

YOUNG DIPLOMATS FORUM

6th-14th December 2021

7 DAYS
COUNTRIES



GLOBAL
DIPLOMATIC
FORUM 

14th Edition

THE WORLD'S LEADING EVENT FOR YOUNG & ASPIRING DIPLOMATS

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LONDON

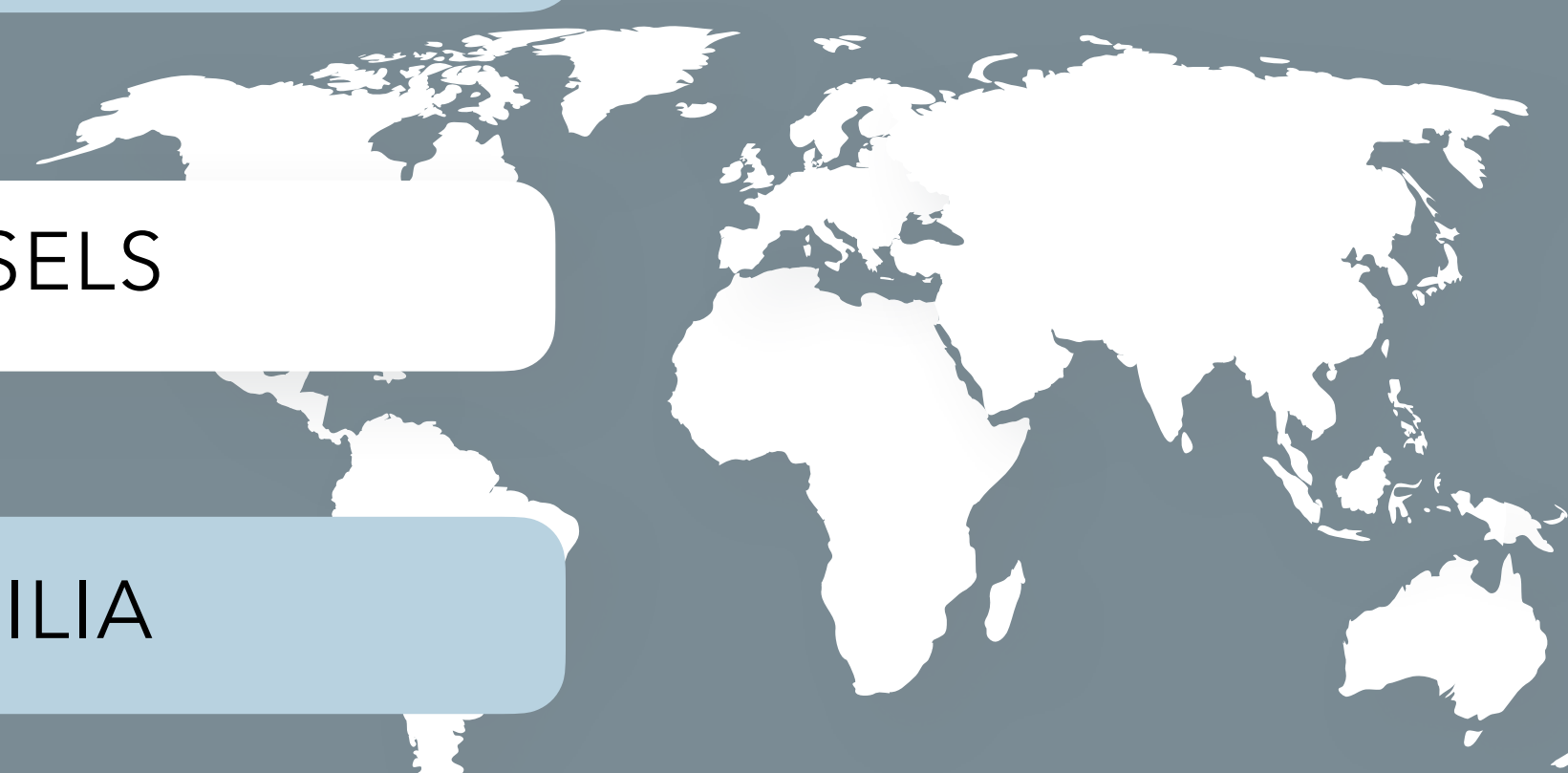
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MOSCOW

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"Perhaps the best international conference I have ever attended! It was an enlightening experience and through the YDF I have met some of the most brilliant young minds on earth and made what I know will be lifelong connections and friendships. The quality of the presenters and their experience was world class and has certainly taught me a lot. The YDF experience has shown me what it takes to be a diplomat and has broadened my horizons by allowing me to make a presentation based on the Caribbean region, providing exposure and experience on the international stage. I would recommend the Young Diplomats Forum for any student or young professional interested in international affairs and diplomacy".

ROMMEL ST.HILL



The Young Diplomats Forum (YDF) is an intensive week long programme of practical sessions, workshops, policy exercises and institutional visits delivered by world leading experts



This community of exceptionally bright and accomplished future leaders will gain further insight, tools and opportunities to engage with key stakeholders at a crucial time in their careers and broaden their connections to influence global leaders

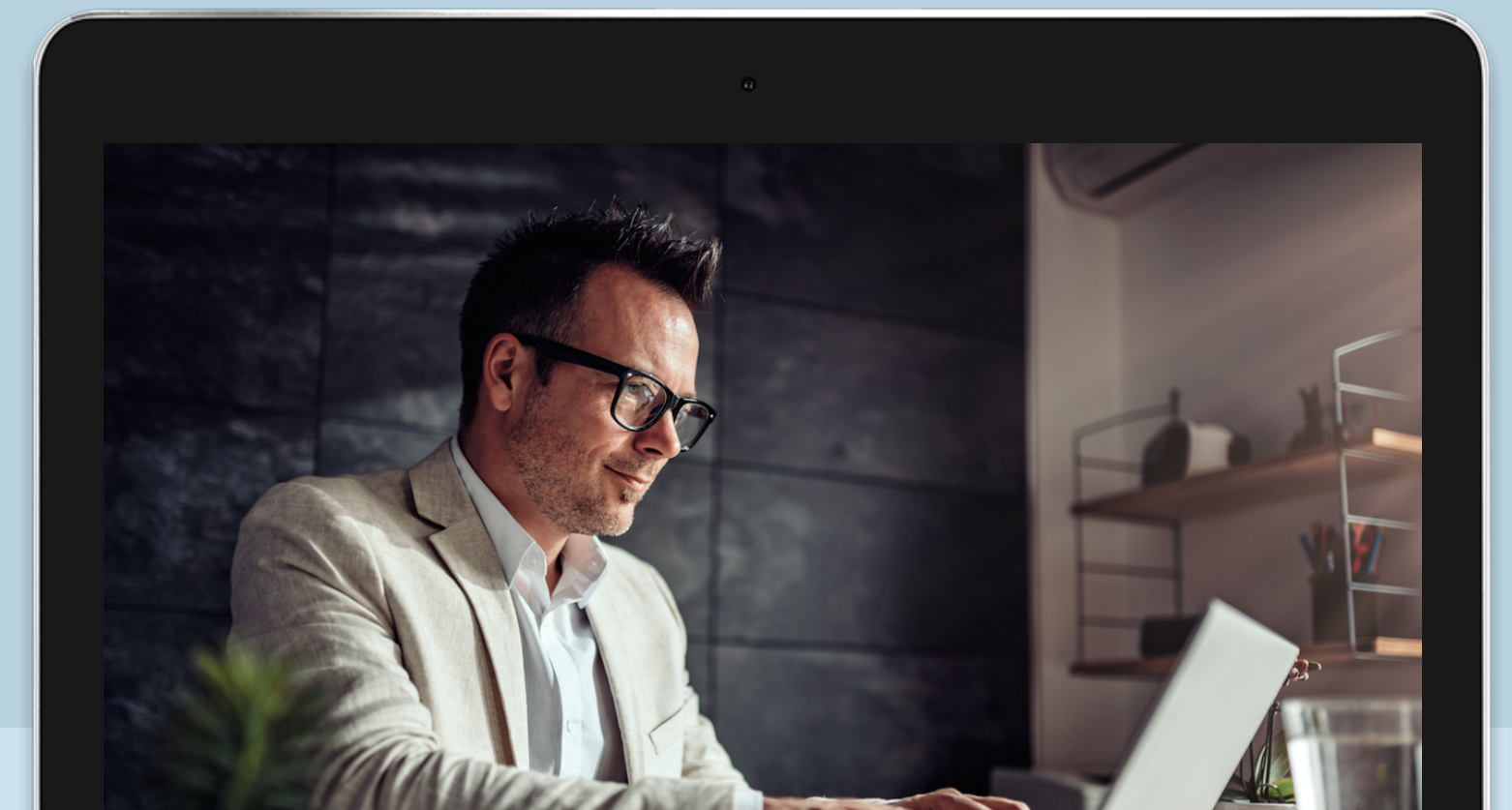
UNIQUE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

📍 The Covid pandemic has been a global disruption and has halted many projects and events. We decided that this was a chance for us to deliver an even greater forum that we have before. You will be joining over 100 young and aspiring diplomats from over 75 countries covering every region in the world to tackle hot topics of international affairs of 7 countries.

📍 We know nothing beats the value of face-to-face gatherings and our past 13 editions, have been a phenomenal success. However the global covid outbreak have enabled us to make this year's YDF even more accessible.

No matter where you are, you will be able to participate this year's global YDF without having to leave your home. The week will be full interactive to ensure that you get the very best virtual experience throughout the week.

Our sessions will be fully integrated, which means that you will be immersed into the experience of the YDF that our past delegates have thrived in.



SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

16:00 - 17:00

INTRODUCTION:

WELCOMING SPEECH AND INTRODUCTIONS

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

ICE BREAKING GAMES



“The Young Diplomats Forum constitutes a great opportunity for those wishing to pursue a diplomatic career or that have a particular interest in international affairs. The wide variety of nationalities represented permits to share different perspectives on world issues and build a global network of young leaders, following an intense agenda of top-level events”.

SANTIAGO STETA PEREA - MEXICO

“Thank you all for making this week one of the most memorable of my life. The knowledge and personal experience shared by all of you has greatly enhanced my knowledge and I’m truly grateful for that.”

ROY CAMPBELL - LONDON

“Thank you for organizing this event in Mexico. This is the first time I experienced the diversity of Mexico culture, deepened understanding of diplomacy, and met brilliant people from around the globe. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to get together to question, debate, and learn from each other”.

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MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

LONDON

- 10:00 - 10:50
- EXPERTS BRIEFING: UK FORIEN POLICY AND DIPLOMACY:
- Dr Tim Oliver, Director of Studies, Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance Loughborough University London
 - Prof Jamie Gaskarth, Professor of Foreign Policy and International Relations, Co-Editor, Journal of Global Security Studies, Open University
- 11:00 - 11:50
- FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (FCDO): UK DIPLOMATIC PRIORITIES:
- Ian Proud, Vice Principal of the International Academy at the FCDO
- 12:00 - 13:00
- UK MULTI STAKEHOLDER DIPLOMACY :
- Sir Sherard COWPER-COLES, Group Head of Public Affairs, HSBC Holdings plc, Chair of the China-Britain Business Council; Chairman of the Omani British Business Council and Former UK Ambassador
- 13:00 - 13:45
- INTRODUCTION TO GROUP POLICY DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE
- GROUPS MEETING:
- UN REFORM
 - CLIMATE CHANGE
 - INDIGENOUS PEOPLE RIGHT
 - HUMAN RIGHT AND ARMS SALES
 - TECH AND DIPLOMACY
- 13:45 - 14:30
- LUNCH BREAK
- 14:30 - 15:15
- PUBLIC AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY: THE BRITSH COUNCIL:
- John Rofle , Schools Outreach Manager
 - Julia Handleman-Smith, Programme Head, Internationalism
- 15:45 - 16:45
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
- US-UK SPECIAL RELATIONS
 - UK-CHINA RELATIONS
 - UK SOFT POWER
 - UK-EUROPE POST BREXIT



TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

WASHINGTON D.C

11:00 - 11:10 RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY

11:10 - 12:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- US-CHINA RIVALRY
- US-MIDDLE EAST POLICY
- US AND THE FUTURE OF THE TRANSATLANTIC ALLIANCE
- US SOFT POWER

12:00 - 13:00 POLICY GROUPS MEETINGS

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:15 EXPERTS BRIEFING ON US DIPLOMACY:

- Professor Garret Martin, American University in Washington
- Dr. Mercy Kuo, Executive Vice President at Pamir Consulting, LLC
- Sarah El Zeini, CEO, SMZ International Group

15:30 - 16:30 FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA UNDER BIDEN AND FOREIGN POLICY POWERS IN AMERICA

- Dylan S Hunziker. Foreign Service Officer, State Department
- Jonathan Paris , Senior Adviser, Chertoff Group

17:00 - 18:00 US PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SESSION WITH GLOBAL TIES U.S.

- Dr Katherine Brown, President and CEO of Global Ties U.S.
- Michelle Harpenau Glandorf, Executive Director, World Affairs Council - Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky
- Courtney Brooks, Executive Director, Global Ties KC
- Yuriria Morales, Executive Director, Global Ties ABQ



WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

BRUSSELS

09:00 - 09:15	RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY
09:15 - 09:55	<div>EXPERT BRIEFING ON EU FOREIGN POLICY:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Richard G. Whitman, FAcSS Professor of Politics and International Relations, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent• Professor Elaine Fahey, Jean Monnet Chair in Law and Transatlantic Relations, Professor of Law, the City Law School, City University of London
10:00 - 11:30	<div>SESSION WITH EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU - US relations by Ms Ruth BAJADA, Head of Division, United States and Canada Division• Diplomacy and Communication by Mr Diego MELLADO, Head of Division, Communication Policy and Public Diplomacy Division
11:45 -13:00	<div>SESSION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT : EU PARLIAMENTARIAN DIPLOMACY</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Mr Janez VOUK, Visits and Seminars Unit and presentation of the plenary chamber, role and functions of the EP.• Speech by Mr Pekka HAKALA, Head of Unit, Strategy and Innovation Unit, Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union (DG EXPO) + Q&A session
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 - 15:15	<div>SESSION WITH NATO: TRANSATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carmen Romero, Deputy Assistant Secretary General of NATO• Paul King, Programme Officer and Editor, NATO
15:45 - 16:35	<div>BREAKOUT SESSIONS:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EUROPEAN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY AND TRANSATLANTIC ALLIANCE• EU COMMON FOREIGN POLICY• EU CHINA RELATIONS• IS EUROPE LAGGING BHEIND IN THE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES INNOVATION?
16:45 - 17:45	POLICY GROUPS MEETINGS



THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER

MOSCOW

09:00 - 09:10 RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY

09:15 - 10:00 EXPERT BRIEFING ON RUSSIA'S GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT :

- Nora Topor-Kalinskij, Russia Policy Risk expert
- Keir Giles, Senior Consulting Fellow, Chatham House

10:00 - 11:30 SESSION ON RUSSIA'S GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT :

- Minister-Counsellor Ivan VOLODIN, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Russia in London

11:45 - 13:00 SESSION WITH THE RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT (DUMA)

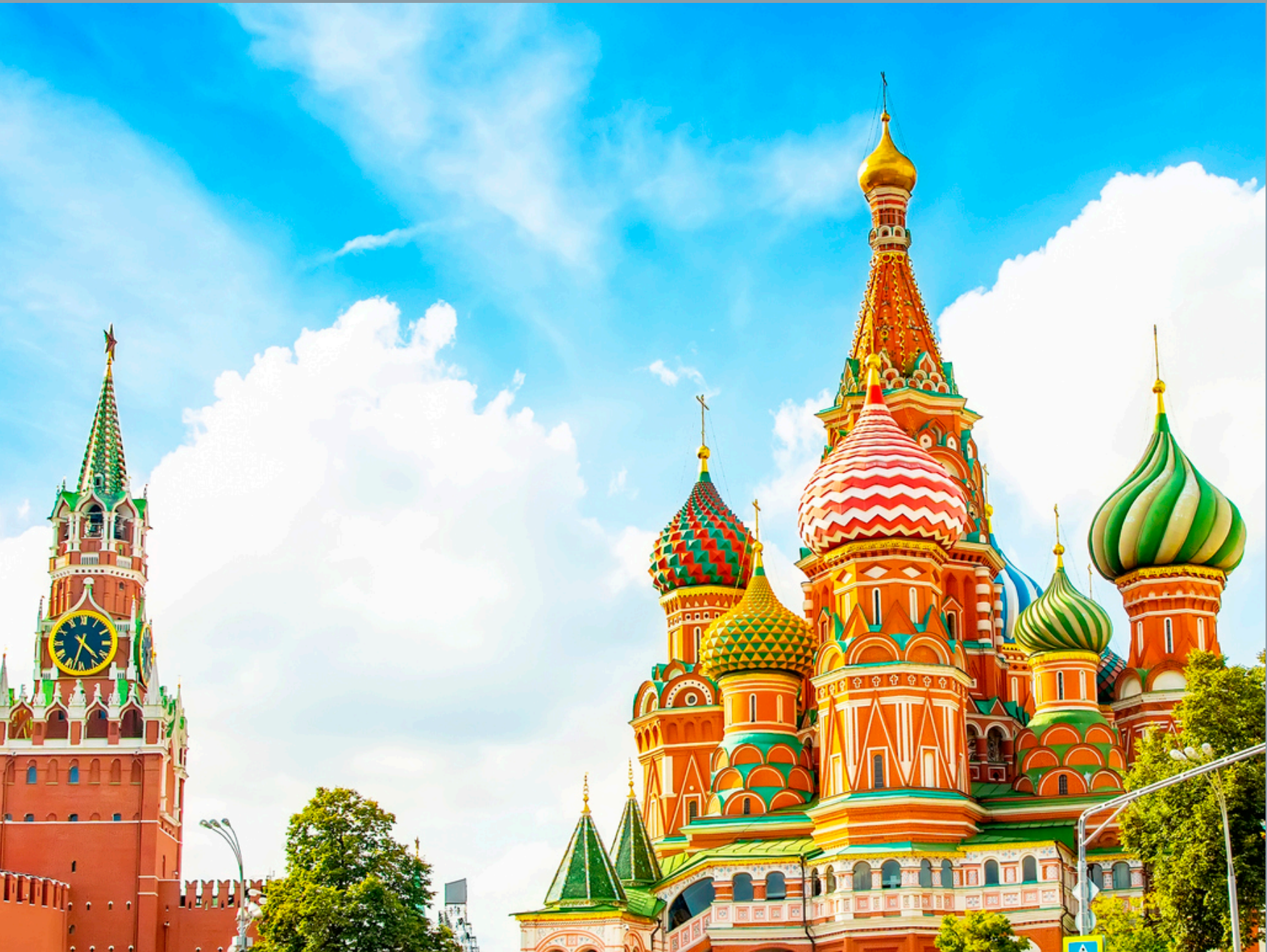
13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:00 SESSION WITH THE YOUNG DIPLOMATS COUNCIL

15:10 - 15:50 BREAKOUT SESSION:

- THE PROSPECT OF THE EURASIA ECONOMIC UNION
- CHALLENGES TO EU-RUSSIA RELATIONS
- RUSSIA'S NEW ROLE IN THE MENA REGIONS
- RUSSIA-CHINA-US RELATIONS

16:00 - 17:00 POLICY GROUPS MEETINGS



FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

PRETORIA

- 09:00 - 09:10
- RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY
- 09:15 - 09:55
- EXPERT BRIEFING ON SOUTH AFRICA'S FOREIGN POLICY
- Prof Fritz Nganje, Associate Professor of International Relations, The University of Johannesburg
 - Dr. Odilile Ayodele, Senior Research Associate, The University of Johannesburg
- 10:00 - 11:30
- SESSION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA
- 11:45 - 13:00
- SESSION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT
- 13:00 - 14:00
- LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00 - 15:15
- SOUTH AFRICA'S SOFT POWER AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY : THE ROLE OF YOUTH
- 15:45 - 16:35
- BREAK OUT SESSIONS:
- SOUTH AFRICA'S SOFT POWER
 - ENGAGEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S YOUTH IN POLICY
 - SOUTH AFRICA AND THE BRICS
- 16:45 - 17:30
- POLICY GROUPS MEETINGS



SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER

10:00 - 14:00

GROUPS POLICY PRESENTATION :

- UN REFORM
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S RIGHTS
- HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARM SALES
- TECH AND DIPLOMACY



MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

BRASILIA

- 10:30 - 10:45

RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY
- 10:45 - 11:00

BREAKOUT SESSION:
 - BRAZIL AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN LATIN AMERICA
 - BRAZIL’S GLOBAL ROLE VIA THE BRICS
 - BRAZIL’S SOFT POWER
 - BRAZIL AND THE US-CHINA RIVALRY
- 12:00 - 13:00

EXPERTS BRIEFING ON BRAZIL’S DIPLOMACY:
 - Professor Ivan Filipe de Almeida Lopes Fernandes, Professor of Public Policy, the Federal University of the ABC (UFABC)
 - Dr. Suzane Paes De Vasconcelos, Federal Police Chief, Brazil
 - Samo S. Gonçalves, Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
- 13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00 - 15:15

BRAZIL’S SOFT POWER AND PIBLIC DIPLOMACY :
 - Dr. Miriam Gomes Saraiva< Professor of International Relations Graduate Prorgamme, State University of Rio De Janero
 - Professor Franthiesco Ballerini, Brazilian writer, journalist and filmmaker
 - Dr. Alessandra Meleiro, President, Brazilian Forum on Cinema and Audiovisual Education
- 15:15 16:15

SOFT POWER AND THE FUTURE OF BRAZIL’S ENGAGMENT
 - David R. Mares, Distinguished Professor / Institute of the Americas Endowed Chair for Inter[1]American Affairs, University of California in San Diego
 - Virginie Jacobberger-Lavoué, Editor in chief , Les Valeurs Actuelles and Author



TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

BEIJING

09:00 - 09:15	RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY
09:15 -09:55	EXPERTS BRIEFING ON CHINA’S FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMACY
10:00 - 12:30	SESSION WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHINA’S GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES• THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY N CHINA’S FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMACY• CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AND CHINA’S PUBLIC DIPLOMACY
12:30- 13:45	LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME IN CHINA: SCHWARTZMAN SCHOLARSHIP
13:45 - 14:00	CLOSING REMARKS AND FAREWELLS

