

KKUIC-IA: Youth as Changemakers: Achieving SDG 16 for Peace and Justice 2025

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Currently, the world is facing internal conflicts due to political, racial, religious and inequality factors, affecting social and economic stability, including poverty and access to basic rights such as education, employment and healthcare, which are challenges affecting the whole world, including Thailand.

Therefore, the International Affairs students from Khon Kaen University's International College recognize the role of youth as a driving force for change to create peace and justice. This project is organized to provide knowledge, create awareness and enhance skills in analyzing problems and developing sustainable solutions in line with SDG 16, which focuses on promoting peace, justice and strong institutions.

In addition, this project provides an opportunity for youth and students to exchange views, collaborate in developing ideas to solve social problems and promote youth participation in creating change at both local and global levels. It is also a platform to promote the International Affairs program to interested parties, focusing on enabling participants to develop analytical skills and collaboration to drive sustainable development.

Objectives

1. To promote the International Affairs Program, at KKUIC to those interested in pursuing undergraduate studies.
2. To demonstrate the potential of students in the International Affairs Program, through the program's activities.
3. To raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goal 16, which emphasizes the promotion of Peace, Justice, and Strong institutions.

Target Group

High school students and university students aged 15-30 years

Time table

Application	8 April - 1 May 2025
Announcement of the list of participants	2 May 2025
Present the seminar	9 May 2025
Evaluation	10 May 2025

Participant Qualifications

Participants include high school students from Khon Kaen, especially students from English Programs, and university students studying in Political Science, International Relations, or other related fields.

Activities in the event

1. Speaker lectures

A lecture by an expert in diplomacy, international relations, and sustainable development will provide in-depth knowledge on the role of **Youth as Changemakers** and strategies for achieving **SDG 16: Peace and Justice**. The speaker will present key concepts on conflict, peacebuilding, the rule of law, and youth participation in promoting justice within society.

2. Walk rally activities

A group activity focused on developing leadership skills, teamwork, and problem-solving through missions designed to reflect the principles of SDG 16: Peace and Justice. Activities will help foster an understanding of conflicts, peace negotiations, and building an inclusive and equitable society.

3. Ice-breaking activities

Activities that focus on fostering interaction among participants to encourage the exchange of ideas and cooperation, using methods that promote creativity and participation of all.

4. Diplomatic simulation

A simulation activity related to SDG 16 for peace and justice, in which participants assume the role of a representative of a country or international organization in debates, discussions and negotiations on issues related to peace and justice on the global stage. This simulation provides an opportunity to develop analytical thinking, strategic communication, and negotiation skills within a diplomatic framework.

Activity Schedule

08.00 - 09.00	Registration
09.00 - 09.30	Opening Ceremony Speaker: Asst. Prof. Sirimonbhorn Thipsingh, Dean of the International College
09.30 - 10.30	Speaker on the topic: Youth as Changemakers: Achieving SDG 16 for Peace and Justice
10.30 - 10.45	Morning Break
10.45 - 12.30	Walk Rally Game
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Break
13.30 - 14.00	Ice Breaking Activity
14.00 - 16.00	Diplomatic Simulation
16.00 - 16.15	Afternoon Break
16.15 - 16.30	Closing Ceremony Speaker: Asst. Prof. Thapiporn Suporn Certificate and souvenir presentation
Post-Event Activities for Student Staff	
16.30 - 17.30	Event Summary and Evaluation

Benefits and Advantages

The seminar under the theme "The Power of Youth as Changemakers: Achieving SDG 16 for Peace and Justice" aims to empower young people in fostering a peaceful, just, and strong institutional society. The event is expected to generate positive impacts both on the participants and the global community in the long run.

1. Benefits for Participants

- **Enhancing Knowledge and Awareness :** Participants will gain in-depth knowledge of Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16), which focuses on peace, justice, and strong institutions. They will also learn how to apply these principles in national and global contexts.
- **Developing Leadership and Strategic Thinking Skills :** Through academic discussions, problem-solving activities, and simulations, participants will be trained to develop strategic decision-making skills and enhance their leadership capabilities on an international level.
- **Advancing Diplomatic and Negotiation Skills :** Engaging in Diplomatic Simulations will provide youth with opportunities to practice diplomatic communication, negotiation techniques, and consensus-building, which are key components of international relations.
- **Empowering Youth as Agents of Change :** By addressing pressing global issues, the seminar will inspire young people to actively engage in social leadership, driving policy reforms and structural transformations in the future.

2. Benefits for the Global Community

- **Promoting Global Peace and Justice :** Educating and equipping youth with a profound understanding of conflict resolution and effective governance will contribute to building a more stable and just society worldwide.
- **Fostering Future Leaders :** Participants who undergo training in this seminar will be able to apply their acquired knowledge in governance and policymaking at national and international levels, leading to long-term societal development.
- **Encouraging Civic Engagement in Democratic Processes :** The seminar will instill the values of Global Citizenship, motivating youth to advocate for human rights, the rule of law, and governmental transparency.

- **Strengthening International Cooperation** : By cultivating a network of young leaders with a strong grasp of international relations and negotiation principles, this initiative lays the foundation for effective cross-border collaborations.
- **Promoting a Society Rooted in Diversity and Mutual Understanding** : Bringing together youth from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds will facilitate meaningful exchanges of perspectives and foster mutual respect key elements in achieving a peaceful and inclusive global society.

Objectives of the Project

This project is organized to promote knowledge and understanding of Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16), which emphasizes the importance of fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions. It aims to raise awareness among youth about their critical role as catalysts for driving sustainable societal development.

Furthermore, the project seeks to enhance leadership skills, strategic thinking, and diplomatic competencies while strengthening negotiation and consensus-building abilities. These essential skills will enable participants to engage effectively in international collaboration and contribute as influential changemakers capable of shaping policies for the future.

Additionally, the project serves as a platform for fostering cooperation among youth from diverse backgrounds and cultures, encouraging the exchange of knowledge and experiences. It aims to cultivate mutual understanding and a strong sense of global citizenship, ultimately leading to concrete collaboration in addressing social challenges and building a more peaceful and just society.

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Note

The activities may be changed according to the meetings of the KKKUIC-IA: Youth as Changemakers: Achieving SDG 16 for Peace and Justice 2025

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