

## UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION (UGIAA)

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| Date established  | November 1998   |
| Date and type of registration                             | Each semester per academic year   |
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| Address, telephone and email                              | As above  |
| Number of active members                                  | Approximately 30  |
| Number of paid staff                                      | Nil   |
| Number of regular volunteers                              | N/A   |
| Estimated annual budget                                   | N/A   |
| Main sources of funding                                   | Private donors and fund-raising ventures  |
| Geographic scope of activity                              | International   |

### Mission or primary goal of your organization:

- *To enable University of Guyana students to develop knowledge and skills of participatory democracy through the experience of representing a member state at the Model General Assemblies of the United Nations and the Organisation of American States or any other international organisation;*
- *To arrange seminars and lectures on international and national issues by international and national experts for the benefit if members of the university community and civil society;*
- *To establish and maintain an effective network with other organisations, institutions, governmental agencies and international governmental and non-governmental organisations with regards to the promotion of the association and its members;*
- *To enable the association's members to obtain internships and work study arrangements with governmental and non-governmental international organisations; and*
- *To solicit and raise funds and contributions in and for the promotion and operation of activities, events, and objectives for all of the above mentioned purposes.*

### Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- x Education/training
- x Professional
- x Physical improvement of community
- x Student/youth issues
- x Advocacy

## Major projects in last two years, including current projects

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| <b>Project #1 Name/Goal</b>      | <b><u>Model Organisation of American States (MOAS)</u></b><br><b><u>General Assembly</u></b>   |
| <b>Start date</b>                | March 23, 2003   |
| <b>End date</b>                  | March 28, 2004   |
| <b><u>Main activities</u></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions and recommendations of pertinent issues in the Western Hemisphere by youths from Various Universities in the Inter-American system.</li> <li>• Attendance of conference meetings and presentation of resolutions on topical issues of member states in the Organisation of American States.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b> | The Carter Center, University of Guyana and other private donors.  |
| <b>Project theme or sector</b>   | Education  |
| <b>Project partners</b>          | Organisation of American States Secretariat, Washington, DC & Universidad Nacional de Mexico, Mexico.  |
| <b>Geographic scope</b>          | International  |
| <b>Results of Project</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolutions of the Model General Assembly are presented to the OAS General Assembly for consideration.</li> <li>• Organisation of an Advocacy workshop in collaboration with The Carter Center.</li> <li>• Understanding of the factors that shape the foreign policies of the member of the OAS, and illustrate the characteristics of intra-regional diplomacy in search for solutions to regional issues.</li> </ul> |

## Major projects planned for at least next two years

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| <b>Project #1 Name/Goal</b>      | <b><u>Model Organisation of American States (MOAS)</u></b><br><b><u>General Assembly</u></b>  |
| <b>Start date</b>                | March 2005  |
| <b>End date</b>                  | March 2005  |
| <b><u>Main activities</u></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions and recommendations of pertinent issues in the Western Hemisphere by youths from Various Universities in the Inter-American system.</li> <li>• Attendance of conference meetings and presentation of resolutions on topical issues of member states in the Organisation of American States.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b> | University of Guyana, Government of Guyana and private donors   |
| <b>Project theme or sector</b>   | Education   |
| <b>Project partners</b>          | The Organisation of American States Secretariat, University of Guyana, the Government of Guyana, Foreign Missions/Embassies of interest and Civil Society.  |
| <b>Geographic scope</b>          | International   |
| <b>Results of Project</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase awareness of the role, structure and performance of the OAS;</li> </ul>  |

- To highlight key economic, social, educational, political, and security issues facing the Americas;
- To generation an understanding of the factors that shape the foreign policies of the members of the OAS, and illustrate the characteristics of intra-regional diplomacy in search for solutions to regional issues;
- To analyze the impact of global policies of the major powers on the economic, social, political, educational and security issues facing the area, and to discuss the region's attempt to influence the policies of the major powers in matters of common concern; and
- To familiarize the student with the way in which a deliberate body, such as the OAS General Assembly, carries out its business, in accordance with established rules of procedures and in compliance with accepted standards of courtesy, mutual respect and friendly cooperation.

## **Networking**

What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?

1. Rotary
2. Youth In Development
3. Volunteer Youth Corp
4. Lifeline Counselling