

Lecture of Mr. Maher Nasser from UN –DPI about multiculturalism and climate change



Mr. Maher Nasser at Utah Valley University

The lecture given by Mr. Maher Nasser from the United Nations Department of Public Information on November 28, 2018 at Utah Valley University on United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals was focused on climate change. I enjoyed hearing it given that I've recently finished my senior thesis on climate change. The existential threat that anthropogenic climate change poses to humanity should be the number one problem the UN should focus on. This is a problem that has been very tangible to island nations for quite some time and is now becoming more real to developed nations. The amount of money spent protecting ourselves and repairing damage from extreme weather events has continued to increase. The amount of ice melting at the global poles is increasing which contributes to sea level rise. Scientists predict that the global south will be virtually uninhabitable if global climate averages continue to rise. There are many more adverse effects of climate change that global community will have to deal with.

Mitigation of climate change requires a global initiative. Climate change will eventually, in a very real way, affect all of humanity. Mr. Nasser talked about how it will be important if young

people push for this initiative. We are the ones that are going to see the worse of the effects. Mr. Nasser talked about how there are more young people than there are old in this world now. Young people must be the ones pushing for meaningful action towards climate change.

Specific actions that the UN could try to implement in countries all around the world could be found on <https://www.drawdown.org/>. This website has 100 things that could bring down greenhouse gas emissions. The book attached to this website claims to be the most “comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming.” Some of the top solutions proposed include refrigerant management, onshore wind turbines, reducing food waste, eating more plants material as opposed to meat, preserving topical forests, and educating girls. Actions like this should be discussed amongst the UN member-states and world leaders should be devising plans to incentives actions like these.

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