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Dear University Authorities and Faculty Advisors,

The **First Summit of the Americas Model/Organization of American States (SMOAS)** will be held in virtual format from **June 1st-3rd, 2022**. This will form part of the array of activities around the Ninth Summit of the Americas in which Heads of State and Government of the Americas and their high-level delegations will assemble in Los Angeles, California to tackle the pressing issues which confront the countries of this hemisphere.

This pioneering Summit Model is a simulation of the Summit process in which university students will represent government officials, Inter-American and International Institutions, and social actors involved in discussions and negotiations that culminate in the formal hosting of the Summit. This Model seeks to provide a platform for the participation of young people in the Summit of the Americas process and to engage them in policy dialogue, deliberation, and decision-making.

Students will have a unique opportunity to discuss the real themes that will be addressed by Heads of State and Government during the Ninth Summit of the Americas in June 2022, with a focus on *"Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future"*.

This invitation is being extended in the context of the recognized experience of your university in models which focus on multilateral organizations, and in an effort to bring together students of demonstrated ability and experience in such fora. You are invited to peruse the following guidelines for participation in the First Summit of the Americas Model:

Requirements for participation:

- Each of the 35 OAS Member States is to be represented by a delegation of 2 students
- University students with prior experience in Model OAS/UN and/or other simulations are preferred.
- Faculty Advisors are responsible for putting together a delegation (2 students) and filling out the registration form and processing the payment.
- The participation fee per delegation is US\$200 and includes online access to related material. **This fee is non-reimbursable.**
- The registration form will be available [online](#).



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- As delegations attend this virtual Model on behalf of their universities, a letter from an authority of your university (Rector, Director, or Department Chair) confirming the participation of a delegation should be included among documents submitted.
- Delegations will be informed of their assigned country upon submission of the registration form and the corresponding registration fees.
- Participation in the Model will be limited to the first thirty-five (35) universities that complete submission of their registration documents and participation fee. **The deadline for registration is April 29th, 2022.** Notwithstanding, the registration process may end earlier if the 35 OAS Member States have already been assigned prior to that date.
- Payments received after all places have been filled will be returned.

Information about participation in the First Summit of the Americas Model:

1. All the information relating to this Model, including the **Schedule, Agenda of Topics**, and Modus operandi will be published on the [Summit Model Web page](#).
2. **Research material** can be found on the [IX Summit of the Americas website](#).

For any questions or concerns, please contact Victoria Abalo, Model OAS Program Coordinator at vabalo@oas.org.

We look forward to the participation of your students in this unique hands-on experience, a first Summit MOAS, and a novel dimension for stirring strategic leadership, and an appreciation of the value of dialogue in responding to hemispheric challenges.

Cordially,

Ambassador Nestor Mendez
Assistant Secretary General