

# Global Engagement Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

**January 14:** Old-New Year Celebration, Ded Moroz and Snegurochka visit, partnership with International Student Council

**January 15:** Why It Matters Conference Proposal Deadline

**January 29:** Model UN, hosted by UVU for Utah High School Students



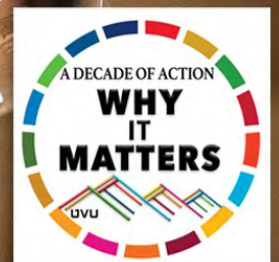
## Welcome

**Spencer Cox**

**Governor of the State of Utah**

"On behalf of the State of Utah and its citizens, I want to invite you to join us for the **First International Academic Conference on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** and collaborate with global academic leaders, youth representatives and civil society partners to find ways to build stronger and more resilient communities.

Only together can we really make a difference."



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In support of International Mountain Day, our office worked with Utah International Mountain Forum to host a virtual event on this year's theme: Sustainable Mountain Tourism. Dr. Rusty Butler, Representative for the UN and NGO in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC, spoke at the event. Other participating individuals included UIMF Vice President, Alitha Thompson, Byan Alghanmi, Camilla Pendleton, and Carlos Alarco, representing the Office for Global Engagement. As well as, two members from our Global Student Leadership Council: Dallas Karren (UIMF President) and Dylan Tweed (Rotaract President). This event partnered with UVU's Foreign Affairs Club, Orem Rotary Club, UVU's Department of History and Political Science, and many others.

## H.E. Elsie Ngowo Effange-Mbella Lecture – December 2

Our office was honored to host H.E. Elsie Ngowo Effange-Mbella, Minister Plenipotentiary of Foreign Affairs for Cameroon, in our International Dignitary Lecture Series. Her lecture was titled "Empowering Women and Youth Engagement in Sustainable Development." Elsie's desire to empower women led her to meet with Lieutenant Governor Deidre M. Henderson and Sister Jean B. Bingham to discuss humanitarian efforts.



## Dr. Efrem Yildiz Sadak Lecture – December 7

For our final global lecture of the semester, we had Dr. Efrem Yildiz Sadak, Vice President for the University of Salamanca, Spain on campus. Dr. Yildiz Sadak shared his insights on the Challenges of the European Higher Education System. We worked with the School of Education and the Nellesen Center for Autism to host this event in their building.



## Model UN

Saturday, January 29 (8-4pm)

### Keynote Speaker for the Opening Plenary Session: President Tuminez

We are excited to host our second Model UN at UVU for Utah High School students. We are looking for UVU students who would like to volunteer. Their role will be to Chair some of the UN Committees, maintain order, and ensure delegates follow proper procedure. This event is a great opportunity for UVU students to “pay it forward” and help recruit future Wolverines. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Jensen (andrewj@uvu.edu).



## Diplomatic Conference

Monday, March 21

The Office for Global Engagement is once again honored to host the fourth annual Diplomatic Conference on International Trade Relations at UVU. The goal of this conference is to engage in a global conversation that may lead to building international relationships and business opportunities. Diplomats from around the world will join us on campus to share ideas, to network, and to collaborate with entities in the state of Utah.



## Why It Matters Conference

5–7 October 2022

**Proposal Submission Deadline: January 15 2022**

**Registration Opens: February 1 2022**

The goal of this conference is to academically address the Sustainable Development Goals across the widest spectrum of academic thought and to implement these goals across educational, governmental, and private sector programs. **The Conference is a joint partnership with the United Nations.**



# Kelsy Flanders

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Kelsy Flanders on November 27, 2021. Kelsy was an energetic and dedicated member of our Global Student Leadership Council, in addition to being an intern for the Office of Global Engagement. We are grateful for the time, albeit brief, we were able to work with her and for the contributions she made to UVU through her passion for doing good. She will be greatly missed.



**Kelsy's Obituary can be viewed here:** [tributearchive.com/obituaries/23246630/kelsy-ann-flanders/springville/utah/legacy-funerals-cremations](https://tributearchive.com/obituaries/23246630/kelsy-ann-flanders/springville/utah/legacy-funerals-cremations)