UNIS-UN 2021 Conference Code of Conduct

Core Values

The United Nations International School (UNIS) is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students and individuals attending the 2021 UNIS-UN Conference on Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19. Such an environment precludes behaviors that are disrespectful of, and physically and/or emotionally harmful to, others. All participants play an important role in maintaining these standards to ensure that the Conference runs uninterrupted and successfully.

UNIS expects all conference attendees to treat one another with respect, and to interact (electronically or otherwise) honestly, politely, and appropriately. Before acting, participants are reminded to consider how their communications—whether through words, appearances, actions, or otherwise—do not (negatively) impact others.

UNIS believes that open communication is integral to fostering a culture of responsibility, accountability, and positive peer relationships. Should participants have any questions about UNIS's expectations, or if they are concerned about another participant's conduct, they should contact: **Zakaria Baha, Director of Student Activities at _zbaha@unis.org_ or call (212) 584-3026**.

Safety Guidelines:

UNIS wants to help ensure a safe, secure, and supportive online experience for participants. UNIS strives to create such an environment while also making it as effective and user-friendly as possible. At all times, however, UNIS's online environment is subject to the requirements and limitations of UNIS's technology. UNIS expects participants to adhere to the following standards:

● Attendance: Participants are expected to attend all conference sessions and activities, and to be on time for all such commitments. Only individuals who are registered for UNIS-UN may participate in UNIS-UN events and activities. ***You and your peers are prohibited from sharing or distributing conference meeting links with anyone—even a friend.***

● <u>Use of Electronic Devices</u>: Cellphones and other electronic devices not used to log in to UNIS-UN should be off or put away during the conference sessions. You should only use your computer- one provided by your school or one that you use for schoolwork. You must be the only person logged into the computer, and your face can be the only one on the screen.

● <u>Dress Code</u>: When visible in the online environment, participants are expected to be appropriately dressed, which requires that participants refrain from wearing revealing clothing or items with inappropriate words or logos. The dress code is based on common sense, moderation, and respect for self, others and your school. The expectation is that all clothing be modest, neat, clean, fit properly so you are comfortable and well represented.

● <u>Online Conduct</u>: UNIS does not tolerate verbal or physical behavior that constitutes bullying (including cyberbullying), discrimination, or harassment. When participating in the online environment, and in any related interactions, it is of the utmost importance that participants maintain and model the highest standards of conduct, respect, and integrity to self and others. Attendees are expected to refrain from any activity that might constitute or contribute to bullying, discrimination, harassment, or other interpersonal misconduct.

● <u>Remote Environment</u>: Backgrounds and physical spaces captured in online and remote learning should not have vulgar or profane words, symbols, or images. Images of weapons or images that depict people or groups as stereotypes or offensive caricatures are strictly prohibited. Backgrounds should be appropriate. For example, participants should not be sitting on a bed, but should be set up at a desk or table.

● <u>Chat Functions</u>: Participants are expected to use any Q&A and chat functions, if permitted, in an appropriate and respectful manner. Participants should not unmute themselves when a UNIS-UN Student leader or faculty leader has placed participants on mute.

● <u>Recording</u>: Participants are prohibited from (a) recording any part of any UNIS-UN program; (b) recording any other participants or other individuals participating in any UNIS-UN program; and (c) sharing, broadcasting, and/or making public any materials created or recorded by UNIS-UN, its employees, or anyone else in relation to UNIS-UN. Participants should consider UNIS-UN sessions and events confidential and UNIS may not record these programs. Participants should understand that all internet data that is composed, transmitted, or received via the UNIS-UN platform communications system is considered property of UNIS.

● <u>Acceptable Use</u>: UNIS has explicit guidelines for using computers and other electronic devices, to which UNIS expects participants to adhere. The examples below are not an all-inclusive list of requirements and possibilities. Participants may not:
    ○ Access or attempt to access network resources not intended for them;
    ○ Use, steal, or disclose someone else's username/password and/or share their own username/password (with the exception of parents/guardians UNIS-UN faculty, and school chaperones);
    ○ Alter electronic communications to hide their identity or impersonate another person;
    ○ Use inappropriate language or images;

- Be disrespectful by talking, sharing, or posting derogatory material (images/ video, etc.);
- Access or attempt to access inappropriate information;
- Participate in the viewing or exchange of pornography or obscene materials;
- Plagiarize printed or electronic information—participants must follow all copyright, trademark, patent, and other laws governing intellectual property;
- Pass personal views as representing those of UNIS or UNIS-UN;;
- Disparage or otherwise make defamatory remarks about UNIS, UNIS-UN, member schools, or other participants;
- Disclose confidential or proprietary information related to UNIS or UNIS-UN, or recklessly disregard or distort the truth of the matters commented on;
- Engage in illegal activities; and
- Vandalize, steal, or cause harm to UNIS's equipment, network, or services (including, but not limited to, uploading or creating viruses, attempting to gain unauthorized access, changing hardware or software settings, or changing online materials without permission).

- Risk Management: All participants are responsible for maintaining a safe online and remote learning environment. In that spirit, UNIS will strive to support and ensure participants' safety while participating in UNIS-UN. Participants and their families and/or Advisors are also expected to employ appropriate safeguards and manage risks appropriately.

Consequences for Misconduct

Should UNIS determine that any participant has violated the UNIS-UN Code of Conduct, acted inconsistently with its spirit or purpose, or otherwise negatively interfered with the UNIS-UN program or its mission, that individual may be precluded from further participation in all UNIS-UN sessions and activities and may be subject to other consequences, as determined appropriate by UNIS. Additionally, the actions of others connected with the participant (e.g., parents or others in the participant's home) may warrant limitations or removal from UNIS-UN and other consequences, as determined appropriate by UNIS.

Disclosure to Member Schools

UNIS may communicate with any participant's school Advisor or Representative about any misconduct or other inappropriate behavior involving that individual.

This Code of Conduct is intended to provide a safe and healthy online environment for students and others attending the UNIS-UN Conference. Guidelines presented here are a collection of general and specific terms commonly used by other institutions that are intended to protect student privacy and to ensure the integrity of the program is maintained. We wish to thank all participants for complying with these guidelines in order to have a positive learning environment and overall experience.