Organization: Geneva Consensus Fundtaion

The Geneva Consensus Foundation is a public utility foundation created in 2013 in compliance with articles 80 et seq of the Swiss Civil Code. Its goal is to contribute to World Polity and through the international consensus-building process put in place a global partnership for sustainable development, ensure policy coherence for development and for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

On 26 January 2016, the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, by the decision ECOSOC/6728-NGO/819 recommended to grant Special Consultative Status to the Geneva Consensus Foundation. At its 16th plenary meeting, on 5 April 2016, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations adopted a decision 2016/215 to grant consultative status to the GCF. Since 2016 GCF is also a member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Organisation submits that the solutions for Sustainable development in the interconnected Global world-two multiple dimensional phenomenon, entail a significant paradigm shift towards systems analysis and matrix thinking to address inter-temporal effectiveness-efficiency-equity challenges for future generations. We believe Rio+20 has laid solid foundations for a paradigm shift. Unfortunately the lack of integrated systems thinking in most International/UN organizations prevents identification of solutions to contemporary global challenges.

Project Title: Youth Capacity Building for SDG Policies Impact Assesment

Project objectives:

The objective of the project is to develop the analytical capacity of the students for their effective engagement in the implementation of the United Nations Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development at various levels. More specifically, help develop analytical skills, that will enable future generations to conduct research on multiple dimensional pursuit of the SDGs and to conduct empirical research that will be presented to a MODEL ECOSOC and enable the decision makers at a global level to take informed decisions and make make trade-offs between various conflicting goals: economic, social and environmental.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Policy - SDGs Database: The students will be expected to pre-select specific set of policy variable, that are expected to lead to the achievement of SDGs, and develop Policy-SDGs database from various open data sources for as many as possible number of countries, for which data is available.

2. Data Envelopment Analyses (DEA) performance evaluation: With the application of the scientific, methodological framework presented in Measuring Sustainable Development Goals Performance, students will be expected to apply various Data Envelopment Analysis models , and other operations research tools and conduct the empirical analyses of the impact of policies on sustainable development goals.

MODEL ECOSOC GAME: students are suggested to be divided to two groups:

- Group 1: policy analysts
- Group 2: decision makers - representing three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

During the simulated ECOSOC session the researchers Group 1 will present the outcome of their empirical research and on the basis of their findings the political decisions must be made by Group 2. Tool to use: an interactive website co-hosted by Geneva Consensus Foundation presenting the data base, the model outcomes, and other details of the project that will enable to have a wider dissemination and outreach and offer the possibilities for conducting numerous simulations and discussions using the same data-set.

Future17 report will contribute to the recommended policies for Agenda 2030 and might be presented by the Geneva Consensus Fundtaion during the UN deliberations.

Deliverables:
- Draft report - existing policies analyses & database of statistical data points
- Final report - refined performance evaluation based on the model ECOSOC methodology

Is this project reoccurring?
Yes

Would you like for this project to be delivered by more than one team?
One team

Which sector is this project focused on?
Public policy
Non-profit & Charity

Which skills might be required for the successful delivery of your project?
Data / Data presentation
Data / Data visualization
Soft skills / Negotiation
Soft skills / Mindmapping

Can the project outcomes be shared with the public?
Yes
SDGs related to this project: #4, 16, 17

Resources available to the team:
https://genevaconsensusfoundation.org/

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