

APMUN 2008 - Incheon Declaration

The Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference, having met at Incheon Metropolitan City from 21 to 25 July 2008, adopts the following declaration:

General Provisions

1. We, members of the Asia Pacific Model United Nations, extend our warmest gratitude to the government and citizens of the Republic of Korea and the Incheon Metropolitan City for facilitating this historic Asia Pacific Model United Nations conference, a successful forum composed of diverse, indefatigable, and forward-thinking future leaders who have bolstered the achievement of the 2015 Millennium Development Goals.
2. We re-emphasize the increasing importance of the Asia Pacific Model United Nations conference and its historic role in producing an international network of students and young leaders in the Asia-Pacific region. As globalization seemingly outpaces our understanding of the world, the spirit of the Model United Nations and the cooperation it produces could not be more relevant to the future of humanity.
3. We renew our global commitment to fulfilling the eight Millennium Development Goals; specifically, we address reducing the threats of climate change, diminishing the risk of disasters, advancing towards a knowledge-based economy, and managing emerging social issues in human trafficking.
4. We renew the international community's commitment to fulfilling the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and all germane international agreements such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1992), Kyoto Protocol (1997), Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (2002), Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Actions for a Safer World (2005), Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (2005), Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (2005), Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Person Especially Women and Children (2006), and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) (2000).
5. We recall regional initiatives and organizations addressing the Millennium Development Goals such as the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Global Facility for Disaster Risk and Reduction (GFDRR), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Regional Tsunami Early Warning Center (RTEWC), United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (UNAPCICT), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and Interpol.

6. We express our sincere appreciation for APMUN Member States and their indomitable determination to meet the eight Millennium Development Goals; as we approach 2015, their commitments to cooperation, understanding, and focus on producing learned societies continue to inspire the innate industrious creativity within citizens around the world.
7. We realize looming threats of climate change and incessant poverty produce multidimensional impacts on human security, social and economic development, and the environment. Application of human diversity requires embracing an international commitment to facilitate cooperation in sustainable development and conservation.
8. We encourage the establishment of a legal framework to limit excessive use of conventional energy sources to enhance future capacity for alternative energy sources.
9. We urge the development and deployment of alternative and renewable energy technologies through the financial instruments in both private and public sectors.
10. We recommend the adoption of the Asian Pacific Partnerships for Climate Sustainability, a regional framework to allow countries to outsource their alternative energy needs, increase the supply of energy, discourage gasoline transports, and increase energy production methods that yield low carbon emissions.
11. We are deeply concerned about the effects both man-made and natural disasters have on human security and poverty.
12. We promote nations to establish a network of engagement between citizens, local authorities, and multi-disciplinary stakeholders in hazard and risk identification processes, to create a culture of successful management.
13. We encourage cooperation between aid donor nations and international organizations to find a harmonious strategy for bilateral agreements between donors and recipients and prepare aggregate forms of aid in order to assess and monitor aid effectiveness. Moreover, we strongly encourage the implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) to Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS).

14. We recognize the key role of governments in advancing towards knowledge-based economies by establishing infrastructure, building legal framework, setting strategic plans, and implementing information regulation.
15. We recommend states engage in joint efforts in the Asia-Pacific region in forms of collaborative programs to increase international human capital mobility and professional employability by promoting the flow of capital into developing nations in the form of foreign direct investment (FDI) in order to create domestic employment opportunities and accommodate the expanded and highly educated working force.
16. We endorse the expansion of the 2003 Geneva Declaration of Principles and the 2005 Tunis Agenda, particularly the creation of a voluntary Digital Solidarity Fund.
17. We support expanding the Internet Training Center Initiative for Developing Countries (ITCI-DC) (2001) throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
18. We encourage United Nations Member States cooperate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to implement education programs to raise awareness of human trafficking.
19. We urge United Nations Member States and NGOs to encourage development and creation of shelters in the Asia-Pacific region in order to protect trafficking victims.
20. We recommend further coordination with Asia-Pacific regional law enforcement agencies and Interpol, specifically through the I-24/7 Global Police Communications System, which permits data on human trafficking issues to be effectively exchanged.
21. We request the APMUN Commission to review the progress made on implementing the provisions in the present declaration on a biannual basis.

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