



Montessori Model United Nations (MMUN 2010) General Conference Agenda

Sunday, February 28th, 2010 - New York Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge

- Registration 12:00pm – 5:00pm
- Opening Ceremony 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Keynote Speech: Peace Now; the Montessori Calling

By David Kahn, NAMTA Executive Director

Founder and Executive Director of Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland, OH. He has seventeen years of Montessori teaching experience, twelve of them as teaching principal at Ruffing Montessori School in Cleveland Heights, OH.

How can Montessori students make peace happen in reality? What is the unique role of Montessori adolescents in making the world a better place? This short keynote is an invitation to take Montessori students from one hundred countries into a global initiative for peace that is real, interactive, and well understood using all the disciplines to support a sustainable environment for human unity.

Monday, March 1st - New York Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge

- Committee Sessions 9:00am – 12:30pm
- Lunch 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Committee Sessions 2:00pm – 5:00pm
- Social Event 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Salons E and D

Tuesday, March 2nd - New York Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge

- Committee Sessions 9:00am – 12:30pm
- Lunch 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Committee Sessions 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday March 3rd - United Nations Headquarters General Assembly Hall***

- United Nations Security 9:00am - 9:30am
- Voting of Resolutions for All Committees 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Closing Remarks 12:30pm – 1:00pm
- Conference Ends at 1pm

***This is a tentative agenda. The UN is a working organization and if a crisis occurs so that Ambassadors are called to meet in the General Assembly, our final session would be held Tuesday evening and not Wednesday morning. This is highly unlikely but we ask you to not make plans for Tuesday night that would have a consequence if they needed to be changed. This agenda can definitely be used as framework to get an idea of how the conference is run.

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Teachers and Parents Agenda**

*** Brighton Beach Salon ***

Monday, March 1st - New York Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge

9:30am -10:15am

Teacher/Parents Information Session

Whether this is your first MMUN experience or your fourth, we urge all teachers and parent to attend one of these two information sessions. There are many parts to this working conference, and we hope that this session will provide you with the information you need to be the best guide to your students and to maximize your experience in New York. This is also a great opportunity for you to ask questions and share resources with each other. The conference room will not hold all of us at one time, so if you come at 9:30am and there is no room, please come back at 10:30am.

10:30am – 11:15 am

Teacher/Parents Information Session

This is a repeat of the information session described above for those who did not attend the first session.

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Workshop: Montessori Education; A Systems View of World Peace from Birth to Adolescence

David Kahn, NAMTA Executive Director

For every Montessori level of education there is a corresponding formation of self in relation to world that contributes to a harmonious planet. This presentation suggests how the Montessori school as a whole nurtures peaceful children preparing them to become significant peacemakers. Montessori adolescents will also present a fresh perspective on Montessori education and the science of peace.

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10:00am – 11:00am

Workshop: Compassion and Peace

Master Da An

Abbot of the Dong Lin Monastery

Master Da An is presently the Abbot of the Dong Lin Monastery. The temple is located to the South of JiuJiang city on the route to the foot of Lushun Mountains. The founder of the sect/school of Pure Land Buddhism was once abbot there. In 1996, UNESCO labeled this mountain range a World Cultural Heritage Site because it has been featured in poetry and art since the Tang Dynasty. Currently, he is also the editor of the magazine Pure Land, and academic advisor for research students in Pure Land Buddhism. Before becoming a monk, Master Da An was a professor in institutes such as the Foreign Economic and Trade University

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Workshop: The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Michael Jacobson

Executive Director, Millennium Platform Foundation

Director of Board, Montessori Model United Nations

Special Advisor, International Association of Human Values

Michael has a long history of bridging the language barrier between not for profit organizations and the corporate community. In addition, Mr. Jacobson has worked extensively as advisor and director to an extensive cross section of not for profits including the American Heart Association, United Cerebral Palsy and the Make a Wish Foundation. In the corporate world, he has worked with the charitable giving programs of clients such as American Airlines, Southwest Airlines and Mercedes Benz, N.A.