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Dear Sir / Madam,

The below invitation is on behalf of the British University in Egypt, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Zayed University.

Stemming from the common goal of supporting the implementation of SDGs and the national and global commitment to accelerate climate action, the British University in Egypt and the UNDP organise the annual COPSimulation model. It is a youth-led climate conference bringing students together worldwide to mock the COP and simulate country delegates and representatives of international climate stakeholders.

The 2022 COP27simulation Model was an outstanding success. It was attended by 130 participants from around the globe, representing 21 Egyptian universities and 34 International universities from 25 countries. The outcomes of the COP27simulation were presented at Sharm El-Sheikh in two widely recognised sessions in the Blue Zone and the Green Zone.

Building upon last year's success and considering the COP28 being held in the UAE from November 30-December 12, 2023, The British University in Egypt, the UNDP, and Zayed University proudly organise the second version of the COPsimulation model with the continued support of HE Mahmoud Mohieldin, the UN Climate Change High-level Champion for Egypt. Zayed University's participation this year supports the UAE national efforts towards promoting COP28 and the country's commitment to sustainability. The three partners together seek to engage future leaders from Egyptian, UAE and universities around the world to emphasize the role of education in creating a sustainable future for all.

The COP28simulation will consist of three typical stages: an online capacity-building programme on climate literacy, international climate action, the role of youth in climate action diplomacy, debate, and conflict resolution. This is followed by a COP28 Mock Conference where participants simulate country delegates, chief negotiators, and non-state actors. Outcomes of the conference will be drafted in the COP28simulation Declaration, to be presented at the COP28-UAE.

Participants will be recruited from Egypt, UAE, UK, and all other countries to be skilled in diplomacy, negotiations, critical thinking, compromise, public speaking, writing, and research. Also, to be trained on becoming country delegates, technical experts, and representatives of international organisations. Selected participants will be funded for the three-day mock conference in UAE in early November. Top participants might be able to participate in the COP28 activities in Dubai Expo City.

In this regard, we appreciate disseminating this invitation to your esteemed university/institution and encourage students to apply to the COP28simulation model; putting into consideration that the **deadline for applications is September 3rd 2023.**

- Link to Cop28simulation Announcement and QR code: COP28simulation Announcement Brochure
- Link to online application: COP28simulation Application
- For more information about the COP28simulation project, please visit our webpage: https://www.bue.edu.eg/cop28
- For inquiries, please contact:
  COPSimulation@bue.edu.eg , for students applying from Egypt and other universities across the world.
  SustainabilityClub@zu.ac.ae , for students applying from the UAE.

Best regards,

Professor Mohamed Loutfi, President and Vice Chancellor,
The British University in Egypt

On behalf of the COP28simulation Executive Committee