

# Upcoming Events:

**November 10:** Bears Ears Roundtable, partnership with Orem-Lindon Rotary and Rotaract

**November 16:** Seth Blaylock TEAMS Discussion for International Relations

**TBA:** Elsie Effange-Mbella, Foreign Minister of Cameroon Event



# Global Engagement Newsletter

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## Welcome

Since UVU became associated with the United Nations in 2017, the Office for Global Engagement has become the unofficial hub of the United Nations in the State of Utah. This partnership resulted in the 2019 United Nations Civil Society Conference that gathered over 6,000 civil society representatives of close to 2,000 organizations from 141 countries, making it the second largest international gathering in the State since the Winter Olympics in 2002.

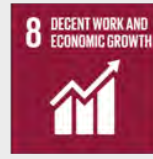
I recently had the opportunity to visit UVU in order to continue the work and promotion of the First International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals: Why it Matters? It always amazes me the commitment to global affairs that UVU has, and the impact of this approach, which results in the quality of the education the students receive at the school. One wishes that all academic institutions had this vision and commitment to quality education (Sustainable Development Goal 4.)



Felipe Queipo  
United Nations Communications Officer

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# Why It Matters Conference

5–7 October 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.

**All are encouraged to submit proposals, volunteer, and be actively involved!**

The Conference is a joint partnership with the United Nations.



## United Nations Day – October 25

The Office for Global Engagement was pleased to host the United Nations' Communications Officer, Felipe Queipo, on campus to celebrate United Nations Day. Felipe met with UVU Youth and Host Committees, as well as other entities from the community, as they continue to plan for the 1st International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals, Why It Matters.



Share Why the **Sustainable Development Goals** Matter to You

Send a 30 second video to [goglobal@uvu.edu](mailto:goglobal@uvu.edu) | Watch other videos on our YouTube/Facebook



October 6, 2021

## Lecture with Niankoro Yeah Samake

Our office was pleased to host Niankoro Yeah Samake, Founder of the Empower Mali Foundation and former Mayor of Ouelessebougou and Ambassador to Mali, here on campus. He spoke about the importance of leadership during time of crisis.

October 11, 2021

## Why It Matters Conference Presentation

Dr. Baldomero Lago gave a presentation about the upcoming Conference, Why It Matters, to students in the Honors Program. Their program plans to hold a workshop discussing how to draft a proposal for the Conference.



October 21, 2021

## Sustainability Fair

During UVU's Sustainability Week, the office for Global Engagement discussed the 2022 international academic conference on the Sustainable Development Goals at a booth in the Sustainability Fair.



October 27, 2021

## World Polio Day

Our office partnered with UVU Rotaract and the Orem-Lindon Rotary to hold an event here on campus in support of polio eradication. Dylan Tweed, from the Global Student Leadership Council, helped to organize and lead the event. Our group also held a service project on October 23rd, picking up trash and cleaning the area around the Lindon City Building and surrounding park.



# Dignitaries at UVU

## Hon. Bayartsengel Damdin – October 12

The Office for Global Engagement was honored to host the Honorable Bayartsengel Damdin, Deputy Consul General of Mongolia, on campus. UVU has had a long history of partnerships with Mongolia, and we are excited to continue to build together our relationship with their country.



## H. E. Joaquin Espiritu Santo – October 14

The UVU Offices for Engaged Learning and Global Engagement hosted diplomatic delegations from Angola. H. E. Joaquin Espiritu Santo, Ambassador of Angola, along with other trade commissioners, cultural attaché, and embassy personnel discussed with AVP, Dr. Tammy Clark, about potential ways for future collaboration between Utah Valley University and Angola.



## Hon. Victor Boluarte Medina – October 15

We were pleased to host the Honorable Dr. Victor Boluarte Medina, Mayor of the City of Cusco, to UVU. He was accompanied by the Chairman of the UVU Global Community Advisory Board, Honorable David Utrilla.



# Global Community Advisory Board



**Back row:** Michael Purdy, Lynn Hillstead, Peter Jay, David Utrilla, Jose Borjon, Karl Bowman, Wallace Harkness, Nicole Sherwood, DeeAnn Mower, Jami Ross (guest), Amy Barnett

**Front row:** Kat Brown, Baldomero Lago, Laurie Sowby

## Sam Elzinga — Eurasian Insights Conference

Sam Elzinga, a UVU graduate, presented his senior thesis: *The Central Asian Regional Security Complex Revisited: Understanding the Implications of Shifting Regional Dynamics*, at Eurasian Insights: Strengthening Central Asian Studies Conference on Politics, History and Society in Ghent, Belgium on September 22-24, 2021. Elzinga argued that Central Asian nations must engage with Afghanistan in the future, regardless of whether they wish to or not. Elzinga states, "I was able to build excellent connections personally, but it was just as great to represent UVU at such a conference...I'm extremely grateful I could attend, highlight my research, and represent my university...The emphasis on student engaged learning and supporting student success is part of what makes UVU great. Thanks to support from the College of Health and Public Service, where I received a SAC grant, I was able to make this trip happen."



## Why It Matters Conference Social Media Team

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