



**UNIS-UN 2007**

*Global Warming: Confronting the Crisis*

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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**2007 UNIS-UN Conference “Global Warming: Confronting the Crisis”**

The theme of the 31<sup>st</sup> annual UNIS-UN Conference (United Nations International School – United Nations) is *Global Warming: Confronting the Crisis*. The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations.

Over the past decade, word of significant changes in the Earth’s temperature has spread around the globe. In the twenty first century, instability in the environment has caused a great deal of worry among the scientific and political communities. Variability in the Earth’s atmosphere and oceans is mainly attributable to human activities that have disrupted the world’s natural balance. From collapsing ice shelves to increasingly violent hurricanes, global warming promises to shape the future of the modern world.

This year’s UNIS-UN conference will investigate climate change and its effect on the political, environmental, and economic spheres of our world. The debatable causes and consequences of climate change, as well as the alternative methods of mitigating it, are the fundamental topics that will be discussed throughout the two days of the conference. Through close examination of factors shown to influence global warming, we hope that attendees will gain insight into this pressing issue, as well as make their own conclusions from the available evidence in the current day.

The UNIS-UN Conference is organized and run by UNIS students in the Upper School (Tutorial House). The UNIS-UN Committee begins preparations for the conference nearly a year in advance, finding and researching a topic of global relevance, drawing up a list of speakers, inviting several hundred students from schools all over the world, managing UNIS Tutorial House debates, and compiling a Working Paper of articles, written and edited by members of the UNIS-UN Committee, pertaining to the topic.

The structure of the UNIS-UN Conference is designed to provide students with expert knowledge through the experience of provocative guest speakers. The conference also endeavors to give students a platform to express and debate their own opinions and views in arguably the most internationally significant gathering place on earth. More than six hundred students hailing from six continents will attend the conference. By outlining some of the issues that dominate the discussion of global warming, the UNIS-UN Committee hopes that this year’s conference will foster awareness of climate change, a subject of great challenge in the twenty first century. The conference will be web cast on both days.

Sincerely,

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