**Promoting UN internationally and educating on global issues**

**Introduction**

Today most of the world knows what the Untied Nations (UN) is. However, some countries and people only know very little about what it offers and its core goals are. As a result, there can be very little interest in joining the UN and/or aiding to solve global issues. Issues some countries and people might not know about or realize is a global issue. Therefore, if governments and people knew more about the UN and was educated on global issues, there would be more cooperation internationally to solve global issues.

**Definition of Key Terms**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

The UNESCO focuses on everything from teacher training to help improving education world wide. Furthermore, the UNESCO strives to build a network among nations to ensure solidarity by mobilizing for education and building intercultural understanding,

World Bank

The World Bank focuses on poverty reduction and the improvement of living standards worldwide by providing countries low-interest loans, interest-free credit and grants to developing countries for education, health, infrastructure and communications. It is currently working in over 100 countries.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The UNDP works in more than 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. Furthermore, they help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

United Nations Global Compact

The UN Global Compact works with business to transform our world, aiming to create a sustainable and inclusive global economy that delivers lasting benefits to all people, communities and markets.

**History**

In 1944 the World Bank was formed. Today it the World Bank works with other international institutions and donors, civil society and professional and academic associations to improve the coordination of aid policies and practices in countries, at the regional level and at the global level. The World Bank is operating in 173 countries and have done 12.411 projects since 1947.

In 1965 the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are formed to help countries build and share solutions in three main areas:

Sustainable development: The UNDP helps countries to simultaneously reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, which leads to improvements in people’s lives.

Democratic governance and peacebuilding: The UNDP helps governance institutions in countries bring constitutional reforms, organize credible elections, strengthen parliaments, and address policy and institutional options for peace, risk-reduction and development.

Climate and disaster resilience: The UNDP works to integrate issues of climate, disaster risk and energy at the country level, and focuses on building resilience and ensuring that development remains risk-informed and sustainable.

In 2000 the United Nations Global Compact is formed. The UN Global Compact was founded on the principle that public-private collaboration is essential to find lasting solutions to pressing global problems. They are today working with 8.375 companies and 162 countries. Furthermore, any government, business and civil society can be a member and work towards global issues.

**Key Issues**

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Many countries and people are aware that the UN exists. However, they are not aware what its core goals are and what it is fighting for. This is not only a problem for populations, some governments still have very little knowledge about what the UN’s offers and what they can gain from it.

**Timeline**

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| Year | Event |
| 1944 | The World Bank is formed. |
| 1945 | The United Nations officially comes into existence, 51 member states. |
| 1965 | The United Nations Development Programme are formed. |
| 1975 | The first UN conference on women. |
| 1993 | The UN overseas independence in Eritrea. The country later became a member of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.UN-supervised elections are held in Cambodia resulting in a new government, and the drafting of a new constitution after nearly 15 years of strife. |
| 1994 | Elections are held in South Africa under the gaze of UN observers. |
| 1997 | The Kyoto Treaty is drawn up to implement the UN Framework Convention for Climate Change. It legally binds industrialized nations to reduce worldwide emissions of greenhouse gases. |
| 2000 | The United Nations Global Compact are formed. |

**Possible Solutions**

A possible solution would be to ensure that the government of each country informs and educate its population about the United Nations (UN), how it works and global issues. Furthermore, insure that business know that organizations such as UN Global Compact and the World Bank exist and that they can help the world and it might simultaneously help them.

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