

# COLOQUIO MODEL G SUMMIT



BACKGROUND GUIDE

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Greetings delegates,

It is an honour to welcome you to The Coloquio Model Global Summit 2020 virtual conference, in collaboration with our hosting and platform partners, GyanRashmi Training and Advisory.

The Executive Board for the Summit, comprising Eishani Purohit (Founder and Chairperson), Advay Sapra (Chairperson); Logistical Director Anjali Agarwal and the Deputy Chairpersons Archit Oberai, Aditya Swami and Saksham Makin, are really excited to host and welcome you to the first edition of this Summit.

The Agenda for the Summit is the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015. This Summit will discuss the integration of said Goals into the Member States and come up with solutions to efficiently implement them and contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Delegates must work together to ensure the protection and empowerment of humans across the globe; the preservation of the environment to ensure we leave a better planet for future generations.

Please note that this Background Guide is meant to be only an introduction to the topic. The delegates are expected to conduct extensive independent research beyond this guide in order to bring substantive arguments to the table.

A Training Session will be conducted on the 18th of October for the delegates, to familiarise themselves with the proceedings of a summit. This will entail a mock committee session and additionally serve as a doubt clearing session for the delegates. Feel free to contact the Executive Board for any other queries regarding the Summit.

We hope that this will be an enriching experience for all delegates and that we all leave this Summit better equipped to work towards a better future for our planet.

Best regards,

The Executive Board

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## Introduction

In September 2015, the Member States of the United Nations adopted 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (or SDGs) to combat worldwide evils such as poverty, gender inequality, lack of healthcare and deteriorating climate conditions; to name a few. Along with the SDGs, the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) was also agreed upon in 2015 which set a target for the transformation of the world through the Goals towards a healthier future. In short, the SDGs demand massive changes in the current society to provide an opportunity to all and transform the social, political and economic status of all Member States in order to cater to the needs of the future. They create a framework for us to work within and improve upon certain important aspects of our society, and it is up to us to figure out how to work within that framework and achieve the desired results before it is too late.

The SDGs are ambitious and aim to counter the problems affecting every individual across the world. Although each Goal is by definition unique, they are all interconnected. In order to take effective climate action (Goal 13), we must ensure that every citizen obtains affordable and clean energy (Goal 7) which can only be achieved by creating sustainable cities and communities (Goal 11). Success in one goal helps us achieve success in others. The integrated nature of these goals is extremely important towards realizing the 2030 Agenda and making the world a better place.

Organisations such as the UNDP have been working consistently to achieve the Goals laid out by the SDGs including campaigns for gender equality, climate change and ocean preservation. By the end of 2019, massive progress had been made in sectors such as health, reduction of poverty and sustainable energy, however, they were still off-track to achieve their targets

before 2030. This was mainly due to the slowdown of global economic growth and the inability to combat other serious issues such as rising food insecurity and the continuing unsustainable use of natural resources which led to worsening of climate conditions. In the past year, this progress has been further stunted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The worst victims have been the poorest and the world's most vulnerable sections of society. This is the first rise in global poverty since 1998 and an estimate of 71 million people are expected to go back into extreme poverty. The progress towards zero hunger and clean water for all has begun deteriorating and quality education is on standby as at-risk communities struggle to survive. Meanwhile, climate change is still occurring at an increasingly alarming pace.

While keeping in mind the effect of COVID-19 on the implementation of the SDGs, delegates have to discuss possible solutions for the future. Countries around the world have been grappling with the effects of the pandemic but this is a call to action for us to come up with new ways to implement the SDGs and recover lost progress. There is a profound need to rethink our methods of implementing the SDGs and build forward from COVID-19.

## **Grouping of SDGs**

Although the SDGs are all interconnected, it is not possible to debate all 17 simultaneously; hence we have divided them into groups containing similar goals to allow ease of discussion.

Group A consists of:

- Goal 1 (No Poverty)
- Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)
- Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure)

Group B consists of:

- Goal 5(Gender Equality)
- Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities)

Group C consists of:

- Goal 13 (Climate Action)
- Goal 14 (Life Below Water)
- Goal 15 (Life On Land)

Group D consists of:

- Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy)
- Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities)
- Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)

Group E consists of:

- Goal 2 (Zero Hunger)
- Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being)
- Goal 4 (Quality Education)
- Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)

Interconnected Groups:

Goals 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and 17 (Partnerships For The Goals) do not fall in any group since they are an integrated part of each goal. These groups are not definite; they need to be incorporated and taken into consideration while discussing all other Groups mentioned above.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## Questions to be considered for each Group:

- What is the progress made by UN organisations towards completing these Goals?
- What are the problems that have slowed down the progress and what can be done about them?
- How can States ensure that the benefits of the SDG reach each and every citizen?
- What objectives does a State need to achieve to make progress towards the SDG target?
- What effect has coronavirus had on the SDG and how can States adapt to it?

Delegates should note that these questions are only examples to help them understand the kind of research they need to do. Your research should go

beyond the background guide and allow you to bring constructive arguments to the table.

## **Conclusion**

As this background guide has shown, the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals is a topic that has been on the agenda of many world summits and global organisations and will continue to be of utmost importance. With various issues around the globe making progress difficult, the members of the global community struggle to find ways to safely and effectively implement the SDGs. While humanitarian conventions and conferences offer clear principles and regulations on the implementation of these goals, it is often not clear how these principles can be enforced even stronger.

## FURTHER READING

[Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[Background of the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

[The SDG Report 2020](#)

[Overview - SDG Indicators](#)

[Building forward from COVID-19 towards the ambition of the 2030 Agenda](#)

## DOCUMENTATION

Since this is a virtual conference, documentation will not play a major role. The only piece of documentation the delegates are required to submit will be the position paper. There is no concept of chits. Always keep in consideration that to take action on any matter regarding a portfolio, the consent of the particular portfolio is required. You will not be allowed to officially communicate with any other delegate verbally during the conference. However, delegates are allowed to communicate with each other through private Zoom messages. These however, will be monitored strictly. So please ensure everything is event-related only.

## POSITION PAPERS

Each delegate is expected to submit their position paper for the agenda to the Executive Board.

The position paper MUST include:

- Name
- School
- Age
- Allocation of the delegate
- Your proposed plan of action
- Any additional information related to the portfolio that the delegate wishes to share with the Executive Board



Please note the position papers will be checked for plagiarism. Delegates are expected to frame their own position papers. They must not exceed the mark of 15% plagiarism when checked by the following:

<https://smallseotools.com/plagiarism-checker/>

<https://plagiarismdetector.net/>

The word limit for your position paper is 400-700 words. However this is not a hard limit since delegates should focus more on the content of their position paper rather than the length.

The format and content of the position paper will be discussed during the Training Session and has been uploaded on the website as well. The final deadline to submit your position paper will be before 11:59 pm Indian Standard Time on the 22nd of October. Submitting your position papers late will result in negative marking.