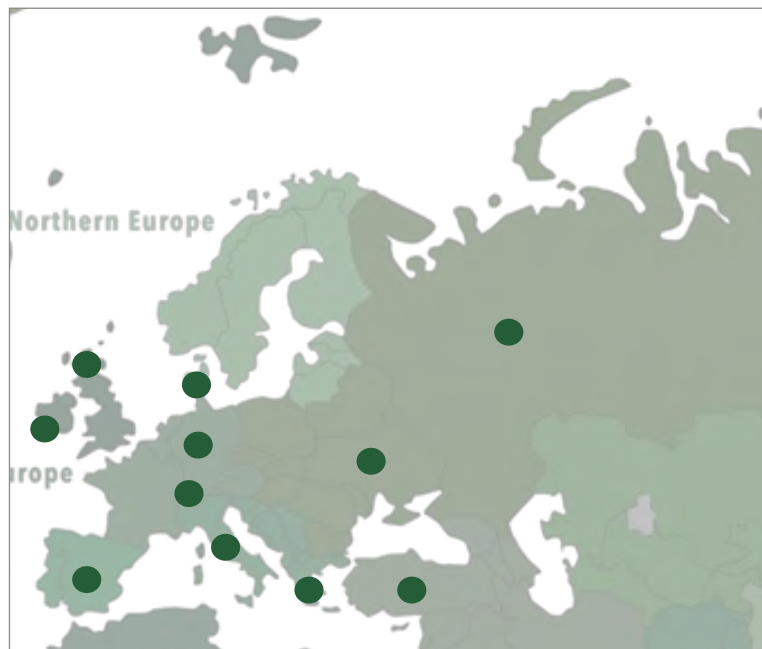
Europe Sub-Committee | Led by Paloma Eizaguirre Irujo and Maria Jesus Novo

Proposals from Europe have come from:

- Denmark
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Russia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Ukraine

Paper: 14 | Oral: 5 | Poster: 3

Total Submissions: 22



Latin America Sub-Committee | Led by Guadalupe Gonzalez Chávez, Micaela Rizo Patrón, and Maria Fernanda Awapara

Latin America proposals have come from:

- Brazil
- Bolivia
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Guyana
- Mexico
- Peru
- Uruguay

Paper: 10 | Oral: 4 | Poster: 1



Total Submissions: 15

Roundtable on Bears Ears – November 10



This virtual event was led by the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) president and member of the Global Student Leadership Council, Dallas Karren. The Global Engagement Office partnered with UVU's Department of History and Political Science and Orem-Lindon Rotary club to co-host panelist Sarah E. Hunt, CEO & President of the Joseph Rainey Center for Public Policy,

Washington DC, and Dusty Jansen, Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies at UVU, to discuss the importance and significance surrounding the Bears Ears National Monument. This event was featured in the December Utah Rotary International District Newsletter, as well as, the Joseph Rainey Center for Public Policy Website.

Seth Blaylock Virtual Discussion – November 16

The Office for Global Engagement partnered with UVU Foreign Affairs Club to host Mr. Seth Blaylock, Unit Chief at the United States Embassy in Manila, Philippines for Rule of Law and Counterterrorism, for an online event. This discussion was led by Alitha Thompson, President of the Foreign Affairs club and Vice-President for Utah International Mountain Forum. Seth Blaylock outlined his career and experiences he has had while working for the US Department of State.



Economics Department Presentation – November 30

Dr. Sotomayor's Business class, and others in the Economics Department, displayed their research projects related to various Sustainable Development Goals.



Happy Holidays from Our Office to You

Happy Holidays!



Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes
for a New Year of Happiness in a
World of Peace!

Thank you
for your continuous support of UVU's
Office for Global Engagement